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**ESIS Opens Claim Center in Middle East to Support
Defense Base Act (DBA) Workers Compensation Claims Capabilities**

PHILADELPHIA – April 23, 2008 – ESIS, Inc., (“ESIS®”) the risk management services company owned by the ACE Group of Companies, today announced the launch of a local claim center in Bahrain that will support the established and growing book of ACE USA Defense Base Act business in the Middle East. The opening of the ESIS Bahrain Claim Center will complement the DBA claim service offerings provided by ESIS claim teams located in New Orleans, La. and Tampa, Fla. ESIS will undertake a structured integration of its claim operations into the Bahrain Claim Center to assure the delivery of high quality claim management services in accordance with ACE global standards, as well as local government and regulatory guidelines.

“Introducing our DBA claim capabilities in Bahrain through the addition of in-country claim staff represents a strategic expansion of ESIS claim management services,” said Steven Lulewicz, Assistant Vice President, ESIS Global Claims Operations. “ESIS helps clients reduce their total cost of loss through use of contemporary and effective risk management products and services. This Bahrain undertaking will position ESIS for future opportunities in this key region.”

ESIS also recently enhanced its state-of-the-art, web-based DBA risk management reporting system. Based on in-depth DBA client feedback, the ESIS *e-risk* MANAGER® system introduced simplified navigation, flexible reporting and streamlined LS202 filings that meet U.S. government reporting requirements for DBA claims.

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“When U.S.-based contractors of any size are awarded a contract that is authorized, approved, or financed by the U.S. government or its agencies, they must act quickly to secure DBA workers compensation coverage. ACE USA’s combination of online claim reporting and centralized as well as in-country DBA risk management capabilities, coupled with our value-added coverage, such as employer’s liability, repatriation, accidental death and dismemberment, and kidnap and extortion, makes ACE USA DBA workers compensation insurance a comprehensive solution for U.S. contractors, sub-contractors and their employees—while they’re doing business in the Middle East,” said William House, Senior Vice President of ACE Foreign Casualty, part of ACE Global Underwriting Group.

According to Giles Ward, Regional Managing Director—ACE Insurance Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Regional Office in the Kingdom of Bahrain, “By introducing ESIS’ Global Claim Operations capabilities in Bahrain for ACE USA DBA insurance, ACE demonstrates its ability to offer the power of its global capabilities with on-the ground local expertise to benefit our multinational clients who operate in the growing Middle East market.”

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