Biography

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Jan Schmidt is head of the Space department at Swiss Re and is in charge of Swiss Re's Space insurance portfolio. Among his management tasks he is involved in the day to day business of assessing and underwriting Space risks from Swiss Re’s headquarters in Zurich.

Jan has 5 years engineering experience, having worked as a rocket engineer for MAN Technologie AG in Munich after graduating from the Technical University of Konstanz in Germany. He then changed across to the insurance world and joined Bavarian Re as a Space Underwriter in October 2000. When Bavarian Re became Swiss Re Germany in summer 2001, Jan relocated to Swiss Re’s headquarters in Zurich and joined the Swiss Re Space team in August 2001.

Jan is the current chairman of the Space Risk Study Group of the International Union of Aerospace Insurers (IUAI) and has been on the Global Future Council on Space Technologies of the World Economic Forum.

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