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CHURCHILL BRINGS MORE JOBS TO PETERBOROUGH

Churchill Insurance, the UK's fifth largest general insurer and local Peterborough employer, has created 160 new jobs in the area - bucking the trend amongst the rest of the insurance industry.

The new recruits will join the 660-strong existing Peterborough workforce – which includes 290 who have joined since the Churchill Group took over the general insurance business of Pearl Assurance in 2001. The majority of the vacancies are for Customer Service Assistants working in the front line, dealing with claims and general customer service enquiries. Other positions amongst the current recruitment drive include technical claims advisers, team leaders and managers.

Churchill's Chairman and Chief Executive, Martin Long, said: "Exceptional growth of the business has created the need for these job opportunities within Peterborough. We are delighted with the success we have enjoyed since acquiring the Pearl general business a year ago. The fact that we are recruiting heavily in a generally depressed insurance market where many companies are making staff cuts is testament both to Churchill's enormous success and to Peterborough as a great location for business."

For the last two years, Churchill has been voted by its own staff as one of the UK's top 25 employers in the Sunday Times Best Companies to Work For. In February 2002, Churchill picked up the Sunday Times special award for Number One employer in Britain for Education and Development. Churchill currently employs 8,000 people nationwide.

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Churchill Insurance Group plc

Churchill is UK's 5th largest general insurer* with a customer base of 7 million and 8,000 staff. The group includes NIG (National Insurance and Guarantee), Devitt Insurance Services Limited and Inter Group Insurance Services and Prudential's General Insurance operation. The Churchill Group is currently ranked as the UK's 3rd home insurer.

In the 2002 'Your Money Direct Awards' Churchill won - Best Direct Motor Insurance provider and Best Internet Motor Insurance.

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Pet	0800 316 9844

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* excluding international business