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# Micronesia attracting Japanese captive interest

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The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is seeing a large uptake of captive interest from Japan.

FSM has already licensed three captive insurers and four captive managers, and expects to have licensed another four captives by 31 March 2011, according to Micronesia Registration Advisors (MRA).

"Another captive insurer has applied for a licence, and another three are expected to apply and be licensed before the Japanese fiscal year-end", says Steven Baker, founder and CEO of MRA, which was appointed to advise and help the Micronesian government bring Japanese business to the domicile.

According to Baker, the parent companies are all large "household Japanese names" from a mix of industries. Equally, the captive structures currently used and applied for have been a mix of pure captives, group captives and multiple corporate captives (MCC).

Baker said they have received some enquiries from the US but expects most the captives to be for Japanese companies. "More and more parent companies seem to want their captives close to home."

The developments follow the FSM's announcement last December that it had signed into law provisions for a new type of captive insurance company for the jurisdiction.

Public Law 16-17 amended Title 37 (Insurance) of the FSM Code to include a definition of the Multiple Corporate Captive (MCC) insurance company and also provided for the issuance of captive management licences.

FSM subsequently licensed its first captive insurer, Marble Reinsurance Corporation, which is managed by Aon, in March 2010, and has licensed four

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