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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A.M. BEST INSURANCE COMPANY RATINGS (AS OF March 14, 2008)**

<b>INSURER</b>	<b>BEST'S RATING</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SIZE CATEGORY</b>
<a href="#">ACE American Ins. Co</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">Admiral Indemnity</a>	A +	XII
<a href="#">AEGIS Group</a>	A	VI
<a href="#">AIG (National Union Fire, PA)</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">Allegheny (Darwin Pro)</a>	A-	V
<a href="#">Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd.</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Arch Excess &amp; Surplus Insurance Co</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">AXIS Specialty</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Beazley</a>	A	VIII
<a href="#">Carolina Casualty Insurance Company</a>	A	VIII
<a href="#">Chubb</a>	A++	XV
<a href="#">CNA Insurance Co.</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Deerfield Insurance Company</a>	A	XIII
<a href="#">Energy Ins. Mutual Ltd (Barbados)</a>	A	X
<a href="#">Executive Liability (XL) Insurance Company</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Hudson Ins (Euclid Managers)</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Fireman's Fund</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Gotham Insurance Company</a>	A	VIII
<a href="#">Great American</a>	A	XIV
<a href="#">Hartford Fire Insurance Cos.</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">HCC Specialty Insurance Co.</a>	A+	XIII
<a href="#">Houston Casualty Co TX</a>	A+	XIII
<a href="#">Hudson Specialty Ins. Co</a>	A	XV

<a href="#">Illinois Union Ins. Co.(ACE INA)</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">Insight Ins Svcs (Everest Indemnity)</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">Ironshore Insurance</a>	A-	XI
<a href="#">Lexington Ins Company (AIG)</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">Liberty Insurance Underwriters</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Lloyd's of London</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Markel Insurance Company</a>	A	XIII
<a href="#">Mt Hawley (RLI)</a>	A+	XI
<a href="#">Mount Vernon Fire Insurance Company</a>	A++	X
<a href="#">Navigators Insurance Co</a>	A	X
<a href="#">North River Insurance</a>	A-	XIII
<a href="#">Old Republic Group</a>	A +	XI
<a href="#">One Beacon</a>	A	XV
<a href="#">Philadelphia Ins. Cos.</a>	A+	XII
<a href="#">Platte River Insurance Company</a>	A	IX
<a href="#">RLI Group</a>	A+	XI
<a href="#">Scottsdale</a>	A+	XV
<a href="#">State National Insurance Company</a>	A	VIII
<a href="#">Travelers Casualty &amp; Surety Co of AM</a>	A+	XIII
<a href="#">USLIG</a>	A++	X
<a href="#">U. S. Specialty Ins Company (USSIC)</a>	A+	XIII
<a href="#">Westchester</a>	A+	XI
<a href="#">Zurich</a>	A	XV

## EXPLANATION OF A.M. BEST RATINGS

A++, A+	SUPERIOR
A, A-	EXCELLENT
B++, B+	VERY GOOD

**“Superior** – Assigned to companies which have, on balance, superior balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile when compared to the standards established by the A. M. Best Company. These companies, in our opinion, have a very strong ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders.”

**“Excellent** – Assigned to companies which have, on balance, excellent balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile when compared to the standards established by the A. M. Best Company. These companies, in our opinion, have a strong ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders.”

**“Very Good** – Assigned to companies which have, on balance, very good balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile when compared to the standards

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**FINANCIAL SIZE CATEGORIES**  
**(Based on Capital, Surplus and Conditional Reserve Funds)**

<b>FSC VII</b>	<b>\$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000</b>
<b>FSC VIII</b>	<b>\$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000</b>
<b>FSC IX</b>	<b>\$250,000,000 to \$500,000,000</b>
<b>FSX X</b>	<b>\$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000</b>
<b>FSC XI</b>	<b>\$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000</b>
<b>FSC XII</b>	<b>\$1,000,000,000 to \$1,250,000,000</b>
<b>FSC XIII</b>	<b>\$1,250,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000</b>
<b>FSC XIV</b>	<b>\$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000</b>
<b>FSC XV</b>	<b>More than \$2,000,000,000</b>

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