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A.M. Best Downgrades Ratings of XL Capital Ltd. and Its Subsidiaries

The FSR has been downgraded to A (Excellent) from A+ (Superior) and the ICRs to "a"

from "aa-" with a stable outlook for the following subsidiaries of XL Capital Ltd.:

- XL Re Ltd
- Indian Harbor Insurance Company
- Greenwich Insurance Company
- XL Insurance Company of New York, Inc.
- XL Insurance America, Inc.
- XL Select Insurance Company
- XL Reinsurance America Inc.
- XL Specialty Insurance Company
- XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd
- XL Re Latin America Ltd
- XL Insurance Company Limited
- XL Europe Limited
- XL Re Europe Limited
- XL Lloyds Insurance Company
- XL Life Ltd.

The following debt ratings have been downgraded with a stable outlook:

XL Capital Ltd—

- -- to "bbb" from a-" on \$255 million 6.58% senior unsecured notes, due 2011
- -- to "bbb" from "a-" on \$600 million 5.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2014
- -- to "bbb" from "a-" on \$745 million 7.0% adjustable conversion rate equity security units, due 2009
- -- to "bbb" from "a-" on \$350 million 6.375% senior unsecured bonds, due 2024
- -- to "bbb" from "a-" on \$325 million 6.3% senior unsecured notes, due 2027
- -- to "bb+" from "bbb" on \$1.0 billion Series E 6.5% non-cumulative preference shares, redeemable 2017

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XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

-- to "bbb" from "a-" on \$600 million 6.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2012

Mangrove Bay Pass Through Trust—

-- to "bb+" from "bbb" on \$500 million 6.102% preferred shares, redeemable 2033

XLLIAC Global Funding —

- -- to "a-" from "a" on Series 2005-2 \$200 million floating rate secured notes, due 2008
- -- to "a-" from "a" on \$350 million 4.8% fixed rate Medium Term Notes due 2010
- -- to "a-" from "a" on \$100 million floating rate secured notes, due 2010

The following indicative ratings on shelf securities have been downgraded with a stable outlook:

XL Capital Ltd—

- -- to "bbb" from "a-" on senior unsecured
- -- to "bbb-" from "bbb+" on subordinated
- -- to "bb+" from "bbb" on preferred stock

XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

-- to "bbb" from "a-" on senior unsecured

XL Capital Trust I, II & III (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

-- to "bb+ from "bbb+" on preferred securities

The FSRs have been downgraded to A- (Excellent) from A (Excellent) and the ICRs to

"a-" from "a" with a stable outlook for:

- XL Re Life America Inc.
- XL Life Insurance and Annuity Company

The ICR has been downgraded to "bbb" from "a-" with a stable outlook for **XL Capital**

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The ICR has been downgraded to "a-" from "a" with a stable outlook for **XLLIAC**Global Funding.

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