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A.M. Best Places Financial Strength Rating of Travelers PC Pool and Debt Ratings of St. Paul Travelers Under Review with Negative Implications; Affirms Financial Strength Rating of St. Paul Companies

Ratings Supplement

The financial strength rating of A+ (Superior) has been placed under review with negative implications for the following unit members of the Travelers Property Casualty Pool:

- **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company**
- **The Travelers Indemnity Company**
- **The Phoenix Insurance Company**
- **The Standard Fire Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America**
- **Farmington Casualty Company**
- **The Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut**
- **The Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut**
- **The Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company**
- **The Travelers Indemnity Company of America**
- **Travelers Casualty Company of Connecticut**
- **Travelers Commercial Casualty Company**
- **Travelers Commercial Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Property Casualty Company of America**
- **Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Company**
- **TravCo Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Excess & Surplus Lines Company**
- **The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Personal Security Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Personal Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America**

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- **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of Europe, Limited**
- **The Travelers Lloyds Insurance Company**
- **Travelers Lloyds of Texas Insurance Company**

The financial strength rating of A (Excellent) has been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following unit members of the St. Paul Companies:

- **St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company**
- **St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company**
- **Athena Assurance Company**
- **Seaboard Surety Company**
- **St. Paul Medical Liability Insurance Company**
- **St. Paul Protective Insurance Company**
- **Discover Property and Casualty Insurance Company**
- **Discover Specialty Insurance Company**
- **United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company**
- **Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company**
- **Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.**
- **GeoVera Insurance Company**
- **Pacific Select Property Insurance Company**
- **St. Paul Fire and Casualty Insurance Company**
- **St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company**
- **St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company**
- **USF&G Insurance Company of Mississippi**
- **USF&G Specialty Insurance Company**

All other financial strength ratings of the subsidiaries of St. Paul Travelers are unaffected.

The following debt ratings have been placed under review with negative implications:

Travelers Property Casualty Corporation—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “a-” on \$400 million 3.75% senior notes, due 2008
- “a-” on \$500 million 5.0% senior notes, due 2013
- “a-” on \$500 million 6.375% senior notes, due 2033
- “bbb+” on \$893 million 4.5% convertible junior subordinated notes, due 2032

Travelers Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “a-” on \$150 million 6.75% senior notes, due 2006
- “a-” on \$200 million 7.75% senior notes, due 2026

The following debt ratings have been placed under review with negative implications:

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The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. (formerly known as **The St. Paul Companies, Inc.**)—

- “a-” on \$443 million of 5.25% senior unsecured notes (equity units), due 2007
- “a-” on \$500 million of 5.75% senior notes, due 2007
- “a-” on \$250 million of 7.875% senior notes, due 2005
- “a-” on \$250 million of 8.125% senior notes, due 2010
- “a-” on \$80 million of 7.125% senior notes, due 2005
- “a-” on the medium-term note program
- “bbb+” on \$112 million of zero coupon convertible subordinated notes, due 2009
- AMB-1 on commercial paper program

MMI Capital Trust I—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “bbb” on \$125 million 7.625% preferred capital securities, due 2027

USF&G Capital I—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “bbb” on \$100 million 8.5% Series A capital securities, due 2045

USF&G Capital II—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “bbb” on \$100 million 8.47% Series B capital securities, due 2027

USF&G Capital III—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “bbb” on \$100 million 8.312% Series C capital securities, due 2046

St. Paul Capital Trust I—(guaranteed by The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.)

- “bbb” on \$575 million 7.6% preferred capital securities, due 2050

The following indicative ratings under the shelf registration have been placed under review with negative implications:

The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. (formerly known as **The St. Paul Companies, Inc.**)—

- “a-” on senior debt
- “bbb+” on subordinated debt
- “bbb” on preferred stock

St. Paul Capital Trust II—

- “bbb” on preferred securities

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