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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Harleysville Insurance

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICRs of “a-” have been affirmed with a positive outlook for **Harleysville Insurance** and its following property/casualty pooling members:

- **Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville Insurance Company of New York**
- **Harleysville Worcester Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville-Atlantic Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville Insurance Company of New Jersey**
- **Harleysville Insurance Company of Ohio**
- **Harleysville Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville Lake States Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville Preferred Insurance Company**
- **Harleysville Pennland Insurance Company**

The ICR of “bbb-” has been affirmed with a positive outlook for **Harleysville Group Inc.**

The following debt rating has been affirmed with a positive outlook:

Harleysville Group Inc.—

-- “bbb-” on \$100 million 5.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2013

The following indicative ratings on the universal shelf registration have been affirmed with a positive outlook:

Harleysville Group Inc. —

-- “bbb-” on senior debt

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- “bb+” on subordinated debt
- “bb” on preferred stock
- **Harleysville Group Capital Trust I and II**—“bb” on preferred securities

The FSR of B++ (Good) and the ICR of “bbb+” have been affirmed with a positive outlook for **Harleysville Life Insurance Company**.

The principal methodologies used in determining these ratings, including any additional methodologies and factors which may have been considered, can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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