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**A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of American Financial Group, Inc.
and Its Property/Casualty Subsidiaries**

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Great American Insurance Companies** and its following property/casualty members:

- **Great American Contemporary Insurance Company**
- **Great American Alliance Insurance Company**
- **Great American Assurance Company**
- **Great American Casualty Insurance Company**
- **Great American E&S Insurance Company**
- **Great American Fidelity Insurance Company**
- **Great American Insurance Company**
- **Great American Insurance Company of New York**
- **Great American Lloyds Insurance Company**
- **Great American Protection Insurance Company**
- **Great American Security Insurance Company**
- **Great American Spirit Insurance Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Mid-Continent Group** and its following property/casualty members:

- **Mid-Continent Assurance Company**
- **Mid-Continent Casualty Company**
- **Oklahoma Surety Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Republic Indemnity Insurance Pool** and its following property/casualty members:

- **Republic Indemnity Company of America**
- **Republic Indemnity Company of California**

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The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **American Empire Surplus Lines Pool Group** and its following property/casualty members:

- **American Empire Insurance Company**
- **American Empire Surplus Lines Company**

The ICRs of ‘bbb’ have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **American Financial Group, Inc.** and **AAG Holding Company, Inc.**

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

American Financial Group, Inc.—

--“bbb” on \$350 million 7.125% senior unsecured debentures, due 2009

--“bbb” on \$115 million 7.125% senior unsecured debentures, due 2034

American Premier Underwriters, Inc.—

--“bbb-” on \$150 million 10.875% subordinated notes, due 2011

AAG Holding Company, Inc. (guaranteed by American Financial Group, Inc.)—

-- “bbb” on \$112.5 million 7.5% senior unsecured debentures, due 2033

-- “bbb” on \$86.25 million 7.25% senior unsecured debentures, due 2034

The following indicative ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook under the shelf registration:

American Financial Group, Inc.—

--“bbb” on senior unsecured debt

--“bbb-” on subordinated debt

--“bb+” on preferred stock

American Financial Capital Trust II, III & IV—

--“bb+” on preferred securities

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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