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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Mercury General Corporation and Its Operating Subsidiaries

Ratings Supplement

The FSRs of A+ (Superior) have been affirmed with a stable outlook and ICRs of "aa-"

have been assigned with a stable outlook for Mercury Casualty Group and its following

members:

- Mercury Casualty Company
- Mercury Insurance Company
- California Automobile Insurance Company
- Mercury Indemnity Company of Georgia
- Mercury Insurance Company of Georgia
- Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois
- Mercury National Insurance Company
- Mercury Insurance Company of Florida
- Mercury Indemnity Company of America

The FSRs of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed, the outlook has been revised to stable

from positive and ICRs of "a-" have been assigned with a stable outlook for American Mercury

Insurance Group and its following members:

- American Mercury Insurance Company
- American Mercury Lloyds Insurance Company
- Mercury County Mutual Insurance Company

The ICR of "a-" has been affirmed with a stable outlook for Mercury General

Corporation.





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

Mercury General Corporation— -- "a-" on \$125 million 7.250% senior notes, due 2011

The following indicative rating on securities available under the \$300 million shelf

registration, of which \$175 million remains, has been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Mercury General Corporation— -- "a-" on senior debt

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