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**A.M. Best Revises Outlook to Positive for Issuer Credit Ratings
of ACE Limited and Its Subsidiaries**

Rating Supplement

The ICRs of “a-” have been affirmed with a revised outlook to positive from stable for **ACE Limited** and **ACE INA Holdings Inc.**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed for **ACE American Pool** and its following members. The ICRs have a revised outlook to positive from stable and the outlook for the FSR is stable:

- **ACE American Insurance Company**
- **ACE Property & Casualty Insurance Company**
- **Pacific Employers Insurance Company**
- **Insurance Company of North America**
- **Bankers Standard Insurance Company**
- **Indemnity Insurance Company of North America**
- **Bankers Standard Fire and Marine Company**
- **ACE Fire Underwriters Insurance Company**
- **ACE Indemnity Insurance Company**
- **ACE Insurance Company of the Midwest**
- **ACE Insurance Company (Puerto Rico)**
- **Atlantic Employers Insurance Company**
- **Illinois Union Insurance Company**
- **Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company**
- **Westchester Fire Insurance Company**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICR of “aa-” have been withdrawn and a category NR-5 (Not Formally Followed) has been assigned to the FSR and an “nr” to the ICR of **ACE Westchester Specialty Group**. The two former members of ACE Westchester Specialty Group,

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Westchester Fire Insurance Company and Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company are now members of the **ACE American Pool**.

The FSRs of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed for the following subsidiaries of **ACE Limited**. The ICRs have a revised outlook to positive from stable and the outlook for the FSRs is stable:

- **ACE INA Insurance Company (Canada)**
- **ACE Tempest Reinsurance Ltd.**
- **ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd.**
- **ACE Bermuda International Insurance (Ireland) Limited**
- **ACE Bermuda International Reinsurance (Ireland) Limited**
- **Corporate Officers & Directors Assurance Ltd.**
- **ACE European Group Limited**

The FSR of B- (Fair) and ICR of “bb-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Century Indemnity Company**.

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICR of “aa-” have been affirmed for **ACE Tempest Life Reinsurance Ltd.** The ICR has a revised outlook to positive from stable and the outlook for the FSR is stable.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed for **Combined Insurance Company of America** and **Combined Life Insurance Company of New York**. The ICRs have a revised outlook to positive from stable and the outlook for the FSR is stable.

The FSR has been downgraded to A- (Excellent) from A (Excellent) and the ICR to “a-” from “a” with a stable outlook for **ACE Life Insurance Company**.

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with an outlook revised to positive from stable:

- ACE INA Holdings, Inc.** (guaranteed by ACE Limited)—
- “a-” on \$500 million of 5.875% senior unsecured notes, due 2014
 - “a-” on \$450 million of 5.6% senior unsecured notes, due 2015
 - “a-” on \$500 million of 5.7% senior unsecured notes, due 2017

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- “a-” on \$300 million of 5.8% senior unsecured notes, due 2018
- “a-” on \$500 million of 5.9% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- “a-” on \$100 million of 8.875% senior unsecured debentures, due 2029
- “a-” on \$300 million of 6.7% senior unsecured notes, due 2036

ACE Capital Trust II (guaranteed by ACE Limited)—

- “bbb” on \$300 million of 9.7% trust preferred capital securities, due 2030

The following indicative ratings under the shelf registration have been affirmed with an outlook revised to positive from stable:

ACE Limited and ACE INA Holdings, Inc.—

- “a-” on senior unsecured debt
- “bbb+” on subordinated debt

ACE Limited—

- “bbb” on preferred shares

ACE Capital Trust III & IV—

- “bbb” on trust preferred securities

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

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