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A.M. Best Upgrades Issuer Credit Ratings of Travelers Group

Ratings Supplement

The ICRs have been upgraded to "aa" from "aa-" and the FSR of A+ (Superior) has been affirmed for **Travelers Group** and its following members. The outlook for the ICRs has been revised to stable from positive, and the outlook on the FSRs is stable.

- St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
- St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company
- Athena Assurance Company
- American Equity Insurance Company
- American Equity Specialty Insurance Company
- St. Paul Medical Liability Insurance Company
- St. Paul Protective Insurance Company
- Discover Property & Casualty Insurance Company
- Discover Specialty Insurance Company
- United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
- Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
- Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
- Northfield Insurance Company
- Northland Casualty Company
- Northland Insurance Company
- St. Paul Fire and Casualty Insurance Company
- St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
- St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
- Gulf Underwriters Insurance Company
- Select Insurance Company
- Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
- The Travelers Indemnity Company
- The Phoenix Insurance Company



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- 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 and Surplus Lines Company
- The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company
- Travelers Personal Security Insurance Company
- Travelers Personal Insurance Company
- The Travelers Lloyds Insurance Company
- Travelers Lloyds of Texas Insurance Company

The ICRs have been upgraded to "a" from "a-" for The Travelers Companies, Inc.,

Travelers Property Casualty Corporation and **Travelers Insurance Group Holdings Inc.** The outlook for these ratings has been revised to stable from positive.

The ICRs have been upgraded to "aa" from "aa-" and the FSR of A+ (Superior) has been affirmed for **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America** and its affiliate, **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of Europe Limited**. The outlook for the ICRs has been revised to stable from positive, and the outlook on the FSRs is stable.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of "a+" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for The Premier Insurance Company of Massachusetts.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Travelers of New Jersey Group** and its following members:

• First Trenton Indemnity Company



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• Travelers Auto Insurance Co. of New Jersey

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICR of "a-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for

First Floridian Auto and Home Insurance Company.

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICR of "aa-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for

Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of "a+" are unchanged for **Travelers Insurance**

Company Limited.

The following debt ratings have been affirmed:

The Travelers Companies, Inc.—

-- AMB-1 on commercial paper program

The following debt ratings have been upgraded:

The Travelers Companies, Inc.—

- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$250 million of 5.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2012
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$400 million of 5.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2015
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$400 million of 6.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2016
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$450 million of 5.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2017
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$500 million of 5.8% senior unsecured notes, due 2018
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$500 million of 5.9% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$400 million of 6.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2036
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$800 million of 6.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2037
- -- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on \$1,000 million of 6.25% junior subordinated debentures, due 2067

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

-- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on \$125 million of 7.625% preferred capital securities, due 2027

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

-- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on \$100 million of 8.5% Series A capital securities, due 2045

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

-- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on \$100 million of 8.312% Series C capital securities, due 2046



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

- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$500 million of 5.0% senior unsecured notes, due 2013
- -- to "a" from "a-" on \$500 million of 6.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2033

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

-- to "a" from "a-" on \$200 million of 7.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2026

The following indicative ratings under the shelf registration have been upgraded:

The Travelers Companies, Inc.—

- -- to "a" from "a-" on senior debt
- -- to "a-" from "bbb+" on subordinated debt
- -- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on preferred stock

Travelers Capital Trust II, III, IV & V—

-- to "bbb+" from "bbb" on 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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