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### A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. and Its Subsidiaries

### **Rating Supplement**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following

### members of Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies:

- Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
- Bridgefield Employers Insurance Company
- Employers Insurance Company of Wausau
- The First Liberty Insurance Corporation
- Insurance Company of Illinois
- LM General Insurance Company
- LM Insurance Corporation
- Liberty Insurance Underwriters Inc.
- LM Property & Casualty Insurance Company
- Liberty County Mutual Insurance Company
- Liberty Insurance Corporation
- Liberty Lloyds of Texas Insurance Company
- Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
- Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
- Liberty Mutual Mid-Atlantic Insurance Company
- Liberty Mutual Personal Insurance Company
- Liberty Personal Insurance Company
- Liberty Surplus Insurance Corporation
- Wausau Business Insurance Company
- Wausau General Insurance Company
- Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following

members of Peerless Insurance Company Pool:



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- America First Insurance Company
- America First Lloyds Insurance Company
- American Economy Insurance Company
- American Fire and Casualty Company
- American States Insurance Company
- American States Insurance Company of Texas
- American States Lloyds Insurance Company
- American States Preferred Insurance Company
- Colorado Casualty Insurance Company
- Consolidated Insurance Company
- Excelsior Insurance Company
- First National Insurance Company of America
- General Insurance Company of America
- Golden Eagle Insurance Corporation
- Hawkeye-Security Insurance Company
- Indiana Insurance Company
- Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation
- Mid-American Fire & Casualty Company
- The Midwestern Indemnity Company
- Montgomery Mutual Insurance Company
- National Insurance Association
- The Netherlands Insurance Company
- North Pacific Insurance Company
- The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
- Ohio Security Insurance Company
- Oregon Automobile Insurance Company
- Peerless Indemnity Insurance Company
- Peerless Insurance Company
- Safeco Insurance Company of America
- Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois
- Safeco Insurance Company of Indiana
- Safeco Insurance Company of Oregon
- Safeco Lloyds Insurance Company
- Safeco National Insurance Company
- Safeco Surplus Lines Insurance Company
- West American Insurance Company

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

### **Insurance Europe Limited.**

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



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### Assurance Company of Boston.

The ICRs of "bbb" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.

### and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.

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

### Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.—

- -- "bbb" on \$187 million 7.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2012
- -- "bbb" on \$260 million 8.00% Prudential notes Series B, due 2013
- -- "bbb" on \$25 million 7.86% medium-term notes, due 2013
- -- "bbb" on \$500 million 5.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2014 (of which \$239 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$180 million 7.30% senior unsecured notes, due 2014 (of which \$84 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$250 million 6.70% senior unsecured notes, due 2016 (of which \$249 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$600 million 5.00% senior unsecured notes, due 2021
- -- 'bbb" on \$500 million 4.95% senior unsecured notes, due 2022
- -- "bbb" on \$150 million 7.625% senior unsecured notes, due 2028 (of which \$3 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$250 million 7.00% senior unsecured notes, due 2034 (of which \$231 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$500 million 6.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2035 (of which \$471 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$500 million 7.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2036 (of which \$19 million remains)
- -- "bbb" on \$500 million 6.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2042
- -- "bb+" on \$300 million 7.0% junior subordinated notes, due 2067
- -- "bb+" on \$700 million 7.8% junior subordinated notes, due 2087
- -- "bb+" on \$1.25 billion 10.75% junior subordinated notes, due 2088 (of which \$676 million remains)

### Liberty Mutual Insurance Company—

- -- "bbb+" on \$150 million 8.505% surplus notes, due 2025 (of which \$140 million remains)
- -- "bbb+" on \$250 million 7.875% surplus notes, due 2026 (of which \$227 million remains)
- -- "bbb+" on \$500 million 7.697% surplus notes, due 2097 (of which \$260 million remains)

The following debt rating has been affirmed:

### Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.—

-- AMB-2 on short-term commercial paper

The methodology used in determining these ratings is Best's Credit Rating Methodology, which provides

a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating process and contains the different rating criteria employed in

the rating process. Key criteria utilized include: "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty Insurers";

"Understanding Universal BCAR"; "Rating Members of Insurance Groups"; "The Treatment of Terrorism Risk in



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the Rating Evaluation"; "Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies"; "Catastrophe Analysis in A.M. Best Ratings"; "Gauging the Basis Risk of Catastrophe Bonds"; "Insurance Holding Company and Debt Ratings"; "Equity Credit for Hybrid Securities"; "Rating Surplus Note and Insurance Trust-Preferred CDOs"; "Analyzing Commercial Paper Programs"; and "Understanding BCAR for Life/Health Insurers." Best's Credit Rating Methodology can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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