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A.M. Best Downgrades Ratings of Most Old Republic International Corporation Subsidiaries

Ratings Supplement

The FSR has been downgraded to A (Excellent) from A+ (Superior) and the ICR to “a+” from “aa-” for **Old Republic Insurance** and its following members. The outlook for the ratings has been revised to stable from negative.

- **Old Republic Insurance Company**
- **Old Republic Lloyds of Texas**

The FSR has been downgraded to A (Excellent) from A+ (Superior) and the ICR to “a+” from “aa-” for **Bituminous Insurance Companies** and its following members. The outlook for the ratings has been revised to stable from negative.

- **Bituminous Casualty Corporation**
- **Bituminous Fire & Marine Insurance Company**

The FSR has been downgraded to A (Excellent) from A+ (Superior) and the ICR to “a+” from “aa-” for **Great West Casualty Company**. The outlook for both ratings has been revised to stable from negative.

The ICR has been downgraded to “a” from “a+” and the FSR of A (Excellent) has been affirmed for **Old Republic General Insurance Corporation, Old Republic Surety Company and Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. The outlook for ICR has been revised to stable from negative, while the outlook for the FSR is stable.

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The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **The PMA**

Insurance Group and its following members:

- **Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Company**
- **Pennsylvania Manufacturers’ Association Insurance Company**
- **Pennsylvania Manufacturers Indemnity Company**

The ICR of “bbb” for **PMA Companies, Inc.** (f/k/a PMA Capital Corporation) has been withdrawn.

The following debt ratings have been withdrawn:

PMA Companies, Inc.—

- “bbb” on \$54.9 million 8.5% senior unsecured note, due 2018
- “bbb” on \$45,000 senior unsecured convertible debentures, due 2022
- “bbb-” on \$64.44 million variable rate junior subordinated debt, due 2033
- “bbb+” on \$10.0 million variable rate surplus note, due 2035

The FSR has been downgraded to A- (Excellent) from A (Excellent) and the ICR to “a-” from “a” for **Old Republic Union Insurance Company**. The outlook for both ratings is stable.

The FSR has been downgraded to B+ (Good) from B++ (Good) and the ICR to “bbb-” from “bbb” for **Old Republic Security Assurance Company**. The outlook for both ratings has been revised to negative from stable.

The ICR have been downgraded to “a” from “a+” and the FSR of A (Excellent) has been affirmed for **Old Republic Title Insurance Group** and its following members. The outlook for the FSR has been revised to negative from stable, while the outlook for the ICR is negative.

- **American Guaranty Title Insurance Company**
- **Mississippi Valley Title Insurance Company**
- **Old Republic National Title Insurance Company**

The FSR has been downgraded to B++ (Good) from A- (Excellent) and the ICR to “bbb+” from “a-” for **Old Republic Life Insurance Company**. The outlook for both ratings is stable.

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The principal methodology used in determining these ratings is [Best's Credit Rating Methodology -- Global Life and Non-Life Insurance Edition](#), which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating process and highlights the different rating criteria employed. Additional key criteria utilized include: "Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies"; "Rating Members of Insurance Groups"; "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty Insurers"; "Understanding BCAR for Canadian Property/Casualty Insurers"; "BCAR for Title Insurance Companies"; "BCAR for Life and Health Insurers"; "A.M. Best's Title Insurance Rating Methodology"; "Catastrophe Analysis in A.M. Best Ratings"; "Natural Catastrophe Stress Test Methodology"; "A.M. Best's Ratings & the Treatment of Debt"; "Equity Credit for Hybrid Securities"; "A.M. Best's Liquidity Model for U.S. Life Insurers"; "The Treatment of Terrorism Risk in the Rating Evaluation"; and "Assessing Country Risk." Methodologies can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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