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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Old Republic International Corporation's Subsidiaries; Maintains Negative Outlook On Most Ratings

## **Rating Supplement**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of "aa-" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for **Old Republic Insurance** and its following members:

- Old Republic Insurance Company
- Old Republic Lloyds of Texas

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of "aa-" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for the **Bituminous Insurance Companies** and its following members:

- Bituminous Casualty Corporation
- Bituminous Fire & Marine Insurance Company

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICR of "aa-" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for **Great West Casualty Company**.

The FSR of A (Excellent) has been affirmed with a stable outlook, and the ICRs of "a+" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for **Old Republic General Insurance Corporation**, **Old Republic Surety Company** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Old Republic Union Insurance Company**.

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and the ICR of "a-" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for **Old Republic Security Assurance Company**.



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The FSR of A (Excellent) has been affirmed with a stable outlook, and the ICRs of "a+" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for **Old Republic Title Insurance Group** and its following members:

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

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICR of "a-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Old Republic Life Insurance Company**.

The principal methodologies used in determining these ratings, including any additional methodologies and factors that may have been considered, can be found at <a href="https://www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology">www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology</a>.

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