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**A.M. Best Comments on XL Capital Ltd's Announcement of
Preliminary Estimates of Third Quarter 2008 Results**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of "a" are unchanged for the following subsidiaries
of **XL Capital Ltd:**

- **Greenwich Insurance Company**
- **Indian Harbor Insurance Company**
- **XL Europe Limited**
- **XL Insurance America, Inc.**
- **XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd**
- **XL Insurance Company Limited**
- **XL Insurance Company of New York, Inc.**
- **XL Lloyds Insurance Company**
- **XL Select Insurance Company**
- **XL Specialty Insurance Company**
- **XL Re Europe Limited**
- **XL Re Latin America Ltd**
- **XL Re Ltd**
- **XL Reinsurance America Inc.**

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICRs of "a-" are unchanged for the following life/health
subsidiaries of **XL Capital Ltd:**

- **XL Re Life America Inc.**
- **XL Life Insurance and Annuity Company**

The following debt ratings are unchanged:

XL Capital Ltd—

-- "bbb" on \$575 million 10.75% adjustable conversion rate equity security units, due 2011

-- "bbb" on \$600 million 5.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2014

-- "bbb" on \$745 million 7.0% adjustable conversion rate equity security units, due 2009

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- “bbb” on \$350 million 6.375% senior unsecured bonds, due 2024
- “bbb” on \$325 million 6.3% senior unsecured notes, due 2027
- “bb+” on \$1.0 billion Series E 6.5% non-cumulative preference shares, redeemable 2017
- “bb+” on \$500 million Series C 6.102% cumulative preference shares, redeemable 2013
- XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc** (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—
- “bbb” on \$600 million 6.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2012

XLLIAC Global Funding—

- “a-” on \$350 million 4.8% fixed rate medium term notes due 2010
- “a-” on \$100 million floating rate secured notes, due 2010

The following indicative ratings on shelf securities are unchanged:

XL Capital Ltd—

- “bbb” on senior unsecured
- “bbb-” on subordinated
- “bb+” on preferred stock

XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

- “bbb” on senior unsecured

XL Capital Trust I, II & III (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

- “bb+” on preferred securities

The ICR of “bbb” for **XL Capital Ltd** is unchanged.

Please note: the two ratings below remained under review with negative implications instead of having been removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook as published in the August 25, 2008 press release and on the A.M. Best website. Subsequently, this administrative error has been corrected.

XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

- “bbb” on \$600 million 6.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2012

XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (guaranteed by XL Capital Ltd)—

- “bbb” on senior unsecured

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