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A.M. Best Assigns Rating to Great American Financial Resources' New Debt Securities

Ratings Supplement

The following debt rating has been assigned:

AAG Holding Company, Inc.—

(guaranteed by Great American Financial Resources, Inc.)

-- "bbb" on \$100 million senior unsecured debentures, due 2033

The following debt ratings have been affirmed:

AAG Holding Company, Inc. —

(guaranteed by Great American Financial Resources, Inc.)

- "bbb" on \$100 million 6.875% senior unsecured notes, due 2008

American Annuity Group Capital Trust I—

-- "bb+" on \$75 million 9.25% trust originated preferred securities (TOPrS), due 2026

American Annuity Group Capital Trust II—

-- "bb+" on \$75 million 8.875% capital securities, due 2027

Securities available under shelf registration:

AAG Holding Company, Inc-

(guaranteed by Great American Financial Resources, Inc.)

- -- "bbb" on senior unsecured debt
- -- "bbb-" on subordinated debt
- -- "bb+" on preferred stock

The financial strength rating of A (Excellent) is unaffected for the following subsidiaries

of Great American Financial Resources, Inc.:

- American Retirement Life Insurance Company
- Annuity Investors Life Insurance Company



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- Great American Life Assurance Company
- Great American Life Assurance Co. of Puerto Rico
- Great American Life Insurance Company
- Great American Life Insurance Company of New York
- Loyal American Life Insurance Company

The financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) is unaffected for the following subsidiaries

of Great American Financial Resources, Inc.:

- Manhattan National Life Insurance Company
- United Teachers Associates Insurance Company

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