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# A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Assurant, Inc. and Its Subsidiaries

## **Ratings Supplement**

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

property/casualty subsidiaries of Assurant, Inc.:

- American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida
- American Security Insurance Company
- Standard Guaranty Insurance Company
- American Reliable Insurance Company
- Caribbean American Property Insurance Company
- Voyager Indemnity Insurance Company
- Reliable Lloyds Insurance Company

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

life/health subsidiaries of Assurant, Inc.:

- American Memorial Life Insurance Company
- Union Security Insurance Company
- Union Security Life Insurance Company of New York
- American Bankers Life Assurance Company of Florida
- Caribbean American Life Assurance Company
- Assurant Life of Canada
- UDC Dental California, Inc.
- Union Security DentalCare of New Jersey, Inc.
- United Dental Care of Arizona, Inc.
- United Dental Care of Colorado, Inc.
- United Dental Care of Missouri, Inc.
- United Dental Care of New Mexico, Inc.
- United Dental Care of Texas, Inc.



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- John Alden Life Insurance Company
- Time Insurance Company

The ICR of "bbb" has been affirmed with a stable outlook for Assurant, Inc.

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

#### Assurant, Inc.—

-- "bbb" on USD 500 million 5.625% senior unsecured bonds, due 2014

-- "bbb" on USD 475 million 6.75% senior unsecured bonds, due 2034

The following debt rating has been affirmed:

## Assurant, Inc.—

-- AMB-2 on commercial paper

The following indicative debt ratings on securities available under the shelf registration have been

affirmed with a stable outlook:

## Assurant, Inc.—

-- "bbb" on senior unsecured -- "bbb-" on subordinated debt

-- "bb+" on preferred stock

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: "Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance

Companies"; "Catastrophe Analysis in A.M. Best's Ratings"; "Insurance Holding Company and Debt Ratings";

"The Treatment of Terrorism Risk in the Rating Evaluation"; "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty

Insurers"; and "Rating Members of Insurance Groups"; and "Understanding BCAR for Life/Health Insurers."

Best's Credit Rating Methodology can be found at <u>www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology</u>.

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