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A.M. Best Lowers Debt Ratings of Chubb; Assigns Rating to Equity Units

Chubb's Rating Supplement

The following debt ratings have been lowered:

The Chubb Corporation—

- -- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$300 million 6.15% senior notes, due 2005
- -- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$400 million 6% senior notes, due 2011
- -- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$100 million 6.6% senior debentures, due 2018
- -- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$200 million 6.8% senior debentures, due 2031

Chubb Capital Corporation—

-- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$100 million 6.875% senior notes, due 2003

Chubb Executive Risk Inc.—

-- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on \$75 million 7.125% senior notes, due 2007

Executive Risk Capital Trust—

-- to "a+" from "aa-" rating on \$125 million 8.675 capital securities, due 2029

The following indicative ratings assigned to securities issued under the \$1 billion shelf

registration have been lowered:

The Chubb Corporation and Chubb Capital Corporation—

- -- to "aa-" from "aa" rating on senior debt
- -- to "a+" from "aa-" subordinated debt rating
- -- to "a+" from "aa-" preferred securities rating
- -- to "a" from "a+" preferred stock rating

The following debt ratings has been affirmed:

Chubb Capital Corporation—

-- "AMB-1+" commercial paper rating



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The financial strength ratings of A++ (Superior) were affirmed for the following property/casualty subsidiaries of The Chubb Corporation on October 16, 2002, and remain unaffected:

- Federal Insurance Company
- Vigilant Insurance Company
- Great Northern Insurance Company
- Pacific Indemnity Company
- Chubb Custom Insurance Company
- Chubb National Insurance Company
- Chubb Indemnity Insurance Company
- Executive Risk Indemnity Inc
- Executive Risk Specialty Insurance Co
- Quadrant Indemnity Company
- Chubb Insurance Company of New Jersey
- Chubb Lloyds Insurance Company of Texas
- Texas Pacific Indemnity Company
- Northwestern Pacific Indemnity Company
- Chubb Insurance Company of Europe S.A.
- Chubb Insurance Company of Canada
- Chubb Atlantic Indemnity Ltd
- Chubb Insurance Company of Australia Ltd

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