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## **A.M. Best Upgrades Ratings of Bituminous Insurance Companies and Two Affiliates in the Old Republic General Insurance Group**

### **Ratings Supplement**

The financial strength rating has been upgraded to A+ (Superior) for the following members of the Bituminous Insurance Companies:

- **Bituminous Casualty Corporation**
- **Bituminous Fire & Marine Insurance Co**

The financial strength rating has been upgraded to A (Excellent) for the following subsidiary of the Old Republic General Insurance Group:

- **Old Republic Union Insurance Company**

The financial strength rating has been upgraded to A- (Excellent) for the following subsidiary of the Old Republic General Insurance Group:

- **Old Republic Minnehoma Insurance Company**

The following financial strength ratings have been affirmed for the following subsidiaries of the Old Republic General Insurance Group:

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|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| • <b>Old Republic Insurance Company</b>              | A+ (Superior)  |
| • <b>Old Republic Lloyds of Texas</b>                | A+ (Superior)  |
| • <b>Great West Casualty Company</b>                 | A+(Superior)   |
| • <b>International Business &amp; Merc REassr Co</b> | A(Excellent)   |
| • <b>Old Republic Surety Company</b>                 | A(Excellent)   |
| • <b>Old Republic Mercantile Insurance Co</b>        | B++(Very Good) |

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- **Employers General Insurance Company** B+(Very Good)
- **American Business & Personal Ins Mut Inc** B+(Very Good)

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