

**EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC.  
NAMED TO FORBES.COM 100  
MOST TRUSTWORTHY COMPANIES LIST**

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DES MOINES, Iowa (April 16, 2010) – EMC Insurance Group Inc. (NASDAQ OMX/NGS:EMCI) today announced that it has been included in the “100 Most Trustworthy Companies” list published by *Forbes.com* on April 5, 2010.

EMCI was one of 39 small-cap companies included in the list that identifies the companies that are “the most transparent and trustworthy businesses that trade on American exchanges.” An independent research firm, Audit Integrity, conducts a statistically based analysis of public information. The compiled information is then used to formulate an Accounting and Governance Risk (AGR) rating.

“Our inclusion on the list validates our core values of honesty and integrity, which have helped build our strong financial foundation and our company’s success,” stated Bruce G. Kelley, EMCI president and chief executive officer. “Being transparent and honest in financial reporting enhances our consistency, solid financial results, stockholder value and longevity. In fact, our parent company, Employers Mutual Casualty Company, will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011,” concluded Kelley.

Jack Zwingli, chief executive officer of Audit Integrity, describes the recipients of this honor by stating, “These are the good guys. They’ve consistently shown accuracy and transparency in their financial reporting.” The entire list and article can be read at <http://www.forbes.com/2010/04/05/most-trustworthy-companies-leadership-governance-100.html>.

**About Audit Integrity**

Founded in 2002, serving investors, insurers, auditors and corporate finance professionals, Audit Integrity is a leading independent research firm that rates more than 12,000 public companies in North American and Europe based on their corporate integrity. In addition to its flagship Accounting and Governance Risk (AGR) ratings, Audit Integrity also forecasts bankruptcy risk, class action litigation risk, material financial restatement risk, and equity performance risk. The statistical correlation of these ratings has been confirmed by internal and third-party tests. Audit Integrity has offices in Los Angeles and New York City. For more information, visit [www.auditintegrity.com](http://www.auditintegrity.com).

**About EMC Insurance Group Inc.**

EMC Insurance Group Inc. is a publicly held insurance holding company that generates results from property and casualty insurance and reinsurance through subsidiary companies. EMCI was formed in 1974 and became publicly held in 1982. The Company’s common stock trades on the NASDAQ OMX Global Select Market tier of the NASDAQ OMX Stock Market under the symbol EMCI. EMCI’s parent company is Employers Mutual Casualty Company (EMCC). EMCI, EMCC and their subsidiary and affiliate companies operate collectively under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides issuers the opportunity to make cautionary statements regarding forward-looking statements. Accordingly, any forward-looking statement contained in this report is based on management’s current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of the Company’s future performance, taking into account all information currently available to management. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations can change as the result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to management. If a change occurs, the Company’s business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, plans and

objectives may vary materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that may affect the actual results of the Company include, but are not limited to, the following:

- catastrophic events and the occurrence of significant severe weather conditions;
- the adequacy of loss and settlement expense reserves;
- state and federal legislation and regulations;
- changes in the property and casualty insurance industry, interest rates or the performance of financial markets and the general economy;
- rating agency actions;
- “other-than-temporary” investment impairment losses; and
- other risks and uncertainties inherent to the Company’s business, including those discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Management intends to identify forward-looking statements when using the words “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “project” or similar expressions. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements.

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