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EMC Insurance Companies Rating Upgraded to "A" (Excellent) with a Stable Outlook

DES MOINES, Iowa (April 25, 2013) — EMC Insurance Companies financial strength rating has been upgraded to "A" (Excellent) with a stable outlook by A.M. Best, the insurance industry credit rating organization.

"Our employees have worked hard in partnership with our agents to achieve this upgrade," says EMC's Executive Vice President for Corporate Development Ron Jean. "A.M. Best recognized our leadership in enterprise risk management and acknowledged our ability to withstand the ups and downs of the insurance market, even during high storm-level years, such as in 2008 and 2011. EMC experienced a record-breaking year in 2012 in terms of net written premiums, assets and surplus."

A.M. Best upgraded the financial strength ratings for EMC Insurance Companies (Employers Mutual Casualty Company and its six property/casualty subsidiaries) and for EMC Reinsurance Company (EMC Re). Best's ratings and analysis assess the financial strength and creditworthiness of insurance companies.

[Read the A.M. Best press release.](#)

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 60 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with assets over \$3 billion and more than 2,100 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.emcins.com and www.CountonEMC.com.

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