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Groundbreaking Ceremony for New EMC Insurance Companies Building

DES MOINES, Iowa (May 6, 2015) – EMC Insurance Companies is breaking ground on a new four-story office building at 219 Eighth Street located on the northwest corner of the block bordered by Seventh and Eighth Streets and Walnut and Mulberry Streets. EMC President and CEO Bruce Kelley will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, May 12, at 4 p.m.

“EMC is pleased to expand and modernize its home office,” explains Bruce Kelley. “The company has been headquartered in downtown Des Moines since the company was founded 104 years ago, and downtown continues to be the optimum location for us.”

The new building will complement the designs of the EMC buildings at 717 Mulberry and 700 Walnut. The plans include below-grade parking, space for tenants on the ground level facing Walnut Street, and additional space for essential electrical, mechanical and printing equipment. The second, third and fourth floors will accommodate offices, conference rooms, computer equipment, a wellness facility and a new skywalk concourse across Eighth Street. Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering in Des Moines was selected to design the new facility; Neumann Brothers was selected as the general construction contractor.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with assets of approximately \$4 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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