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NLC INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE HINGHAM GROUP ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

NORWICH, CT June 10, 2010---NLC Insurance Companies announced today that it has entered in an affiliation agreement with The Hingham Group of Hingham, Ma. The agreement is subject to policyholder and regulatory approvals, with a final closing expected in the third quarter of 2010.

“This agreement brings together two New England based mutual insurance companies with long and distinguished histories,” said Steve H. Chevalier, President of NLC. “We believe our two groups fit together nicely and will be able to exploit all the benefits an affiliation brings in terms of scalability, operational efficiencies, and geographical diversification for our policyholders and agents.”

Hingham Group President George A. Cole, III said, “We believe our policyholders, our employees, and our agents will benefit from our affiliation with NLC. The affiliation will expand the company’s capital base and provide us access to resources critical to providing quality and responsive service to our policyholders and agents. I look forward to working with Steve and his team of professionals.”

NLC Insurance Companies was founded in 1840 and maintains its headquarters in Norwich, Connecticut. The group consists of New London Country Mutual Insurance Company and the Thames Insurance Company. The Company markets its products through approximately 300 Independent Agents in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

The Hingham Group was founded in 1826 and maintains its headquarters in Hingham, MA. The group consists of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Danbury Insurance Company. The company provides insurance products and services through nearly 300 independent insurance agents in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

