



HIIG TO ACQUIRE BOSTON INDEMNITY COMPANY

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Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG) announced today that it had signed a Stock Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Bondex Insurance Group to acquire Boston Indemnity Company (BIC). The transaction is expected to close soon, pending regulatory approval.

BIC is a treasury listed, admitted insurance company domiciled in South Dakota and based in North Andover, Massachusetts. BIC was acquired by Bondex Insurance Group in 2015 and currently writes surety business in 27 states.

Matthew J. Semeraro is President of BIC and will continue to manage the operation after the transaction closes. The business will operate as HIIG Surety following closing and will complement HIIG's existing business. HIIG Surety anticipates writing more than \$25 million of business in 2019 consisting of small and medium size contractors and sub-contractors, Mining Reclamation Bonds, and other commercial bonds.

Stephen L. Way, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HIIG, said, "We are pleased to have Matt and his team as part of our group and this transaction continues the strong expansion of our Surety Division."

Mr. Semeraro said, "We are excited to be part of the HIIG organization, where their experience and financial strength will support our growth as we continue to provide quality product and service to our clients."

HIIG is an insurance holding company formed in 2007 by Stephen L. Way, a leader in insurance for more than 50 years. Based in Houston, Texas, HIIG continues to build long term shareholder value through creative but disciplined underwriting, acquisitions, and strategic investments.

HIIG has underwriting segments focused on Accident & Health, Commercial, Excess & Surplus Lines, and Specialty. HIIG has total assets exceeding \$1.5 billion and shareholders' equity of more than \$325 million.

HIIG's subsidiary insurance companies consist of Houston Specialty Insurance Company, Imperium Insurance Company, Great Midwest Insurance Company, and Oklahoma Specialty Insurance Company. These insurance companies are rated A/A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company.

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