



## **HIIG ANNOUNCES THAT PETER SMITH TO JOIN THE GROUP AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

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**Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG)** announced today that the Company has hired Peter B. Smith as Executive Vice President reporting directly to Stephen L. Way, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Group. He will also be a member of the Executive Management Group and a Director of various Insurance Company Subsidiaries. Mr. Smith will join the Company after his current obligations are completed early in 2015.

Mr. Smith spent the past five years in London managing the affairs of International General Insurance Company Ltd, the UK subsidiary of IGI Amman, Jordan. Preceding his move to the UK, he worked in the USA for Towers Watson and, before that, spent more than 10 years at Houston Casualty Company reporting to the Founder and CEO, Stephen L. Way.

Mr. Smith said, “HIIG presents an exciting platform for controlled growth in a challenging market. I am pleased to be back with Mr. Way to help capitalize on this opportunity and be a part of a unique, entrepreneurial insurance group.”

Stephen L. Way said, "Peter adds to the leadership of our Senior Management Group, providing valuable expertise from his broad experience in all classes of business and the depth of knowledge that comes from managing an underwriting platform in the London Market.”

HIIG is an insurance holding company based in Houston, Texas with offices in Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Fort Myers, FL; Morristown, NJ; Oklahoma City, OK; and a representative office in London, England.

HIIG has underwriting Divisions focused on Construction; Energy; Professional Liability; Transactional Property; and other Specialty business.

HIIG has assets of more than \$1 billion and shareholders' equity of \$250 million. HIIG's insurance company subsidiaries 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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