



## **HIIG ANNOUNCES SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROMOTIONS**

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**Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG)** announced today senior management promotions of Peter Smith, Susan Swails, and Richard Hitch.

Peter B. Smith has been promoted to President of the Holding Company and will continue to report to Stephen L. Way, Chairman & CEO. Mr. Smith has been with HIIG since January, 2015, and previously worked for more than ten years at HCC, the Company Mr. Way founded in 1974. Mr. Smith will continue to oversee all P&C operations as well as his new corporate responsibilities.

Susan K. Swails has been promoted to Executive Vice President with responsibility for all P&C underwriting operations. Ms. Swails will report to Peter Smith but will also work closely with Mr. Way in his role as Group Chief Underwriting Officer. Ms. Swails has extensive experience in P&C lines of business, particularly many of the specialty lines that HIIG writes. She joined HIIG in 2014 and previously worked for Mr. Way for five years at HCC.

Richard W. Hitch has been promoted to Senior Vice President with overall responsibility for several business units: Mining, Onshore Energy, Hospitality, and two of our MGU Partners. Mr. Hitch has been with HIIG since 2014 and previously worked at W. R. Berkeley group for more than 15 years.

Stephen L. Way, Chairman and CEO of HIIG, said, “Our strength is our people and our depth of management is shown by our ability to promote internally to fill key Executive positions.”

HIIG is an insurance holding company based in Houston, Texas with assets of more than \$1 billion and shareholders’ equity of more than \$250 million.

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

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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