



SEAN DUFFY JOINS HIIG AS EVP & CHIEF CLAIMS OFFICER

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Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG) announced today that the Company has hired Sean W. Duffy as Executive Vice President and Chief Claims Officer reporting to Peter B. Smith, President of the Group. He will be a Director of various Insurance Company Subsidiaries and based in the Houston home office.

Mr. Duffy has over 20 years of insurance experience and joins HIIG from One Beacon, where he spent the last 8 years and was most recently the Senior Vice President and Chief Claims Officer. Mr. Duffy has also spent time with Great American and Travelers/St Paul.

Stephen L. Way, Chairman & Chief Executive of HIIG, said, "We continue to expand the depth in our Claims Division, now handling many of our claims in house. Mr. Duffy brings considerable experience and leadership to our growing number of claim professionals and our Company will benefit from his presence."

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, shareholders' equity of more than \$325 million, and wrote almost \$700 million in gross premiums in 2018.

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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