



JAMES C. HAYS JOINS HIIG BOARD

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Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG) announced today that the Company has appointed James C. Hays as an Independent Director of the Company.

Mr. Hays is an American entrepreneur who embraced the insurance industry to build The Hays Group, a substantial retail broking business which he recently sold to Brown & Brown and he is now Vice Chairman of that successful group. Also, Mr. Hays was the majority shareholder of Lloyds Syndicate 1260, Heritage which he sold in 2008 and now Lloyds Syndicate 1969, Apollo. Mr. Hays has been a HIIG shareholder since its establishment in 2007.

Mr. Hays said, “There are very few insurance companies with the management strength and strong financial structure as exists at HIIG and I am proud to become a member of the Board.”

Stephen L. Way, Chairman & Chief Executive, said, “Jim Hays was one of our founding Directors and I am so pleased to welcome him back to HIIG at a time when his insight and judgment will be of considerable value.”

HIIG is an insurance holding company based in Houston, Texas with offices across the USA including Atlanta, Birmingham, Dallas, Malvern (PA), Morristown (NJ), and Scottsdale.

HIIG has underwriting segments focused on Accident & Health; Commercial; Excess & Surplus Lines; and Specialty business.

HIIG has assets of over \$1.75 billion and shareholders’ equity of over \$370 million at year end 2019; with gross written premium of \$875 million for the full year.

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- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company.

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