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A.M. Best Downgrades Rating of Standard Life Insurance Company of Indiana

OLDWICK, N.J., Dec. 22, 2008—A.M. Best Co. has downgraded the financial strength rating to E (Under Regulatory Supervision) from B (Fair) and issuer credit rating to “rs” from “bb” of **Standard Life Insurance Company of Indiana** (Standard) (Indianapolis, IN). Standard is owned and managed by Capital Assurance Corporation (CAC), a privately owned holding company.

Recently, Standard has experienced significant declines in statutory capital due to investment losses, the majority of which were taken by the company in third quarter 2008. The overall downturn of the financial markets and the economy at large has caused substantial unrealized losses as well.

While CAC has been successful in the past in its capital raising initiatives, new capital was not available to replace the losses experienced in recent months. Due to the failed capital raise initiatives, on December 18, 2008, Standard voluntarily consented to an Order of Rehabilitation, which appointed the Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) as rehabilitator for the company.

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