AM BEST AFFIRMS CREDIT RATINGS OF SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

OLDWICK, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **AM Best** has affirmed the Financial Strength Rating (FSR) of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Ratings (Long-Term ICR) of "a+" of the pooled members of Selective Insurance Group (Selective). Additionally, AM Best has affirmed the Long-Term ICR of "bbb+" and the Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings (Long-Term IR) of the ultimate parent, Selective Insurance Group, Inc. (SIGI) [NASDAQ: SIGI]. The outlook of these Credit Ratings (ratings) is positive. All companies are headquartered in Branchville, NJ. (Please see below for a detailed listing of companies and ratings.)

These ratings reflect Selective's balance sheet strength, which AM Best categorizes as strongest, as well as its adequate operating performance, favorable business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management.

Selective's risk-adjusted capitalization, as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), is assessed at the strongest level, and is offset partially by exposure to catastrophe losses and terrorism. The positive outlooks reflect improved profitability over the past five years on an absolute basis and relative to its peers. AM Best expects that the group will continue to improve the underwriting results in its more challenged commercial auto and excess and surplus books of business through initiatives and targeted rate increases. The favorable business profile is based partly on the group's close working relationship with its selected agencies, and the use of technology to enhance its underwriting and servicing capabilities.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term ICRs of "a+" have been affirmed for the pooled members of Selective Insurance Group:

- Selective Insurance Company of America
- Selective Way Insurance Company
- Selective Insurance Company of the Southeast
- Selective Insurance Company of New York
- Selective Insurance Company of South Carolina
- Selective Insurance Company of New England
- Selective Auto Insurance Company of New Jersey
- Mesa Underwriters Specialty Insurance Company
- Selective Casualty Insurance Company
- Selective Fire & Casualty Insurance Company

The following Long-Term IRs have been affirmed:

Selective Insurance Group, Inc.—
--"bbb+" on $49.9 million 7.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2034
--"bbb+" on $99.4 million 6.70% senior unsecured notes, due 2035
--"bbb+" on $294.2 million 5.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2049

The following indicative Long-Term IRs have been affirmed on the current shelf registration:

Selective Insurance Group, Inc.—
--"bbb+" on senior unsecured debt
--"bbb" on subordinated debt
--"bbb-" on preferred stock

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