



**FREDERICK J. WOEBSE NAMED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
OF AMERICAN EMPIRE SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY**

Cincinnati, Ohio – April 15, 2010 - American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Company (“AESLIC”), a member of the Great American Insurance Group, announced that Frederick J. Wobse, CPCU, was named President and Chief Operating Officer the Company, succeeding Robert Nelson, who was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, until the time of Mr. Nelson’s retirement in July 2010.

Mr. Wobse joined AESLIC in 1989 and has served as Chief Underwriting Officer since February 2002. He began his insurance career with the Continental Insurance Companies in Glens Falls, New York and subsequently transferred to New York City, where he also worked for the Reinsurance Department of Allstate and Swiss Re. Prior to moving to Cincinnati, Mr. Wobse spent nine years in Hartford with Constitution State Management Company, a subsidiary of The Travelers, underwriting casualty facultative reinsurance.

Mr. Wobse is a graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He earned his Certified Property and Casualty Underwriter (“CPCU”) designation in 1994.

About [American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Company](#)

American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Company is a member of the Great American Insurance Group. AESLIC has consistently been one of the most innovative and successful excess and surplus lines writers in the country, providing an excess and surplus facility for brokerage firms which do business on a wholesale basis. AESLIC is an eligible surplus lines insurer in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

About [Great American Insurance Group](#)

Great American Insurance Group’s roots go back to 1872 with the founding of its flagship company, Great American Insurance Company. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, the operations of Great American Insurance Group are engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialty commercial products for businesses, and in

the sale of traditional fixed, indexed and variable annuities and a variety of supplemental insurance products. Great American Insurance Company has received an "A" (Excellent) or higher rating from the A.M. Best Company for over 100 years (most recent rating evaluation effective on March 27, 2009). The members of the Great American Insurance Group are subsidiaries of [American Financial Group, Inc.](#) (AFG), also based in Cincinnati, Ohio. AFG's common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol AFG.

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