



West Bend Mutual Insurance earns positive rating

WEST BEND, WI (May 12, 2016) – West Bend Mutual Insurance Company’s Issuer Credit Rating was revised from stable to positive by A.M. Best, financial analysts of the insurance industry, as of May 10. This revision is evidence of West Bend’s strong performance over the past several years.

A.M. Best also affirmed the company’s Financial Strength Rating of “A” (Excellent) and Issuer Credit Rating of “a.” The ratings reflect West Bend’s consistently strong risk-adjusted capitalization, stable regional market presence, and conservative risk management culture. The company has maintained an A rating or better since 1971.

The primary objective of A.M. Best’s credit ratings within the insurance industry is to provide an opinion of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company’s ability to meet its ongoing insurance policy and contract obligations. The A rating was derived from an in-depth evaluation of a company’s balance sheet strength, operating performance, and business profile, as compared with A.M. Best Company’s quantitative and qualitative standards.

West Bend Mutual Insurance Company provides property/casualty insurance products throughout the Midwest. The company offers a broad personal lines coverage package, a full range of commercial products and services, and insurance for specialty lines. West Bend employs more than 1,000 associates and is represented by approximately 1,300 independent insurance agencies throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, and Nebraska.

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