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### **OTS Grants AIG Federal Charter**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 10, 1999 - American International Group, Inc. (AIG) and related companies have received approval from the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) to organize AIG Federal Bank to be located in Wilmington, Del. AIG and the related companies - C.V. Starr & Co., The Starr Foundation and C.V. Starr & Co., Inc. Trust and Starr International Company, Bermuda - collectively become a unitary thrift holding company.

AIG, with assets at the end of September of \$259 billion, is engaged through affiliates in a broad range of insurance and insurance-related activities and financial services in the U.S. and in approximately 130 other nations and jurisdictions. AIG is a leading U.S.-based international insurance organization and underwriter of commercial and industry insurance.

Primary insurance lines are property, casualty, marine, global trade and political risk, environmental, mortgage guarantee, reinsurance and life, and AIG's other activities include consumer finance, airplane leasing, data processing and the Stowe Mountain Ski Resort in Vermont.

Through the savings bank, AIG plans to expand its products and services to consumers and provide a more comprehensive set of financial services. At its home site, the bank will be a full-service operation, but the main delivery channel for its products will be telephone and mail.

As a condition of approval, AIG Bank must not make any material change to its business plan, especially with regard to cross-marketing insured and noninsured products, without OTS approval. At least 40 percent of its directors have to be individuals who are not officers or employees of AIG or affiliates, and at least one director is to be independent of the thrift, holding company and affiliates.

Before startup, the bank is required to submit to OTS proposed policies on lending, investment and interest rate risk management, as well as its proposed fair lending policies and procedures. It also is subject to anti-tying laws and OTS regulations on conflicts of interest, corporate opportunity, and it must adhere to the interagency guidelines on the sale of insured and noninsured products.

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