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HARLEYSVILLE GROUP, HARLEYSVILLE MUTUAL ANNOUNCE BOARD ELECTIONS

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—APRIL 22, 2009—Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) and Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company have re-elected three members to their respective boards of directors.

Michael L. Browne, William Gray and Jerry S. Rosenbloom have been re-elected to the Harleysville Group board, while W. Thacher Brown, G. Lawrence Buhl and Jerry S. Rosenbloom were re-elected to the Harleysville Mutual board. All the elections are for three-year terms.

Browne is president and chief executive officer of Harleysville Group and Harleysville Mutual. He was named CEO of Harleysville Group and president and CEO of Harleysville Mutual in 2004, and president of Harleysville Group in 2005. He has been a director of Harleysville Group since 1986 and a director of Harleysville Mutual since 2003.

Gray is vice chairman of Ogilvy Group, North America Region. He has been a Harleysville Group director since 2007.

Rosenbloom is the Frederick H. Ecker Emeritus Professor of Insurance and Risk Management, and Academic Director of the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist Program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He has been a director of Harleysville Mutual since 1995 and a director of Harleysville Group since 1999.

Brown is the retired president of 1838 Investment Advisors, LLC. He has been a director of Harleysville Mutual since 1994 and Harleysville Group since 2002.

Buhl is the retired regional director for insurance services in Ernst & Young's Philadelphia office. He has been a director of Harleysville Group since 2004 and a director of Harleysville Mutual since 2005.

Harleysville Insurance is a leading regional provider of insurance products and services for small and mid-sized businesses, as well as for individuals, and ranks among the top 60 U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums. As a Trusted Choice® company partner, Harleysville distributes its products exclusively through a network of independent agents primarily across 32 states. Harleysville was listed recently as #30 in the *InformationWeek* 500, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and has been ranked on the list in each of the last three years. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 52 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for eight regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which is comprised of the top third of all NASDAQ member companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at www.harleysvillegroup.com.

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