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HARLEYSVILLE GROUP, HARLEYSVILLE MUTUAL RE-ELECT DIRECTORS

HARLEYSVILLE, PA — APRIL 25, 2002 — The shareholders of Harleysville Group Inc. (Nasdaq: HGIC) and the policyholders of Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company, the owner of 56 percent of the shares of Harleysville Group, have re-elected two members to each of their respective boards of directors.

Walter R. Bateman and Mirian M. Graddick have been re-elected to three-year terms on the Harleysville Group board, while William W. Scranton III and William E. Storts were re-elected to three-year terms on the Harleysville Mutual board.

Bateman is chairman, president and chief executive officer for both Harleysville Group and Harleysville Mutual. He has been a director of both boards since 1992.

Graddick, who was elected to the Harleysville Group board in 2000, is executive vice president of human resources for AT&T Corp.

Scranton, a former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, is currently with the Scranton Family Office, a family office managing investments and civic initiatives. He has been a director of Harleysville Mutual since 1999.

Storts, who was elected to the Harleysville Mutual board in 2001, is retired managing partner and member of the management team of Accenture's Global Financial Services market unit.

Harleysville Group Inc. (Nasdaq: HGIC), one of the country's premier small commercial lines underwriters, is a holding company that includes nine regional property/casualty insurance companies operating in 32 Eastern and Midwestern states. Harleysville Group companies specialize in insuring small businesses, and also offer coverages for individuals and families. The Harleysville organization, based in Harleysville, Pa., is represented by some 1,900 local independent agencies and ranks 45th among U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums.

Further information about Harleysville Group can be found on the company's Internet Web site (www.harleysvillegroup.com).

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