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**HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC. DECLARES
87TH CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—February 21, 2008—The Board of Directors of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share, payable March 31, 2008, to shareholders of record on March 14, 2008. This marks the 87th consecutive quarter Harleysville Group has paid a dividend since the company went public in 1986.

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. Harleysville was listed recently as #23 in the *InformationWeek* 500, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and was the highest-ranked property and casualty insurer on the 2007 list. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 53 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for nine regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is a member of the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which represents the top third of all NASDAQ-listed companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Harleysville Group has paid a dividend every quarter since the company went public, and was one of 3 percent of public companies recognized with a 2007 Mergent Dividend Achiever Award for its long-term history of dividend increases. Harleysville Insurance—which distributes its products exclusively through independent insurance agencies and reflects that commitment to its agency force by being a Trusted Choice[®] company partner—currently operates in 32 eastern and midwestern states. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at www.harleysvillegroup.com.

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