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News Release

The Main Street America Group Appoints Ron James as Chief Information Officer and Vice President of Information Technology

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 8, 2009 – The Main Street America Group announced today that Ron James has been appointed chief information officer, as well as vice president of information technology, of the super regional property-casualty insurance company.

James joined Main Street America in November 2008 as interim chief information officer. He is based at the company's corporate headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., and reports to Tom Van Berkel, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

"We continue to focus on making it as easy as possible for our independent agent-customers to do business with us," Van Berkel said. "To accomplish this, it is critical that we flawlessly deliver our new *Main Street Station* commercial lines and personal lines policy processing platforms as well as key new products, such as *Personal Auto MVP* and *Main Line BOP*, throughout all of our states. With Ron's leadership, we are establishing an IT function that will enable us to deliver our technology and product enhancements in a superior way."

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James has more than 30 years of experience heading information technology operations at leading property-casualty companies. Prior to joining Main Street America, James led his own consulting firm, James Group LLC. Before that, he was vice president and global account executive at Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), where he oversaw the AON account.

Prior to CSC, James had a very successful tenure at Zurich Financial Services. His executive roles there included senior vice president at Zurich North America, senior vice president and CIO at Zurich Canada and senior vice president and CIO at Zurich Personal. Before joining Zurich, Ron held several executive positions at Harleysville Insurance Group and Harleysville Life.

James earned his bachelor's degree in science from Millersville University, Millersville, Pa., and his executive master's degree in business administration from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

About The Main Street America Group

With roots dating back to 1923, The Main Street America Group is a super regional insurance company that operates five property-casualty insurance carriers: NGM Insurance Company, Old Dominion Insurance Company, Main Street America Assurance Company, MSA Insurance Company and Great Lakes Casualty Insurance Company. Based in Jacksonville, Fla., Main Street America offers a wide range of commercial and personal insurance products, and fidelity and surety bond products, to individuals, families and businesses in 24 states, including 16 East Coast states from Maine to Florida, as well as Arkansas, Arizona, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

With more than \$800 million in direct premium written exclusively by 1,000-plus independent insurance agents, the 86-year-old company insures more than 500,000 policyholders. The company has regional offices in Jacksonville; Keene, N.H.; Richmond, Va.; Syracuse, N.Y.; and Grand Rapids, Mich., and a claims reporting center in Auburn, Mass. A.M. Best Company rates The Main Street America Group as an "A" (Excellent). Main Street America is the founding company partner of Trusted Choice®, the global branding program of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America. For more information about Main Street America, please visit www.msagroup.com

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