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PMA Companies Announces Continued Expansion

PMA establishes an Illinois Office to reach more employers and self-insureds with its property & casualty insurance, risk management solutions and TPA services

Blue Bell, PA – May 2, 2011 - PMA Companies, a provider of commercial insurance risk management solutions and TPA claims and risk services, announced that it has opened an office in Schaumburg, IL, and is offering property and casualty insurance and TPA services to employers throughout the state. This announcement came today at the RIMS 2011 Annual Conference in Vancouver.

The Illinois expansion is part of PMA's strategic growth strategy, which included expansion into five new states in 2010. PMA will be expanding its broker/agency distribution network as the company intensifies its marketing initiatives in Illinois.

"We are very pleased to bring our unique brand of insurance and risk management solutions to Illinois, where we have experienced, local staff and an infrastructure in place," said Jeff Swaney, Senior Vice President, Central Region, who is leading the company's Illinois operations. "PMA has been successfully providing risk management solutions to some of the most prestigious employers in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions for nearly 100 years. Now we can bring many valuable assets to Illinois employers, most notably our expertise in solving the complex risk challenges of large employers and excellent service that delivers tangible value."

The PMA Companies has a customer satisfaction rate of 96%, according to an independent research study conducted by J.P. Murphy & Company.

PMA Insurance Group offers mid- and large-size employers insurance and risk management solutions through independent agents and brokers, including:

- Risk Management Solutions Program for large accounts, including a highly effective and disciplined approach that helps large organizations take a smart, more strategic approach to risk management
- A choice of Property & Casualty Insurance products
- Alternative Risk Solutions for individual employers, groups and captives

PMA Insurance Group has a strong track record of success in working with health care entities (hospitals, medical systems, nursing homes), educational institutions (colleges/universities and public school systems), manufacturers, wholesale/retail trade and hospitality entities.

PMA Management Corp. provides results-driven claims and risk management service solutions to clients in a broad range of programs, including individual self-insurance, self-insured groups, captives and unbundled insurance programs. PMA Management Corp., which is SAS 70, Level II certified, celebrates its 20-year anniversary in 2011 and has realized consistent successful annual growth and expansion.

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About the PMA Companies

The PMA Companies (www.pmacompanies.com) provides risk management solutions and services, including workers' compensation and property & casualty insurance, throughout the United States. Headquartered in Blue Bell, PA, the PMA Companies is part of Old Republic International's family of companies. Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) is one of the nation's 50 largest publicly held insurance organizations.

The PMA Companies includes the PMA Insurance Group, specializing in workers' compensation and other commercial property & casualty insurance products; PMA Management Corp. and PMA Management Corp. of New England, providing results-driven risk management services; and Midlands Management Corporation, offering program administration specializing in excess workers' compensation and specialty casualty claims services.

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