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Bank Insurance Brokerage Income Hits Record for Second Straight Quarter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Radnor, PA, August 9, 2010 – Marking the highest quarterly results achieved, first-quarter bank holding company (BHC) insurance brokerage income of \$3.32 billion was up 9.6% from \$3.03 billion in first quarter 2009, according to the *Michael White-Prudential Bank Fee Income Report™*. The last two quarters have registered the highest watermarks ever recorded in BHC insurance brokerage fee income. Thus far in 2010, 60.2% of BHCs engaged in insurance brokerage activities.

Compiled by Michael White Associates (MWA) since 2001 and sponsored by Prudential’s Individual Life Insurance business, a proud member of the American Bankers Insurance Association (ABIA), this report measures and benchmarks the banking industry’s performance in generating insurance brokerage and underwriting fee income. Results are based on data from all 7,177 commercial banks and FDIC-supervised savings banks and 951 large top-tier bank holding companies operating on March 31, 2010.

**TOP 12 BANK HOLDING COMPANIES IN INSURANCE BROKERAGE FEE INCOME
YEAR-TO-DATE MARCH 31, 2010
Nationally**

RANK	INSURANCE BROKERAGE FEE INCOME		PERCENT CHANGE 2009 - 2010	BANK HOLDING COMPANY	ST	ASSETS	% OF NONINTEREST INCOME
	1Q2010	1Q2009					
(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)							
1	\$531,000	\$483,000	9.94%	WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	CA	\$1,223,511,000	5.26%
2	\$247,000	\$250,000	-1.20%	CITIGROUP INC.	NY	\$2,001,675,000	3.89%
3	\$225,121	\$226,790	-0.74%	BB&T CORPORATION	NC	\$163,700,076	31.58%
4	\$140,339	\$79,633	76.23%	BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	NC	\$2,333,898,691	0.79%
5	\$68,000	\$14,000	385.71%	MORGAN STANLEY	NY	\$819,710,000	0.79%
6	\$42,509	\$21,452	98.16%	AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY	NY	\$142,295,548	0.89%
7	\$33,660	N/A	N/A	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES	IL	\$64,918,501	7.93%
8	\$33,000	N/A	N/A	GMAC, INC.	MI	\$179,394,000	1.47%
9	\$27,772	\$29,469	-5.76%	REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP.	AL	\$137,287,286	3.94%
10	\$27,000	\$15,000	80.00%	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.	NY	\$2,133,547,000	0.20%
11	\$21,781	\$22,751	-4.26%	BANCORPSOUTH, INC.	MS	\$13,243,436	37.34%
12	\$19,000	\$15,000	26.67%	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.	NY	\$876,382,000	0.17%
Ranking excludes MetLife, Inc., which does not engage in significant banking activities.							
Source: <i>Michael White-Prudential Bank Insurance Fee Income Report</i>							
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“The less traditional financial institutions that joined the BHC ranks in 2009 helped the industry achieve a second consecutive revenue record in insurance brokerage,” said Michael White, President of MWA. “It seemed for every BHC whose revenue production was up, another was down. Among the top 100 BHCs in insurance brokerage income, 38 showed positive growth, 6 were steady, and 7 registered small declines under 2%. Not bad for a soft market that is in its sixth year of stymieing organic growth.”

Among companies with significant banking activities as of March 31, 2010, Wells Fargo & Company (CA) topped the leader board with insurance brokerage earnings of \$531.0 million. Citigroup Inc. (NY) ranked second nationally with \$247.0 million in insurance brokerage fee income. BB&T Corporation (NC), which owns more agencies than any other financial holding company, ranked third with \$225.1 million in insurance brokerage revenue in first quarter 2010.

Bank holding companies over \$10 billion in assets continued to have the highest participation (90.8%) in insurance brokerage activities. These BHCs produced \$3.13 billion in insurance fee income in first quarter 2010, 10.7% more than the \$2.82 billion they produced in first quarter 2009. These large bank holding companies accounted for 94.1% of all BHC insurance brokerage fee income earned in first quarter 2010.

“While the economy continues to be volatile, it’s interesting to note that bank insurance brokerage income has attained record highs for two successive quarters,” said Joan Cleveland, senior vice president, Business Development with Individual Life Insurance, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, NJ. “Recent experience tells us that people are making a point to re-evaluate their life insurance needs. In tough times, it’s more important than ever to protect loved ones and businesses with sound insurance products.”

Among BHCs with between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in assets, leaders in insurance brokerage income in first quarter 2010 included Eastern Bank Corporation (MA), Old National Bancorp (IN), Stifel Financial Corp. (MO), and Johnson Financial Group, Inc. (WI). BHCs of this size registered a 6.7% decrease in insurance brokerage income to \$156.5 million in first quarter 2010, up from \$167.7 million in first quarter 2009.

Among BHCs with assets between \$500 million and \$1 billion, leaders were Two Rivers Financial Group (IA), 473 Broadway Holding Corporation (NY), Evans Bancorp (NY), and Texas Independent Bancshares (TX). The smallest community banks, those with assets less than \$500 million, were used as “proxies” for the smallest BHCs, which are not required to report insurance brokerage income. Leaders among bank proxies for small BHCs were Soy Capital Bank and Trust Company (IL), Industry State Bank (TX), Hoosac Bank (MA) and First State Bank (IA). (Not shown in the accompanying list of financial holding companies is MetLife, Inc., because it did not engage in significant banking activities.)

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