

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF CLAIM FILING DEADLINE

**THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY
US INTERNATIONAL REINSURANCE COMPANY**

CLAIM FILING DEADLINE: June 13, 2004

The Home Insurance Company (“The Home”) and US International Reinsurance Company (“USI Re”) are in liquidation. The Insurance Commissioner of the State of New Hampshire was appointed Liquidator by orders of the Superior Court for Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

All persons having claims now or in the future against The Home or USI Re, whether or not the amount of the claim is presently known, **MUST** file a Proof of Claim form with the Liquidator on or before the claim filing deadline of June 13, 2004. *Proofs of Claim filed after the claim filing deadline will likely not be paid.*

The liquidation of The Home includes the liquidation of other companies that were previously merged into The Home: The Home Indemnity Company, The Home Insurance Company of Indiana, City Insurance Company, Home Lloyds Insurance Company of Texas, The Home Insurance Company of Illinois, and The Home Insurance Company of Wisconsin.

Proof of Claim forms may be obtained by downloading the form from the New Hampshire Insurance Department website: www.state.nh.us/insurance, or by calling **1-800-347-0014** during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8-5 EDT), or by writing to:

The Home Insurance Company In Liquidation
P.O. Box 1720
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-1720

or

US International Reinsurance Company In Liquidation
P.O. Box 1150
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-1150.