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DELPHI INCREASES STOCK REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

Wilmington, Delaware -- January 3, 2000 -- Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE: DFG) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of an additional 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock.

Robert Rosenkranz, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Delphi, said, "We believe Delphi's shares are a compelling investment and this increased authorization permits the Company to use a portion of its earnings to take advantage of this opportunity."

Delphi Financial Group, Inc. is an integrated employee benefit services company. We are a leader in managing all aspects of employee absence to enhance the productivity of our clients and we provide the related insurance coverages: short-term and long-term disability, primary and excess workers' compensation, group life, and travel accident. Our asset accumulation business emphasizes individual annuity products. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DFG and our corporate website address is www.delphifin.com.

In connection with, and because it desires to take advantage of, the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Delphi cautions readers regarding certain forward-looking statements in the foregoing discussion and in any other statement made by, or on behalf of, Delphi, whether in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are statements not based on historical information and which relate to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terms such as "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "intends" or "judgment". Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond Delphi's control and many of which, with respect to future business decisions, are subject to change. Examples of such uncertainties and contingencies include, among other important factors, those affecting the insurance industry generally, such as the economic and interest rate environment, legislative and regulatory developments and market pricing and competitive trends relating to insurance products and services, and those relating specifically to Delphi's business, such as the level of its insurance premiums and fee income, the claims experience and other factors affecting the profitability of its insurance products, the performance of its investment portfolio, the successful completion of its Year 2000 compliance program, acquisitions of companies or blocks of business, and ratings by major rating organizations of its insurance subsidiaries. These uncertainties and contingencies can affect actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, Delphi. Delphi disclaims any obligation to update forward-looking information.