

Press Release

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Delphi Financial Names New Directors and Announces Regular \$.07 Per Share Cash Dividend

Wilmington, Del., August 14, 2002 -- Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE: DFG) today announced the appointment of Donald A. Sherman, Lawrence E. Daurelle and Harold F. Ilg to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Daurelle and Mr. Ilg are replacing Charles P. O'Brien and B.K. Werner, who have retired from Delphi's board. The addition of Mr. Sherman increases the size of Delphi's board to eight directors.

Delphi also announced that its Board of Directors declared its regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.07 per share payable on September 10, 2002 to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 27, 2002.

Mr. Sherman is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Waterfield Mortgage Company, Inc., the largest privately-held mortgage company in the United States. He is also Vice Chairman of Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis and is a director of Union Acceptance Corporation.

Mr. Daurelle is President and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, Delphi's subsidiary that provides group life, disability, travel accident and dental insurance. Mr. O'Brien, who has retired from Delphi's board, is Chairman Emeritus of Reliance Standard Life.

Mr. Ilg is Chairman of Safety National Casualty Corporation, a subsidiary of Delphi that is the leading provider of excess workers' compensation coverage in the U.S. Mr. Werner, who has retired from Delphi's board, is Chairman Emeritus of Safety National.

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

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