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**Delphi Financial Announces Exercise of Underwriter's Option and
Completion of Public Offering**

Wilmington, Delaware, August 24, 2009 -- Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE: DFG) announced today that Barclays Capital Inc., the underwriter of the Company's previously announced registered public offering of 3,000,000 shares of its Class A common stock, has exercised its option to purchase an additional 450,000 shares. Delphi also announced that the offering has closed and that the net proceeds to the Company, taking into account the underwriter's option exercise, were approximately \$69.9 million, which are expected to be used for general corporate purposes.

Barclays Capital Inc. was the sole book-running manager of the offering. The offering was made only by means of a final prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus, copies of which may be obtained from: Barclays Capital Inc., c/o Broadridge, Integrated Distribution Services, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717; Barclaysprospectus@broadridge.com (phone: 888-603-5847). A copy of the final prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus may also be obtained at no charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website, at www.sec.gov.

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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 statements 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, prospects, outlooks or other

developments. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terms such as “expects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “judgment,” “outlook” or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive and other 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, federal and state legislative and regulatory developments, including but not limited to changes in financial services, employee benefit and tax laws and regulations, changes in accounting rules or interpretation, market pricing and competitive trends relating to insurance products and services, acts of terrorism or war, and the availability and cost of reinsurance, and those relating specifically to Delphi’s business, such as the level of its insurance premiums and fee income, the claims experience, persistency and other factors affecting the profitability of its insurance products, the performance of its investment portfolio and changes in Delphi’s investment strategy, acquisitions of companies or blocks of business, and ratings by major rating organizations of Delphi and 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. Forward-looking statements contained in the foregoing discussion are made as of the date of this press release and Delphi disclaims any obligation to update these or any other forward-looking statements.