

Press Release

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DELPHI FINANCIAL SEES CONTINUING STRENGTH IN ITS EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUSINESS

Wilmington, Delaware – February 4, 2003 – Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE:DFG) confirmed today the continued strength of its excess workers' compensation business, following the announcement yesterday by American International Group Inc. that it was strengthening its excess casualty loss reserves.

Robert Rosenkranz, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Delphi continues to see very positive market trends in our excess workers' compensation business, including a continuation of the price increases and improved contract terms we achieved in 2002. Our Safety National subsidiary is the market leader in this business, focusing on small to medium size cases, and has over 60 years of experience. We have seen nothing in 2002's loss development that suggests the need for any reserve strengthening."

Delphi Financial will release its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year-end 2002 on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 after the market closes. The Company's press release and financial supplement for the quarter will be posted at that time on its website at www.delphifin.com. On Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), Delphi will broadcast its regular quarterly teleconference live on the Internet, hosted by Robert Rosenkranz, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Investors can access the broadcast at www.delphifin.com by clicking on the "live webcast" icon on the home page. It is advisable to register at least 15 minutes prior to the call to download and install any necessary audio software. The online replay will be available on Delphi's website beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on February 13, 2003.

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, prospects, outlooks or other developments. 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 and tax laws and regulations, market pricing and competitive trends relating to insurance products and services, acts of terrorism, 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 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 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.

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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