

Press Release

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Delphi Financial Prices \$125 Million Senior Notes Offering

Wilmington, Delaware – May 15, 2003 – Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE: DFG) today announced that it has priced its previously announced offering of 30-year Senior Notes. The aggregate principal amount of the offering was increased from \$100 million to \$125 million. Delphi expects to use the proceeds of the offering to repay existing corporate debt. The offering is expected to close on May 20, 2003, and the Company has applied to the New York Stock Exchange to list the notes under the symbol “DFY.”

The Senior Notes will have an 8% coupon, payable quarterly, and will be issued in denominations of \$25. Delphi may redeem these notes at par at any time after May 15, 2008.

Lehman Brothers, Wachovia Securities, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company and U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray are acting as joint-book running managers for the offering.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor will there be any sale of these Senior Notes in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

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. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terms such as “expect,” “believe,” “plan,” 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 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: group life, long-term and short-term disability, excess workers' compensation, and travel accident. Delphi's asset accumulation business emphasizes individual fixed 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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