



Erie Indemnity Company Appoints American Stock Transfer as Transfer Agent

Erie, Pa. --- August 25, 1999 --- Erie Indemnity Company (Class A CUSIP # 29530P-102; Class B CUSIP # 29530P-201) has appointed American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST) to provide complete registrar and transfer agent services for Erie Indemnity stockholders effective September 1, 1999.

AST's services include stock transfers and dividend disbursements, distribution of annual meeting information and management of proxy voting. Erie Indemnity Company stockholders will benefit from American Stock Transfer's team of professionals who are knowledgeable regarding all aspects of stock transfer administration. The new relationship with AST will include added services for ERIE stockholders, including:

- Direct deposit for dividend checks, if desired
- Toll free calling to American Stock Transfer customer service representatives
- Expanded customer service hours

AST's state-of-the-art stockholder system will also eliminate duplicate mailings to stockholders within the same household. In addition, shareholders who have Internet access can download commonly used forms that facilitate share transfers from AST's Web site at www.amstock.com.

"The personalized service Erie Indemnity Company stockholders are accustomed to will continue with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company," said Douglas Ziegler, ERIE senior vice president, treasurer and chief investment officer. "We are very excited about the services AST provides and urge our shareholders to take advantage of these services."

As of September 1, all communications related to shareholder transfers or regulations should be directed to American Stock Transfer & Trust representatives at 1-800-937-5449. The AST mailing address is: 40 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

Known for competitive rates and superior service, Erie Insurance was established in 1925 and is headquartered in Erie, Pa. With nearly 2.6 million policyholders, Erie Insurance Group is the 17th largest property/casualty insurance group, and group member Erie Insurance Exchange is the 12th largest insurer of private passenger automobiles in the country. Erie Insurance Group includes seven companies operating in 10 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Indemnity Company (NASDAQ - ERIE) is the management company for Erie Insurance Group. Additional information about American Stock Transfer & Trust Company can be found at www.amstock.com.