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To: All Automobile Self-Insured Applicants

Re: Licensing/ Renewal Requirements for Automobile Self-Insurer

This letter attempts to give a general overview of the licensing requirements to start a new Georgia automobile self-insured entity. Please be mindful, the information provided by no means represents all the requirements of licensure, but is being presented under the assertions that any applicant has consulted with legal counsel, risk management personnel, and other appropriate personnel with regards to the various financial and regulatory requirements.

The first step in establishing a self-insurance entity is to file a complete application for licensure (copy enclosed). It is required that the applicant demonstrates an ability to pay valid claims and judgments and meet certain net worth requirements. Prior to licensing, the applicant may be required to undergo a Financial Condition Examination. This examination would take place at the principal place of business and a verification of certain financial information and the overall competency of the organization will be performed.

Based upon the number of vehicles self-insured under the "program", there are general net worth, surety bond, or security deposit requirements. The net worth requirements range from \$100,000 upward. Moreover, the surety bond or security deposit requirements range from \$50,000 to \$100,000. There are also statutory investment requirements relative to various types of authorized investments pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-11.

In closing, we advise all potential applicants to review O.C.G.A. § 33-34 and Georgia Regulation 120-2-46 with proper advice of counsel. Should you have any questions please contact our Regulatory Services Division at (404) 656-2074.