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REMINDER TO MEMBERS

There are now twenty-four¹ insurers that have been granted Domestic Surplus Line Insurer (DSL) status under section 445a (nineteen are still active). They are:

COMPANY NAME	EFF. DATE OF DSL STATUS
AIG Specialty Ins Co ²	12/28/07
Allianz Underwriters Insurance Co	12/31/12
Argonaut Limited Risk Insurance Co ³	12/31/05 to 08/17/17
AXIS Surplus Insurance Company	10/01/09
Blue Hill Specialty Insurance Co Inc	12/30/14
Bracken Hill Specialty Insurance Co Inc ⁴	12/23/08 to 12/31/14
Burlington Insurance Co	12/31/15
Columbia Casualty Co	07/01/05
Crystal Ridge Specialty Insurance Co Inc	12/21/17
Discover Specialty Insurance Co	10/01/06
Dover Bay Specialty Insurance Co	02/05/16
Evanston Insurance Co	09/01/15
First Mercury Insurance Co ⁵	06/15/04 to 10/28/15
HDI Specialty Insurance Co	03/28/17
Illinois Union Insurance Co	08/03/04
Interstate Fire & Casualty Company	10/01/09
ISMIE Indemnity Co	10/03/06
Mt Hawley Insurance Co	04/21/99
Noetic Specialty Insurance Co ⁶	11/07/01 to 11/18/10
North Light Specialty Insurance Co	05/19/14
Old Republic Union Insurance Co	05/27/15
Prime Insurance Co	06/12/06
Starr Surplus Lines Insurance Co ⁷	02/18/09 to 12/31/17
Steadfast Insurance Co	12/31/18

Remember when you are filing policies for these companies, **all regular surplus line taxes and fees still apply**, and the service of suit requirement does not. Also remember, for these companies, there is a different Notice to Policyholder requirement. Pursuant to paragraph 10.5 of Section 445, you must use the following “Notice to Policyholder” on the declarations page: **“Notice to Policyholder: This contract is issued by a domestic surplus line insurer, as defined in Section 445a, pursuant to Section 445 and as such is not covered by the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund.”**

If you have any questions regarding Illinois Domestic Surplus Line Insurers, please refer to SLA General Bulletin 16, as revised, or feel free to contact our office.

1. The information in this bulletin (list of domestic surplus line insurers) has been updated to reflect current information as of 5/19/20.
2. Formerly American International Specialty Lines Ins Co. Changed name to Chartis Specialty Ins Co effective 11/1/09. Changed name to AIG Specialty Ins Co effective 10/1/13.
3. Argonaut Limited Risk Insurance Co was issued an Amended Certificate of Authority on 8/18/17 to delete the domestic surplus line insurer status and become a domestic stock company (admitted).
4. Formerly Hiscox Specialty Ins Co Inc. Name change effective 7/9/2012. Was a domestic surplus line insurer from 12/23/08 until 12/31/14 when they merged with and into Canopus US Insurance, Inc.
5. First Mercury Insurance Co was an Illinois domestic surplus line insurer from 6/15/04 until 10/28/15 when they redomesticated to Delaware.
6. Noetic Specialty Insurance Co was an Illinois domestic surplus line insurer from 11/7/01 until 11/18/10 when they redomesticated to Vermont.
7. Starr Surplus Lines Insurance Co redomesticated from Illinois to Texas effective 1/1/18.

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