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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN
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MEADOWBROOK INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., April 17 -- Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc. (NYSE: MIG) (“Meadowbrook” or the “Company”) today announced the director nominations of Winifred A. Baker, Robert H. Naftaly, Robert W. Sturgis, and Jeffrey A. Maffett for a three year term expiring in 2017, and the director nomination of Bruce E. Thal for a two-year term expiring in 2016. The Company announced that the director nominations are included in Meadowbrook’s 2013 Proxy Statement for election at its Annual Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2014 at Meadowbrook’s Corporate Headquarters, 26255 American Drive, Southfield, Michigan.

Commenting on the nominations, David K. Page, Chairman of the Board, stated, “We are pleased that Winifred “Wendy” Baker has agreed to be nominated for election to the Company’s Board of Directors. Ms. Baker would bring to the Board over 35 years of insurance and reinsurance expertise with an emphasis on underwriting and operations.” Ms. Baker has significant underwriting, reinsurance, claims, actuarial, audit, regulatory, product development, marketing and management experience within the insurance industry. The Company’s Board believes Ms. Baker’s experience will make her an excellent director for the Company. Additional information regarding Ms. Baker can be found in the Company’s 2013 Proxy Statement.

We are also pleased that directors Mr. Naftaly, Mr. Sturgis, Mr. Maffett, and Mr. Thal have agreed to be nominated for re-election and continue with their commitment to Meadowbrook’s shareholders. Their overall business experience, financial expertise and institutional knowledge of Meadowbrook will help guide the Board of Directors and management in their decision-making.”

About Meadowbrook Insurance Group

Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc., based in Southfield, Michigan, is a leader in the specialty program management market. Meadowbrook includes several agencies, claims and loss prevention facilities, self-insured management organizations and six property and casualty insurance underwriting companies. Meadowbrook has twenty-eight locations in the United States. Meadowbrook is a risk management organization, specializing in specialty risk management solutions for agents, professional and trade associations, and small to medium-sized insureds. Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc. common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MIG". For further information, please visit Meadowbrook’s corporate web site at <http://www.meadowbrook.com>.

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