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**Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP's Atlanta Insurance Tax Practice
Adds New Executives**

Atlanta, GA, July 2, 2014 - Dixon Hughes Goodman, the largest accounting firm headquartered in the Southern U.S., is pleased to have Jim Sabella, Chad Bullard and Reggie Edward join its growing Insurance Tax practice in the firm's Atlanta office. Each of these individuals has over 20 years of experience in insurance and tax.

"We are honored to have Jim, Chad and Reggie join our Insurance Tax team in Atlanta," said David Evans, Regional Managing Partner. "Each of these individuals brings extensive experience, diverse skill sets and strong leadership capabilities. We look forward to their vision in growing our DHG Insurance Tax practice across the South."

Jim Sabella joins the firm as a Partner and brings nearly 30 years of tax experience in the insurance industry, with substantial experience serving national and international entities that range in size from Fortune 50 multinational public companies to small mutual insurance companies. Most recently, Jim worked at a Big Four accounting firm where he focused on property and casualty, life, health, and reinsurance companies with a particular emphasis on international taxation. Jim has provided clients with due diligence and tax advisory services on a number of acquisition, disposition and spin-off transactions. Jim received his undergraduate Accounting and Finance degree from Siena College and his Masters of Business Administration in Taxation from Pace University.

Chad Bullard joins Dixon Hughes Goodman as a Director and brings 21 years of tax experience to the firm with a substantial amount of his career in the insurance industry. Chad has extensive experience with financial statement reporting under ASC 740 and SSAP 101, tax compliance

matters, reinsurance transactions, IRS and SALT exams, acquisition due-diligence and various tax issues affecting property and casualty and life insurance companies. Prior to joining the firm, Chad worked at Assurant where he focused on property and casualty, life, health, reinsurance and captive insurance companies. Chad was responsible for tax planning, compliance, financial statement reporting and audit defense. Chad received his undergraduate degree in Accounting from Bradley University and his Master of Accountancy in Taxation degree from the University of Georgia.

Reggie Edward brings 20 years of insurance industry tax experience to the firm as a Senior Manager, having served both in industry and with Big Four and regional public accounting firms. Reggie has worked with public and private insurance companies ranging in size from Fortune 100 multinational public companies to small mutual companies, including property/casualty, life, health, reinsurance, and captive insurance companies. His most recent experience was Assistant VP & Director of Tax at Utica National Insurance Group in New Hartford, NY. Reggie provides clients with proficiency in such tax matters as financial statement tax accounting, federal and state/local tax compliance, including income, premium, municipal, and excise/withholding taxes, as well as federal information reporting and regulatory assessments required by state insurance departments and other related agencies. Reggie received his undergraduate Accounting degree from the State University of New York – College at Old Westbury and his Master of Science in Taxation from Long Island University. He is an enrolled agent with the Internal Revenue Service.

“Chad, Reggie and Jim’s combined professional industry experience and dedication to client service will be a strong addition to our Insurance Tax practice. Our team is thrilled to have them and we look forward to their tremendous contributions to the firm and to our clients,” said John Roberts, Partner-in-Charge of the firm’s Insurance Services Group.

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The Dixon Hughes Goodman Insurance Services Group has a strong leadership team with decades of insurance industry experience. Our highly credentialed team leads more than 50 dedicated professionals and serves more than 100 insurance companies nationwide, providing audit, tax and advisory services to help identify opportunities for companies to operate more efficiently and profitably, decrease costs and help manage work flow during peak periods.

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