

Report  
of the  
Examination of  
Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Alton, Illinois  
As of December 31, 2012

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Commissioner:

In accordance with your instructions, a compliance examination has been made of the affairs and financial condition of:

MILLERS CLASSIFIED INSURANCE COMPANY  
Alton, Illinois

and this report is respectfully submitted.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The previous examination of Millers Classified Insurance Company (the company or MCIC) was conducted in 2008 as of December 31, 2007. The current examination covered the intervening period ending December 31, 2013, and included a review of such 2014 transactions as deemed necessary to complete the examination.

The examination was conducted using a risk-focused approach in accordance with the NAIC Financial Condition Examiners Handbook, which sets forth guidance for planning and performing an examination to evaluate the financial condition and identify prospective risks of an insurer. This approach includes the obtaining of information about the company including corporate governance, the identification and assessment of inherent risks within the company, and the evaluation of system controls and procedures used by the company to mitigate those risks. The examination also included an assessment of the principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as an evaluation of the overall financial statement

presentation and management's compliance with statutory accounting principles, annual statement instructions, and Wisconsin laws and regulations.

The examination consisted of a review of all major phases of the company's operations and included the following areas:

- History
- Management and Control
- Corporate Records
- Conflict of Interest
- Fidelity Bonds and Other Insurance
- Employees' Welfare and Pension Plans
- Territory and Plan of Operations
- Affiliated Companies
- Growth of Company
- Reinsurance
- Financial Statements
- Accounts and Records
- Data Processing

Emphasis was placed on the audit of those areas of the company's operations accorded a high priority by the examiner-in-charge when planning the examination. Special attention was given to the action taken by the company to satisfy the recommendations and comments made in the previous examination report.

The company is annually audited by an independent public accounting firm as prescribed by s. Ins 50.05, Wis. Adm. Code. An integral part of this compliance examination was the review of the independent accountant's work papers. Based on the results of the review of these work papers, alternative or additional examination steps deemed necessary for the completion of this examination were performed. The examination work papers contain documentation with respect to the alternative or additional examination steps performed during the course of the examination.

#### **Independent Actuary's Review**

An independent actuarial firm was engaged under a contract with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The actuary reviewed the adequacy of the company's loss and loss adjustment expense reserves. The actuary's results were reported to the examiner-in-charge. As deemed appropriate, reference is made in this report to the actuary's conclusion.

## II. HISTORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The company was organized in 1985 as Classified Insurance Company of Wisconsin, as part of the Classified Financial Corporation holding company system. The company was licensed and commenced business on January 1, 1986, when it assumed the direct personal lines of business of American Star Insurance Company, which was at that time an affiliate. In February 1988, the company changed its name to Classified Insurance Company, Inc.

The company was purchased from Classified Financial Corporation by Millers Mutual Insurance Association of Illinois (MMIA), a mutual property and casualty insurer domiciled in the state of Illinois, in 1990. MMIA was also the ultimate parent of Millers General Insurance Company.

On January 1, 1995, the company merged with Millers General Insurance Company, with Millers General Insurance Company being the surviving entity. Prior to the merger, on November 1, 1994, Millers General Insurance Company redomesticated from Illinois to Wisconsin. After the merger, Millers General Insurance Company changed its name to that currently used.

Effective April 1, 2003, MMIA formed Affiliated Mutual Holding Company (AMHC) and converted to a stock subsidiary of AMHC, the mutual holding company, while at the same time changing its name to Millers First Insurance Company (MFIC).

The Illinois Director of Insurance (IL DOI) filed a petition to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division (Court), on June 8, 2012, for an order of conservation against MFIC, which was granted by the Court on June 11, 2012. This was due to financial difficulties MFIC suffered after significant storm losses sustained in 2011 through mid-2012. On July 24, 2012, the Court entered into a decision for an order of rehabilitation against MFIC as requested by the IL DOI. This action granted the IL DOI as MFIC's rehabilitator and placed the company under the control of the Illinois Office of the Special Deputy (IL OSD).

Shortly after the order of conservation on the company's direct parent, MFIC, a stipulation and order was issued by the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) and agreed to by MCIC effective July 1, 2012, which limited the company's operations. The order

prevented the company from writing new business, but allowed it to service existing business among other actions stipulated in the order.

The company voluntarily began running off its existing business by sending nonrenewal notifications beginning on July 2, 2012, for those policies that have policy anniversary dates on or after August 31, 2012. Effective October 17, 2012, the company sold its renewal rights to Electric Insurance Company, domiciled in Massachusetts, for the preferred direct response business (non-auto with policyholders that had a credit score of 700 or higher) written in the states of Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. The runoff of the company's existing auto policies was completed by March 31, 2013, and the runoff of the remaining homeowner's policies was completed by September 30, 2013.

MCIC does not have any employees and all of its day-to-day business operations are performed by employees of MFIC pursuant to an intercompany services agreement. A description of the company's intercompany agreements are included in the section of this report captioned "Affiliated Companies."

In 2012, the company wrote direct premium in the following states:

|           |                    |               |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|
| Wisconsin | \$2,855,030        | 43.2%         |
| Missouri  | 1,858,301          | 28.1          |
| Illinois  | 1,732,841          | 26.2          |
| Iowa      | <u>162,184</u>     | <u>2.5</u>    |
| Total     | <u>\$6,608,356</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

Prior to going into runoff, the company concentrated on writing personal lines coverage in four Midwestern States as listed above. In addition to these states the company was also licensed in Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota and South Dakota. The state of South Dakota accepted the company's request to withdraw its license and return its statutory deposit, with the termination of its license effective September 30, 2013.

The major products were marketed through direct response methods and the company's affiliated agency, D.R. Sparks Insurance Services, Inc. (DRS). DRS operated using a general market agency format under the assumed name of Affiliated Insurance Specialists as well as a supplemental marketing plan format using the assumed names Egisure, Egiserve or Millers

First Insurance Agency. Personal service representatives employed by the company serviced all new and existing business. As described earlier, the renewal rights to most of the direct response business have been sold to Electric Insurance Company.

In May 2013, MFIC entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement effective June 1, 2013, with a closing date of June 6, 2013, with RCI Holdings II, LLC (RCI), a Missouri limited liability company. This agreement, approved by the IL DOI through an order issued by the Court, describes the sale of the expiration rights arising from and related to all in-force policies of insurance produced by DRS as of the closing date of the agreement. Since the agency could no longer produce business under the name DRS after the execution of the Asset Purchase Agreement, MFIC changed the name of the agency to Alton Millers Agency, Inc.

The following table is a summary of the net insurance premiums written by the company in 2012. The growth of the company is discussed in the “Financial Data” section of this report.

| <b>Line of Business</b>          | <b>Direct Premium</b>     | <b>Reinsurance Assumed</b> | <b>Reinsurance Ceded</b> | <b>Net Premium</b>        |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fire                             | \$ 18,636                 | \$1,475                    | \$ 10,490                | \$ 9,621                  |
| Allied lines                     | 7,231                     | 606                        | 4,065                    | 3,772                     |
| Homeowner's multiple peril       | 1,842,461                 | 0                          | 675,084                  | 1,167,377                 |
| Inland marine                    | 54,514                    | 0                          | 9,907                    | 44,607                    |
| Earthquake                       | 32,571                    | 0                          | 19,952                   | 12,619                    |
| Other liability – occurrence     | 21,975                    | 0                          | 15,770                   | 6,205                     |
| Private passenger auto liability | 2,441,779                 | 0                          | 112,803                  | 2,328,976                 |
| Auto physical damage             | <u>2,189,189</u>          | <u>0</u>                   | <u>93,265</u>            | <u>2,095,924</u>          |
| <b>Total All Lines</b>           | <b><u>\$6,608,356</u></b> | <b><u>\$2,081</u></b>      | <b><u>\$941,336</u></b>  | <b><u>\$5,669,101</u></b> |

### III. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

#### Board of Directors

The board of directors consists of five members. All directors are elected annually to serve a one-year term. Officers are elected at the board's annual meeting. Board members, with the exception of the President & Chairman of the Board, currently each receive \$500 per month plus an additional \$150 per hour for each meeting exceeding three hours and reimbursement for travel expenses.

Currently the board of directors consists of the following persons:

| <b>Name and Residence</b>                    | <b>Principal Occupation</b>   | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|--|---|---------------------|
| William C. Bouchein<br>St. Louis, MO         | President of BMC, Inc.  | 2014                |
| Thomas W. Hurd<br>Carmel, IN                 | Chief Operating Officer of the Grain<br>Division for JBS United, Inc.                   | 2014                |
| James T. Little<br>Blaine, WA                | Professor of Finance and Economics<br>at Washington University                          | 2014                |
| George S. Milnor<br>Alton, IL                | Chairman of the Board, President and<br>CEO of the Millers First Insurance<br>Companies | 2014                |
| R. William Schrimpf, Jr.<br>Edwardsville, IL | Retired   | 2014                |

#### Officers of the Company

The officers serving at the time of this examination are as follows:

| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Office</b>                                      | <b>2012<br/>Compensation*</b> |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| George S. Milnor     | President and CEO                                  | \$183,645                     |
| Cynthia L. Ellis     | Secretary  | 52,620                        |
| Dina M. Sackman      | Treasurer  | 75,477                        |
| Francis B. Luitjohan | Sr. Vice President of Claims and<br>Underwriting   | 110,250                       |
| Brian R. Schuelke    | Assistant Vice President of Information<br>Systems | 109,740                       |
| Cynthia A. Simms     | Assistant Secretary                                | 51,960                        |

\* 2012 compensation represents the gross compensation paid to each officer reported above on behalf of all companies that are a part of the Millers First Insurance Companies.



## **Committees of the Board**

The company's bylaws allow for the formation of certain committees by the board of directors. The committees at the time of the examination are listed below:

### **Executive Committee**

Thomas W. Hurd, Chair  
William C. Bouchein  
James T. Little  
George S. Milnor

### **Audit Committee**

James T. Little, Chair  
William C. Bouchein  
R. William Schrimpf, Jr.

### **Compensation Committee**

William C. Bouchein, Chair  
James T. Little  
Thomas W. Hurd

### **Investment Committee**

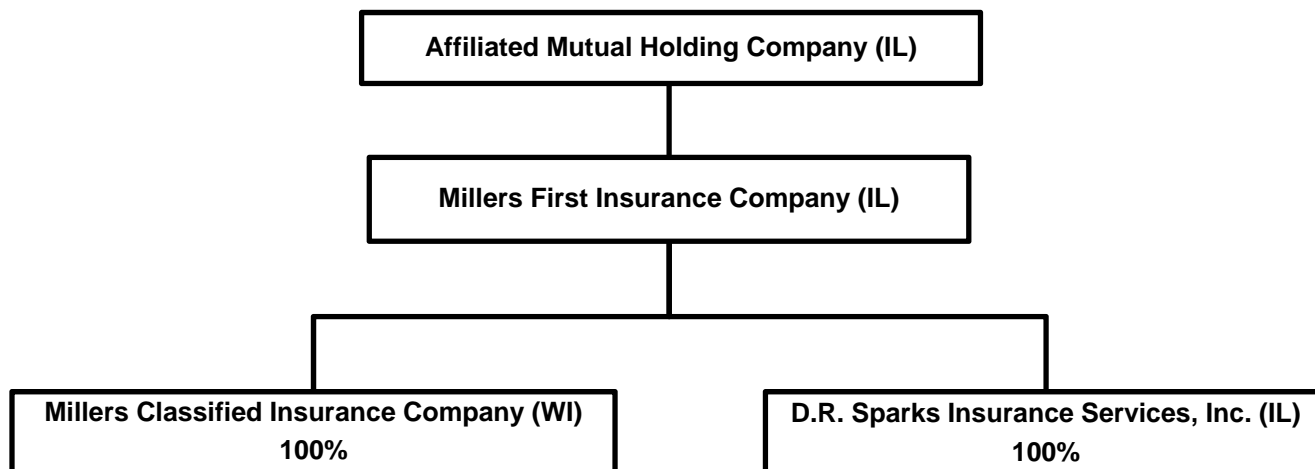
George S. Milnor, Investment Officer  
William C. Bouchein  
Thomas W. Hurd  
James T. Little

#### IV. AFFILIATED COMPANIES

Millers Classified Insurance Company is a member of a holding company system.

The organizational chart below depicts the relationships among the affiliates in the group. A brief description of the significant affiliates follows the organizational chart.

**Organizational Chart  
As of December 31, 2012**



##### **Affiliated Mutual Holding Company**

AMHC is a mutual insurance holding company organized on April 1, 2003, to reorganize MMIA into an Illinois stock insurance company with the name Millers First Insurance Company. 100% of the outstanding shares of voting stock of MFIC was issued to and is owned by AMHC. Millers Classified Insurance Company remained a wholly owned subsidiary of MFIC and was not directly affected by the reorganization. Wisconsin approved the change of control of MCIC to AMHC on April 2, 2003.

As of December 31, 2012, the company's audited financial statement reported assets of \$1,648,591, liabilities of \$14,084, and surplus of \$1,634,507. Operations for 2012 produced a net loss of \$5,903.

##### **Millers First Insurance Company**

MFIC is a stock property and casualty insurer operating under the laws of the state of Illinois. Prior to being placed into rehabilitation, as described earlier the report, the company

wrote primarily private passenger auto liability, auto physical damage, and homeowner's multiple peril, in the same states as MCIC with the exception of Wisconsin. Prior to 2000, MFIC wrote commercial agribusiness; the company exited this market in the fourth quarter of 2000 due to changed market conditions and continued unprofitable results. MFIC continues to pay agribusiness claims as this business is in runoff.

As of December 31, 2012, the company's audited financial statement reported assets of \$15,101,199, liabilities of \$17,265,332, and policyholders' surplus of \$(2,164,133). Operations for 2012 produced a net loss of \$2,739,832.

#### **D.R. Sparks Insurance Services, Inc.**

Prior to the Asset Purchase Agreement entered into between MFIC and RCI, described earlier in this report, DRS served as an insurance agency for business placed in Missouri and Illinois, including business placed with MFIC and MCIC. As of December 31, 2012, the company's audited financial statement reported assets of \$364,999, liabilities of \$668,742, and net retained earnings of \$(303,743). Operations for 2012 produced a net loss of \$631,780 including elimination of the net deferred tax asset of \$358,520.

#### **Agreements with Affiliates**

In addition to common staffing and management control, Millers Classified Insurance Company's relationship to its affiliates is affected by various written agreements and undertakings. A brief summary of the other agreements and undertakings follows.

#### **Affiliated Service Agreement**

MFIC, as parent, provides various management, administrative, and operational services to Millers Classified Insurance Company's business, in accordance with an agreement effective August 1, 2009, which replaced one that was in effect since January 1, 2004.

Management services include, but are not limited to, production of financial statements and reports, appointment of agents, establishment of underwriting guidelines, reinsurance placement, securing of professional liability and other corporate insurance protection, state filing compliance, monitoring of legislative and judicial developments, internal auditing,

corporate planning, administration of payroll and employees' benefits, and other general executive management responsibilities.

Administrative and operational services are provided as needed in connection with human resources, pricing and product development, marketing, sales, underwriting, claims examining and adjustment, claims litigation, management and financial accounting, data processing, and investment activities. MFIC completely directs and controls all employees performing services for the benefit of the company. All employees performing services under the agreement are employees of MFIC.

Fees under the agreement consist of both a corporate and service fee. The corporate fee is computed at \$2,500 per million of net premium earned. The service fee is computed based upon direct allocation of expenses directly attributable to the company or upon allocation factors proportional to the company's operational activities, which are developed during the financial planning process each year. One-twelfth of the annual corporate fee is to be paid to MFIC each month. At least monthly the company's parent calculates the service fee and bills the company appropriately. Remuneration of the billed service fees is transacted within the month following the billing. Termination of the agreement may be initiated with 30 days' prior written notice by either party on any December 31.

### **Tax Allocation Agreement**

Effective January 1, 2009, Millers Classified Insurance Company entered into a tax allocation agreement with AMHC, MFIC and DRS. This replaced a tax allocation agreement that was in effect since January 1, 2004. Under this agreement, AMHC files a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return that includes MCIC and other affiliates of the holding company group.

The agreement sets forth the rights and obligations of the parties to the agreement with respect to the determination and settlement of federal income tax liabilities as well as the allocation of the Affiliated Group's consolidated U.S federal income tax liability. The consolidated tax liability is apportioned among the members of the Affiliated Group by the ratio of that portion of the consolidated taxable income attributable to each member of the group having taxable income bears to the consolidated taxable income. Each member pays to AMHC, with excess

losses or tax credits, its allocable share of the amounts allocated pursuant to the above, no later than 10 days prior to the due date of the tax payment. Any overpayment of tax will be credited against the next installment payment liability of party to this agreement or refunded to them within 30 days. The agreement applies to all taxable years during which the company is a member of the Affiliated Group, unless earlier terminated by signed written agreement.

**Reinsurance Allocation Agreement**

Millers Classified Insurance Company and MFIC, entered into a reinsurance allocation agreement effective January 1, 2013. This agreement provides the fair and equitable allocation of loss and LAE recoveries, reinsurance premiums and reinsurance commissions between MCIC and MFIC as named multiple cedents under reinsurance contracts with unaffiliated third parties in accordance with SSAP 62R, paragraph 9. The agreement is continuous and may be terminated by mutual agreement between the two parties.

## V. REINSURANCE

The company's reinsurance portfolio and strategy is described below. A list of the companies that have a significant amount of reinsurance in force at the time of the examination follows. All contracts include both MCIC and MFIC as reinsured parties. The contracts contained proper insolvency provisions.

### Nonaffiliated Ceding Contracts

1. Type: Property Per Risk Excess of Loss
- Reinsurer: As of December 1, 2012, through the runoff of existing policies in force, participation on this contract was as follows:

|   | Percentage  |
|---|-------------|
| Employers Mutual Casualty Company       | 10%         |
| Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc. | 45          |
| Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation   | <u>45</u>   |
| Total                                   | <u>100%</u> |

Scope: All business classified by the company as general property, with stated exclusions

Retention: \$300,000 per risk for each loss occurrence

Coverage: 100% of the excess of the company's retention, up to a limit of \$1,450,000 in respect to each risk for any loss occurrence and \$2,900,000 in aggregate per loss occurrence

Premium: Annual deposit premium of \$176,600 paid in four equal installments; annual minimum premium of \$141,280, subject to adjustment at the rate of 2.3% of subject gross net earned premium income

In the event that the contract expires on a runoff basis, premium ceded for the runoff period is to be calculated by multiplying the gross net unearned premium of the policies in force as of the effective date the contract expires by 2.3%, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments

Commissions: None

Effective date: July 1, 2011

Termination: July 1, 2012, or coverage expires on a runoff basis, solely elected by the company, coverage shall remain for those policies in force prior to the effective date of the expiration of the contract until natural expiry or first anniversary of such policies, whichever occurs first not to exceed 18 months from the expiration of the contract

2. Type: Property Catastrophe Excess of Loss

Reinsured: As of January 1, 2013, through the runoff of existing policies in force, participation on this contract was as follows:

|  | <b>Percentage</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| Employers Mutual Casualty Company          | 1%                |
| XL Re Ltd.                                 | 9                 |
| Lloyd's Underwriter Syndicate No. 2001 AML | 40                |
| Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc.    | <u>50</u>         |
| Total                                      | <u>100%</u>       |

Scope: All business classified by the company as general property, with stated exclusions

Retention: The first \$500,000 in respect to each loss occurrence and 5% of ultimate net losses in excess of \$500,000 not to exceed 5% of \$2,000,000

Coverage: 95% of the excess of the company's retention, up to a limit of 95% of \$2,000,000 in respect to each loss occurrence and 95% of \$4,000,000 in aggregate. The company may reinstate coverage in the event that coverage under this agreement is exhausted limited to the original retention and limits. The company shall pay an additional premium based upon the pro rata amount of the reinstatement.

Premium: \$437,000 paid in three equal installments on January 1, April 1 and July 1, 2013

Commissions: None

Effective date: January 1, 2013

Termination: October 1, 2013

3. Type: Casualty Excess of Loss

Reinsured: As of December 1, 2012, through the runoff of existing policies in force, participation on this contract was as follows:

|   | <b>Percentage</b>  |                     |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>First Layer</b> | <b>Second Layer</b> |
| Employers Mutual Casualty Company       | 10%                | 10%                 |
| Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc. | 45                 | 45                  |
| Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation   | <u>45</u>          | <u>45</u>           |
| Total                                   | <u>100%</u>        | <u>100%</u>         |

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Scope:          | All business classified by the company as casualty, with stated exclusions   |
| Retention:      |  |
| First layer     | \$225,000 in respect to each loss occurrence   |
| Second layer    | \$1,000,000 in respect to each loss occurrence   |
| Coverage:       |  |
| First layer     | \$775,000 excess of \$225,000 in respect to each loss occurrence   |
| Second layer    | \$2,000,000 excess of \$1,000,000 in respect to each loss occurrence   |
| Premium:        |  |
| First layer     | Annual deposit premium of \$233,750 paid in quarterly installments; minimum premium of \$187,000, subject to adjustment at the rate of 2.90% of subject gross net earned premium income  |
| Second layer    | Annual deposit premium of \$125,000 paid in quarterly installments; minimum premium of \$100,000, subject to adjustment at the rate of 1.55% of subject gross net earned premium income  |
| Runoff          | In the event that the contract expires on a runoff basis, premium ceded for the runoff period is to be calculated by multiplying the gross net unearned premium of the policies in force as of the effective date the contract expires by 2.90% and 1.55% for first and second layers of coverage, respectively, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments |
| Commissions:    | None   |
| Effective date: | July 1, 2011   |
| Termination:    | July 1, 2012, or coverage expires on a runoff basis, solely elected by the company, coverage shall remain for those policies in force prior to the effective date of the expiration of the contract until natural expiry or first anniversary of such policies, whichever occurs first not to exceed 18 months from the expiration of the contract               |



4. Type: Personal Umbrella Quota Share

Reinsured: As of December 1, 2012, through the runoff of existing policies in force, participation on this contract was as follows:

|   | <b>Percentage</b> |
|---|-------------------|
| Employers Mutual Casualty Company       | 10%               |
| Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc. | 45                |
| Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation   | <u>45</u>         |
| Total                                   | <u>100%</u>       |

Scope: All business classified by the company as personal umbrella, with stated exclusions

Retention: 5% of losses each and every claim, occurrence or accident not to exceed \$100,000. Additionally 5% of allocated loss adjustment expense each and every claim, occurrence or accident not to exceed 5% of \$2,000,000.

Coverage: 95% of the company's liability each and every loss, each and every policy not to exceed \$1,900,000. Additionally 95% of allocated loss adjustment expense each and every claim, occurrence or accident not to exceed \$1,900,000.

Premium: 95% of the company's subject gross net written premium income

Commissions: A ceding commission of 25% of the company's subject premium ceded to reinsurers

Effective date: July 1, 2011

Termination: July 1, 2012, or coverage expires on a runoff basis, solely elected by the company, coverage shall remain for those policies in force prior to the effective date of the expiration of the contract until natural expiry or first anniversary of such policies, whichever occurs first not to exceed 18 months from the expiration of the contract

## **VI. FINANCIAL DATA**

The following financial statements reflect the financial condition of the company as reported to the Commissioner of Insurance in the December 31, 2012, annual statement. Also included in this section are schedules that reflect the growth of the company, NAIC Insurance Regulatory Information System (IRIS) ratio results for the period under examination, and the compulsory and security surplus calculation. Adjustments made as a result of the examination are noted at the end of this section in the area captioned "Reconciliation of Surplus per Examination."

**Millers Classified Insurance Company**  
**Assets**  
**As of December 31, 2012**

|   | <b>Assets</b>              | <b>Nonadmitted<br/>Assets</b> | <b>Net<br/>Admitted<br/>Assets</b> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bonds   | \$ 9,020,833               | \$ 0                          | \$ 9,020,833                       |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term<br>investments   | 1,072,227                  | 0                             | 1,072,227                          |
| Investment income due and accrued   | 75,907                     | 0                             | 75,907                             |
| Premiums and considerations:  |                            |                               |                                    |
| Uncollected premiums and agents'<br>balances in course of collection                            | 15,360                     | 8,853                         | 6,507                              |
| Deferred premiums, agents'<br>balances, and installments booked<br>but deferred and not yet due | 45,660                     | 0                             | 45,660                             |
| Accrued retrospective premiums  |                            |                               |                                    |
| Reinsurance:  |                            |                               |                                    |
| Amounts recoverable from reinsurers   | 84,396                     | 0                             | 84,396                             |
| Net deferred tax asset  | 1,618,368                  | 1,618,368                     | 0                                  |
| Receivable from parent, subsidiaries,<br>and affiliates   | 66,994                     | 0                             | 66,994                             |
| Write-ins for other than invested<br>assets:  |                            |                               |                                    |
| Salvage/subrogation   | <u>872</u>                 | <u>0</u>                      | <u>872</u>                         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b><u>\$12,000,617</u></b> | <b><u>\$1,627,221</u></b>     | <b><u>\$10,373,396</u></b>         |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Liabilities, Surplus, and Other Funds  
As of December 31, 2012**

|  |                     |                            |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Losses   |                     | \$ 5,156,409               |
| Reinsurance payable on paid loss and loss adjustment expenses          |                     | 4,675                      |
| Loss adjustment expenses   |                     | 1,254,276                  |
| Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses, and fees)                   |                     | 93,410                     |
| Taxes, licenses, and fees (excluding federal and foreign income taxes) |                     | (5,280)                    |
| Unearned premiums  |                     | 795,055                    |
| Ceded reinsurance premiums payable (net of ceding commissions)         |                     | (129,881)                  |
| Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others          |                     | 64,900                     |
| Drafts outstanding   |                     | 380,595                    |
| Payable to parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates                        |                     | <u>186,534</u>             |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   |                     | <b>7,800,693</b>           |
| Common capital stock   | \$ 4,000,000        |                            |
| Gross paid in and contributed surplus                                  | 14,176,598          |                            |
| Unassigned funds (surplus)   | <u>(15,603,895)</u> |                            |
| <b>Surplus as regards policyholders</b>                                |                     | <u><b>2,572,703</b></u>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>                                   |                     | <u><b>\$10,373,396</b></u> |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Summary of Operations  
For the Year 2012**

|  |                  |                             |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Underwriting Income</b>   |                  |                             |
| Premiums earned  |                  | \$ 8,820,707                |
| Deductions:  |                  |                             |
| Losses incurred  | \$7,157,598      |                             |
| Loss adjustment expenses incurred  | 1,039,205        |                             |
| Other underwriting expenses incurred   | <u>3,016,178</u> |                             |
| Total underwriting deductions  |                  | <u>11,212,981</u>           |
| Net underwriting gain (loss)   |                  | (2,392,274)                 |
| <b>Investment Income</b>   |                  |                             |
| Net investment income earned   | 374,244          |                             |
| Net realized capital gains (losses)  | <u>180,592</u>   |                             |
| Net investment gain (loss)   |                  | 554,836                     |
| <b>Other Income</b>  |                  |                             |
| Net gain (loss) from agents' or premium balances charged off                                   | (14,810)         |                             |
| Finance and service charges not included in premiums   | 71,545           |                             |
| Write-ins for miscellaneous income:  |                  |                             |
| Reinsurance charge off   | <u>2,556</u>     |                             |
| Total other income   |                  | <u>59,291</u>               |
| Net income (loss) after dividends to policyholders but before federal and foreign income taxes |                  | (1,778,147)                 |
| Federal and foreign income taxes incurred  |                  | <u>0</u>                    |
| Net Loss   |                  | <u><u>\$(1,778,147)</u></u> |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company**  
**Cash Flow**  
**For the Year 2012**

|   |                    |                     |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Premiums collected net of reinsurance                                 |                    | \$ 6,051,959        |
| Net investment income   |                    | 532,069             |
| Miscellaneous income  |                    | <u>59,629</u>       |
| Total   |                    | 6,643,657           |
| Benefit- and loss-related payments                                    | \$8,490,351        |                     |
| Commissions, expenses paid, and<br>aggregate write-ins for deductions | 4,548,391          |                     |
| Federal and foreign income taxes paid<br>(recovered)                  | <u>338</u>         |                     |
| Total deductions  |                    | <u>13,039,080</u>   |
| Net cash from operations  |                    | (6,395,423)         |
| Proceeds from investments sold,<br>matured, or repaid:                |                    |                     |
| Bonds   | <u>\$8,077,004</u> |                     |
| Total investment proceeds   |                    | 8,077,004           |
| Cost of investments acquired (long-term<br>only):                     |                    |                     |
| Bonds   | <u>1,557,250</u>   |                     |
| Total investments acquired  | <u>1,557,250</u>   |                     |
| Net cash from investments   |                    | 6,519,754           |
| Cash from financing and miscellaneous<br>sources:                     |                    |                     |
| Other cash provided (applied)   | <u>(419,068)</u>   |                     |
| Net cash from financing and<br>miscellaneous sources                  |                    | <u>(419,068)</u>    |
| <b>Reconciliation:</b>  |                    |                     |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents,<br>and short-term investments   |                    | (294,737)           |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term<br>investments:                |                    |                     |
| Beginning of year   |                    | <u>1,366,964</u>    |
| End of Year   |                    | <u>\$ 1,072,227</u> |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Compulsory and Security Surplus Calculation  
December 31, 2012**

|   |             |                     |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Assets  |             | \$9,020,833         |
| Less security surplus of insurance subsidiaries   |             | 0                   |
| Less liabilities  |             | <u>7,800,693</u>    |
| Adjusted surplus  |             | 2,572,703           |
| Annual premium:   |             |                     |
| Lines other than accident and health  | \$5,669,101 |                     |
| Factor  | <u>20%</u>  |                     |
| Compulsory surplus (subject to a minimum of \$2 million)  |             | <u>\$2,000,000</u>  |
| Compulsory Surplus Excess (or Deficit)  |             | <u>\$ 572,703</u>   |
| Adjusted surplus (from above)   |             | \$2,572,703         |
| Security surplus: (140% of compulsory surplus, factor reduced 1% for each \$33 million in premium written in excess of \$10 million, with a minimum factor of 110%) |             | <u>2,800,000</u>    |
| Security Surplus Excess (or Deficit)  |             | <u>\$ (227,297)</u> |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Analysis of Surplus  
For the Five-Year Period Ending December 31, 2012**

The following schedule details items affecting surplus during the period under examination as reported by the company in its filed annual statements:

|   | 2012                | 2011                | 2010                | 2009                | 2008                |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Surplus, beginning of year                    | \$ 4,713,472        | \$ 8,649,930        | \$10,581,636        | \$11,391,614        | \$10,953,142        |
| Net income                                    | (1,778,147)         | (3,841,798)         | (2,063,495)         | (675,215)           | 501,395             |
| Change in net unrealized capital gains/losses | 2,777               | (35,009)            | 14,232              | (34,997)            |                     |
| Change in net deferred income tax             | (448,865)           | 488,485             | 206,574             | (1,288,076)         | (336,446)           |
| Change in nonadmitted assets                  | 78,709              | (546,380)           | (87,017)            | 1,189,310           | 273,523             |
| Change in provision for reinsurance           | 4,756               | (1,756)             | (2,000)             | (1,000)             |                     |
| Change in surplus notes                       | _____               | _____               | _____               | _____               | _____               |
| Surplus, End of Year                          | <u>\$ 2,572,703</u> | <u>\$ 4,713,472</u> | <u>\$ 8,649,930</u> | <u>\$10,581,636</u> | <u>\$11,391,614</u> |

**Millers Classified Insurance Company  
Insurance Regulatory Information System  
For the Five-Year Period Ending December 31, 2012**

The company's NAIC Insurance Regulatory Information System (IRIS) results for the period under examination are summarized below. Unusual IRIS results are denoted with asterisks and discussed below the table

| Ratio   | 2012  | 2011  | 2010  | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| #1 Gross Premium to Surplus                         | 257%  | 261%  | 148%  | 117% | 112% |
| #2 Net Premium to Surplus                           | 220   | 243   | 137   | 108  | 103  |
| #3 Change in Net Premiums Written                   | (50)* | (4)   | 4     | (3)  | (8)  |
| #4 Surplus Aid to Surplus                           | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    |
| #5 Two-Year Overall Operating Ratio                 | 136*  | 126*  | 113*  | 101* | 96   |
| #6 Investment Yield                                 | 2.8*  | 3.2   | 3.6   | 3.9  | 4.3  |
| #7 Gross Change in Surplus                          | (45)* | (46)* | (18)* | (7)  | 4    |
| #8 Change in Adjusted Surplus                       | (45)* | (46)* | (18)* | (7)  | 4    |
| #9 Liabilities to Liquid Assets                     | 76    | 75    | 62    | 54   | 51   |
| #10 Agents' Balances to Surplus                     | 0     | 2     | 1     | 1    | 0    |
| #11 One-Year Reserve Development to Surplus         | (5)   | (7)   | (2)   | 8    | (5)  |
| #12 Two-Year Reserve Development to Surplus         | (11)  | (5)   | 5     | (3)  | (5)  |
| #13 Estimated Current Reserve Deficiency to Surplus | (27)  | (16)  | (18)  | (10) | (5)  |



The Change in Net Premiums Written Ratio (IRIS ratio #3) measures the change in net premiums written from the previous year and was exceptional in 2012. This primarily reflects the company running off its business beginning on July 2, 2012, and to a lesser extent competition in the personal lines market place.

The Two-Year Operating Ratio (IRIS ratio #5) measures the company's profitability over the previous two-year period and was exceptional in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. The exceptional result in 2009 was primarily due to poor underwriting results from its auto insurance business lines, increased general expenses incurred and a decrease in net premiums written and earned. In 2010 the negative underwriting results continued and worsened compared to the previous year as the results from the auto insurance business lines continued to be poor and results from homeowner's business worsened partially due to an increase in catastrophic loss events in Wisconsin that year (includes flooding in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a tornado in Waukesha County, Wisconsin). Auto claims in 2010 were historically higher per claim due to the effects of a new Wisconsin auto insurance law that took effect in November of 2009, which mandated auto insurance. The 2011 underwriting results were the worst in the company's recent history, and were mostly attributable to losses related to 18 different reportable catastrophic events that fell below the company's per event retention of \$1.5 million under its catastrophic reinsurance coverage in effect during that period. The operational results in 2011 were also impacted by decreased net premiums written and earned compared to the previous year due to price competition in the soft personal lines market environment. The 2012 underwriting results were negative as well and were primarily due to over a dozen wind and/or hail events throughout the company's marketing territories; all but one fell under the group's reduced 2012 reinsurance retention. As with 2011, the 2012 results were also impacted by decreased net premiums written and earned, which was already discussed in the explanation of IRIS ratio #3 above.

The Investment Yield Ratio (IRIS ratio #6) measures the amount of the company's net investment income as a percentage of the average amount of cash and invested assets and was considered exceptional in 2012. The exceptional ratio is primarily a result of a significantly

reduced investment portfolio from the disposal of investments to fund claim and general expense payments, and to a lesser extent the low bond interest rate environment.

The Gross Change in Surplus Ratio (IRIS ratio #7) was considered exceptional in 2010, 2011, and 2012 primarily due to the poor operational results discussed for ratio #5, which caused surplus to decrease those years. Another factor contributing to the exceptional ratio results in 2012 was the implementation of SSAP 101 that caused the company to nonadmit the entire net deferred tax assets balance at year-end 2012.

The Change in Adjusted Policyholders' Surplus Ratio (IRIS ratio #8) measures the improvement or deterioration in the insurer's financial condition based on operational results by factoring out changes in surplus notes, paid-in or transferred capital and surplus, which was also exceptional in 2010, 2011, and 2012 for the same reasons as ratio #7.

#### **Growth of Millers Classified Insurance Company**

| Year | Admitted<br>Assets | Liabilities  | Surplus as<br>Regards<br>Policyholders | Net<br>Income |
|------|--------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| 2012 | \$10,373,396       | \$ 7,800,693 | \$ 2,572,703                           | \$(1,778,147) |
| 2011 | 18,231,591         | 13,518,119   | 4,713,472                              | (3,841,798)   |
| 2010 | 22,877,916         | 14,227,986   | 8,649,930                              | (2,063,495)   |
| 2009 | 23,169,733         | 12,588,097   | 10,581,636                             | (675,215)     |
| 2008 | 23,105,326         | 11,713,712   | 11,391,614                             | 501,395       |
| 2007 | 24,155,065         | 13,201,923   | 10,953,142                             | 461,245       |

| Year | Gross<br>Premium<br>Written | Net<br>Premium<br>Written | Premium<br>Earned | Loss<br>and LAE<br>Ratio | Expense<br>Ratio | Combined<br>Ratio |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2012 | \$ 6,610,437                | \$ 5,669,101              | \$ 8,820,707      | 92.9%                    | 52.2%            | 145.1%            |
| 2011 | 12,311,032                  | 11,438,805                | 11,598,650        | 103.0                    | 37.5             | 140.5             |
| 2010 | 12,771,211                  | 11,869,882                | 11,818,822        | 87.7                     | 36.8             | 124.5             |
| 2009 | 12,374,613                  | 11,459,732                | 11,459,258        | 79.3                     | 35.7             | 115.0             |
| 2008 | 12,767,109                  | 11,779,134                | 12,002,975        | 71.1                     | 31.8             | 102.9             |
| 2007 | 13,797,171                  | 12,743,548                | 13,053,070        | 74.2                     | 29.3             | 103.5             |

The company has reported five consecutive years of underwriting losses, with the average net underwriting loss of \$2.5 million over the five-year period. Please see the explanation of the exceptional Two-Year Operating IRIS Ratio in the previous section, which

describes factors contributing to the negative underwriting results over the past four years. The company has reported a net loss in the last four years. Net investment income and other policy fees completely offset the negative underwriting results in 2008 resulting in the company reporting net income in this year. The poor operational results were the primary reason of a 77% decrease in surplus compared to year-end 2008.

Gross and net premium written have decreased by approximately 52% and 56%, respectively, over the last five years. The decrease in writings prior to 2012 was attributable to competition under soft personal lines property and casualty market conditions during the period. There was a modest increase in writings in 2010 as a result of nominal rate changes applied that year and an increase in the company's policy count mainly from automobile business. The decrease in 2012 reflects the company's ceasing new business effective July 1, 2012, under a stipulation and order placed on the company by this office, and the voluntary decision by the company to begin running off its existing business effective July 2, 2012. For the four years prior to 2011 the company's gross and net writings ratios averaged 126% and 116%, respectively, which reflects a fairly conservatively leveraged company.

The company's combined ratio has been over 100% in each of the last five years and has averaged 125.6% over that period. Not only have underwriting results been negative over that period, but the company's net premium volume has not been sufficient to support its general expense structure prior to runoff in 2012. This resulted in MCIC's expense ratio increasing from 29.3% in 2007 to 38% in 2011, despite cost cutting measures taken by the company. Currently the company's expense ratio is 52.2% as a result of running off its business and high general expense structure.

### Reconciliation of Surplus per Examination

The following schedule is a reconciliation of surplus as regards policyholders between that reported by the company and as determined by this examination:

|   |                 |                    |                    |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Surplus December 31, 2012, per annual statement |                 |                    | \$2,572,703        |
|   | <b>Increase</b> | <b>Decrease</b>    |                    |
| Loss adjustment expenses                        | <u>\$0</u>      | <u>\$1,372,307</u> |                    |
| Net increase or (decrease)                      | <u>\$0</u>      | <u>\$1,372,307</u> | <u>(1,372,307)</u> |
| Surplus December 31, 2012, per Examination      |                 |                    | <u>\$1,200,396</u> |

### Examination Reclassifications

|   |              |               |
|---|--------------|---------------|
|   | <b>Debit</b> | <b>Credit</b> |
| Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others | \$64,900     | \$            |
| Aggregate write-ins for liabilities                           |              | 64,900        |

## VII. SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION RESULTS

### Compliance with Prior Examination Report Recommendations

There were two specific comments and recommendations in the previous examination report. Comments and recommendations contained in the last examination report and actions taken by the company are as follows:

1. Disaster Recovery Plan—It is recommended that the company periodically conduct a test of its Disaster Recovery Plan.

Action—Compliance.

2. Reinsurance Agreements—It is recommended that the company reach a written agreement with MCIC in accordance with the NAIC Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual, SSAP 62, Paragraph 9, and that the agreement be filed with this office for prior approval under ch. Ins 40, Wis. Adm. Code.

Action—Compliance.

## Summary of Current Examination Results

This section contains comments and elaboration on those areas where adverse findings were noted or where unusual situations existed. Comment on the remaining areas of the company's operations is contained in the examination work papers.

### Unclaimed Funds

The examination completed a review of the company's unclaimed property liability and found the balance of \$64,900 to be reasonably stated in the annual statement; however, it was reported on the incorrect line of the balance sheet. The company reported the balance on page 3, line 14, "Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others." According to the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions-Property and Casualty uncashed drafts and checks that are pending escheatment to a state are to be reported as a write-in liability. This reclassification has been reflected in Section V of this report under the heading "Examination Reclassifications." It is recommended that the company report its liabilities relating to unclaimed property pending escheatment as an aggregate write-in for liabilities in accordance with the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions-Property and Casualty.

### Loss Adjustment Expenses

**\$2,626,583**

The above balance reflects an increase of \$1,372,307 as a result of an examination adjustment. This office utilized a third-party actuarial firm to analyze the company's loss and loss adjustment expense reserves as of December 31, 2012. As a result of this analysis it was determined that the loss and allocated loss adjustment reserves reported by the company were within the actuarial firm's reasonable range of estimates; however, the unallocated loss adjustment expense (ULAE) reserve was not. The ULAE reserve was increased by a portion of the actual and projected expenses estimated by the company in order to complete a runoff of its existing claims. After the company had begun running off its existing claims, loss adjustment became the principal activity and, therefore, a significantly larger portion of total expenses was classified as loss adjustment expenses prompting the increase of the ULAE reserve.

In order to estimate the ULAE reserve as of December 31, 2012, the actuarial firm relied on the projected ULAE payments prepared by MCIC and on the company's actual

operational results through December 31, 2013. The actuarial firm calculated the ULAE reserve by adding a portion of the actual expense payments incurred in 2013 and a portion of the expenses estimated for subsequent years. As a result, the actuarial firm calculated a total ULAE reserve of \$1,734,726. This amount is significantly larger than the carried ULAE reserve of \$362,419 reported as of December 31, 2012. The adjustment to this liability is reflected in Section V of this report under the heading "Reconciliation of Members' Surplus per Examination." It is recommended that the company establish its loss adjustment expense reserves to better reflect the change in its operations and related budgeted expense projections.

Prior to the adoption of the examination report the company was able to provide evidence that the ULAE reserve has been strengthened as of year-end 2013 to reflect the estimated ULAE costs of \$748,267 for 2014, \$428,596 for 2015, and \$27,400 for 2016. Company management agreed to increase ULAE reserve by approximately \$17,000 in the first quarter of 2014.

## VIII. CONCLUSION

Policyholders' surplus as reported in the company's annual statement filings has decreased from \$11,391,614 as of year-end 2008 to \$2,572,703 as of year-end 2012. This represents a decrease of 77% during the period under examination. The company experienced underwriting losses in each of the five years under examination, which contributed to the decline in the company's surplus. Underwriting losses over that period have averaged \$2,458,425 each year with the largest loss occurring in 2011 of \$4,728,103.

Due to concerns over the company's surplus position, and the fact that the company's direct parent, MFIC, was placed into rehabilitation and under the control of the IL DOI in July of 2012, this office placed a stipulation and order on the company effective July 1, 2012, which prevented the company from writing new business, among other actions. The company voluntarily began nonrenewing business on July 2, 2012, and placed itself into runoff.

The company's day-to-day operations continue to be performed by a significantly reduced number of MFIC employees under an affiliated service agreement between the two companies. The IL DOI continues to allow employees of MFIC to runoff the operations of that company under the supervision of the IL OSD.

The examination verified the financial condition of the company as reported in its annual statement as of December 31, 2012. The examination of MCIC resulted in two recommendations, an adjustment to surplus of \$(1,372,307) and a reclassification. One recommendation relates to the company reporting its unclaimed property liability on the incorrect line of the company's balance sheet, which resulted in the reclassification. The other recommendation is in regards to the company not establishing ULAE reserves as of year-end 2012 to reflect the change in its operations and related expense projections. The aforementioned finding resulted in the adjustment to the company's reported surplus.



## IX. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Page 28 - Unclaimed Funds—It is recommended that the company report its liabilities relating to unclaimed property pending escheatment as an aggregate write-in for liabilities in accordance with the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions-Property and Casualty.
2. Page 29 - Loss Adjustment Expenses—It is recommended that the company establish its loss adjustment expense reserves to better reflect the change in its operations and related budgeted expense projections.

**X. ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The courtesy and cooperation extended during the course of the examination by the officers and employees of the company are acknowledged.

In addition to the undersigned, the following representatives of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin, participated in the examination:

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## **XI. APPENDIX—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In September 2013, the company released its bulk portion of its anticipated salvage and subrogation provision, which resulted in an increase in the carried loss reserves of \$538,518 and a significant decrease in surplus as reported in the company's September 30, 2013, quarterly statement. The decision made by company management to release these reserves was because no active policies remained in force in September and the emergence of storm losses had diminished.