## **MERGER OF**

# **DUPONT MUTUAL Insurance Company**

## WITH AND INTO

## MAPLE VALLEY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

## **PROPOSED NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICYHOLDER MEETING - DMIC**

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Dear Policyholders,

Dupont Mutual Insurance Company was formed by neighbors helping neighbors in times of need 140 years ago. This philosophy is now being repeated to continue this business model but in a somewhat different form for another 100+ years.

In March of 2023, we were made aware of "storms on the horizon." The frequency of catastrophic storms and the inflationary increase in repair costs have heavily impacted Wisconsin mutual insurance companies and the property and casualty insurance industry as a whole. News media outlets are reporting that some larger insurance companies are pulling out of certain states completely while others are drastically changing their business model in the areas of the United States they continue to serve.

Dupont started taking steps to prepare and continue into 2024 and beyond. Options were extensively researched to reach the best possible outcome to protect our policyholders. We are presenting for a policyholder vote what we genuinely believe is the best plan of the many we researched to continue a path forward for our insureds, a merger with Maple Valley Mutual Insurance Company of Lena, Wisconsin.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a notice for a special policyholder meeting to be held on **December 14, 2023, at 3 PM at the Dupont Town Hall** and a summary that describes what you can expect as a Dupont policyholder after the merger and includes a lot of information about the market situation that led to us the proposed the merger.

The Board of Directors of Dupont recommends that the policyholders vote "yes" on the proposed merger with Maple Valley Mutual Insurance Company. We think it is very important for you to understand that if the policyholders do not approve this proposed merger, Dupont will likely be subject to additional regulatory orders or enforcement actions by the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, including potential liquidation, dissolution, and/or cancellation of policies. Therefore, approval of the proposed merger is crucial to maintain your current insurance policies with Dupont in effect beyond December 31, 2023.

We truly believe that with the proposed merger, our policyholders will be serviced by a stronger company that will retain all of the history and personal service you have enjoyed thus far with Dupont. Thank you for your business. Whether your policy is only a couple of months old, or you have trusted Dupont with your business for many years, we appreciate your continued business!

Sincerely,

Dupont Mutual Insurance Company

W. Greg Hanson, President

#### [Dupont Letterhead]

November \_\_\_\_, 2023

TO: All Policyholders of Dupont Mutual Insurance Company

RE: Notice of Special Policyholder Meeting – December 14, 2023 – Merger with Maple Valley Mutual Insurance Company

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** a special meeting of the Dupont Mutual Insurance Company ("<u>DMIC</u>") policyholders will be held on **December 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Dupont Town Hall, N11297 Town Hall Road, Marion, WI, to discuss and to vote on the proposed merger of DMIC into Maple Valley Mutual Insurance Company ("<u>MVMIC</u>") through consideration of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that after review of the Summary of the Plan of Merger and/or the Agreement and Plan of Merger with respect to the merger of DMIC with and into MVMIC, and the ability to inquire of the Board of Directors of DMIC regarding the same, the members of DMIC hereby adopt and approve the Merger pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger substantially in the form made available to the members, including the adoption of the Wind and Hail Cosmetic Damage Exclusion Endorsement on all current DMIC policies effective January 1, 2024, and authorize its Board of Directors to take or cause to be taken any remaining actions necessary to effectuate such merger.

Please note, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and upon the effective date of the Merger (i.e., January 1, 2024), all current DMIC policies will be endorsed to include an exclusion for cosmetic damage caused by wind and hail to exterior and outdoor property endorsement. A sample language of this endorsement is included with this mailing. Policyholders are free to seek alternative coverage from another insurance company and cancel their current policy at any time. The DMIC Board of Directors has exhausted all other options for limiting disruption to its policyholders and maintaining DMIC's compliance with applicable law for 2024. Accordingly, the DMIC Board of Directors now recommends that you vote "**YES**" on the policyholder resolution to approve the Merger pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger.

All DMIC policyholders have a right to vote on the Merger pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 612.12. Policyholders must cast their vote in person at the special meeting or by mail. Enclosed with this correspondence is a Summary of the Plan of Merger and Policyholder Resolution Ballot. Please review these materials and (1) make plans to attend the Special Meeting on December 14, 2023, or (2) return the ballot Mail Ballot included with this mailing no later than December 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger is available for your inspection, if you wish, during business hours at the office of DMIC or MVMIC. You may also contact us by phone at 715-754-2525 or email at jamie@dupontmutual.com if you prefer that we email or mail you the meeting materials or a paper copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger. Please call if you have any questions about the merger or the special meeting.

Your vote is important and if you plan to vote by mail, please complete and return the enclosed Policyholder Resolution Ballot as soon as possible. Even if you return your vote by mail, we hope to still see you at the special meeting on December 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dupont Town Hall, N11297 Town Hall Road, Marion, WI. If you know you plan to attend the special meeting, it would be helpful for our planning purposes if you could RSVP by phone at (715) 754-2525 or email at destiny@dupontmutual.com.

<u>Please note, all mailed ballots must be returned by December 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to return your ballot by mail (in the enclosed envelope) or email to jamie@dupointmutual.com. Alternatively, you may also vote in person at the Special Meeting.</u>

By Order of the Board of Directors

Marion, Wisconsin November \_\_\_\_, 2023

James Jueds, Secretary and Treasurer