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**HARLEYSVILLE GROUP TO HOLD FOURTH QUARTER 2009 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL ON FEBRUARY 19, 2010**

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—FEBRUARY 5, 2010—Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) will hold a live Webcast on Friday, February 19, 2010, beginning at 8 a.m. (ET) to discuss its fourth quarter 2009 earnings. The company will release its results on Thursday, February 18, 2010, after the close of regular trading on the NASDAQ Stock Market.

The Webcast and a replay will be available from the Investors section of the company's Web site ([www.harleysvillegroup.com](http://www.harleysvillegroup.com)).

Harleysville Insurance is a leading regional provider of insurance products and services for small and mid-sized businesses, as well as for individuals, and ranks among the top 60 U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums. As a Trusted Choice<sup>®</sup> company partner, Harleysville distributes its products exclusively through a network of independent agents primarily across 32 states. Harleysville was listed recently as #7 in the *InformationWeek 500*, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and has been ranked on the list in each of the last four years. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 53 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for eight regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which is comprised of the top third of all NASDAQ member companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Harleysville Group has paid a dividend every quarter since the company went public in 1986, and was recognized with a 2010 Mergent Dividend Achiever Award for its long-term history of dividend increases. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at [www.harleysvillegroup.com](http://www.harleysvillegroup.com).

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