

MEADOWBROOK INSURANCE GROUP INC
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The following letter was sent to employees of Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc. on December 30, 2014.

December 30, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share some exciting news. Today we announced that we have signed a definitive agreement to merge into Fosun International for \$8.65 per share in cash. A copy of the press release was sent separately.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the company, Fosun is a Shanghai-based investment group with over \$50 billion in total assets, global operations and a strong presence in insurance internationally. In recent years, Fosun has been carrying out a strategy to expand its global insurance operations and the acquisition of Meadowbrook will enable Fosun to establish a significant presence in the U.S. P&C market.

As you know, over the last year we have made significant progress in strengthening our business, improving our capital position, returning to profitability and continuing to anticipate and support the evolving needs of our customers, partners and agents. Fosun's interest in our company is a direct reflection of the hard work each of you have put into these efforts.

We are confident that we have found an excellent partner in Fosun, which brings additional financial resources, enabling us to build on our success, deliver additional value to our partners, customers and policyholders and create new opportunities for employees. Following the closing of the transaction, which is expected in the second half of 2015, Fosun intends to maintain our operational headquarters in Southfield, MI and we will continue to operate under the Meadowbrook name. In the coming weeks, you will learn more about Fosun and I'm sure you too will recognize the respect they have for who we are and what we can do.

It is important to understand that today's announcement is just the first step in a multi-month process. The transaction is subject to the approval of Meadowbrook's shareholders as well as regulatory approvals and the satisfaction of other specified closing conditions. Until it is completed, we will continue to operate as an independent company. It is business as usual and it is important that we continue to provide our partners, customers and policyholders with the high level of service they have come to expect.

I know that many of you will have questions over the coming days and weeks, and while we may not be able to answer all of them, we will keep you informed as we move through this process. To that end, please take a moment over the next couple of days to listen to a brief message from me in which I discuss the transaction further. You can access the message by dialing 1-877-656-8905 and providing the passcode 87436982.

This news may attract interest from external parties. If you are contacted by the media, investors or analysts, please direct the inquiries to Mike Costello at Michael.Costello@Meadowbrook.com, Karen Spaun at Karen.Spaun@Meadowbrook.com or me at Robert.Cubbin@Meadowbrook.com.

As always, thank you for your hard work and commitment to Meadowbrook.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Cubbin

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Important Additional Information

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction involving Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc. (Meadowbrook) and Fosun International Limited. The proposed merger will be submitted to the shareholders of Meadowbrook for their consideration. In connection therewith, Meadowbrook intends to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a preliminary proxy statement and a definitive proxy statement. The definitive proxy statement will be mailed to the shareholders of Meadowbrook. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR ANY INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** Investors and shareholders may obtain free copies of the proxy statement, any amendments or supplements thereto and other documents containing important information about Meadowbrook, once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Meadowbrook will be available free of charge on Meadowbrook's website via the investor relations section of our website at www.meadowbrook.com or www.investorcalendar.com under the heading Documents and Filings . Shareholders of Meadowbrook may also obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement by contacting Meadowbrook's Investor Relations Contact, Karen Spaun, at (248) 204-8178.

The Company and certain of its directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Meadowbrook is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 14, 2014, its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on March 5, 2014, and in subsequent documents filed with the SEC, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation of the shareholders of Meadowbrook and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by share holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the preliminary and definitive proxy statements and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication may include certain statements which constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These include statements regarding the intent, belief, or current expectations of management, including, but not limited to, those statements that use the words believes, expects, anticipates, estimates, or similar expressions. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by

the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond control of the Company, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction with the Company include, but are not limited to: the risk that the Company's shareholders do not approve the transaction; uncertainties as to the timing of the transaction; the risk that regulatory or other approvals required for the transaction are not obtained or are obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; competitive responses to the transaction; litigation relating to the transaction; disruptions of current plans and operations caused by the announcement and pendency of the proposed transaction; potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the announcement and pendency of the proposed transaction; disruption from the proposed transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with agents, wholesalers, suppliers, customers, policyholders and regulators; and other factors described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.