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UPC INSURANCE AND AMERICAN COASTAL INSURANCE COMPANY TO MERGE IN COMBINATION OF LEADING SPECIALIZED PERSONAL LINES AND COMMERCIAL LINES UNDERWRITERS

Complementary businesses and skills will create leading specialty personal and commercial lines property underwriter focused on coastal states

Combination will have greater market presence, growth potential and earnings power than the sum of the two companies separately

Transaction expected to be immediately accretive to earnings per share and ROE

Combined entity will have over \$1 billion of premium in force

St. Petersburg, FL – August 17, 2016: United Insurance Holdings Corp. (NASDAQ: UIHC) (UPC Insurance or the Company), a property and casualty insurance holding company, announced today that it has entered into a Merger Agreement with RDX Holding, LLC (RDX), the parent of American Coastal Insurance Company (ACIC or American Coastal), to combine the companies in an all-stock merger meant to qualify as a tax-free reorganization.

Under the terms of the transaction, RDX members will receive UPC Insurance common stock based on an exchange ratio providing for RDX members to own 49% of the outstanding UPC common stock as of the signing. Dan Peed, who is the CEO of ACIC and owns a majority of the stock of RDX, will become non-executive Vice-Chair of UPC's Board of Directors and will nominate two additional independent directors to join the UPC Board, which will be expanded to ten as part of the transaction. John Forney, UPC's President and CEO, will assume the role of CEO of the combined entity. The UPC stock issued to Mr. Peed as part of the transaction will have certain voting and transfer restrictions designed to demonstrate his long-term commitment to the combined entity and his alignment of interest with other UPC shareholders.

"This is a transformational transaction for UPC, and the culmination of many months of careful consideration of this opportunity to accelerate UPC's path to creating the premier provider of property insurance in catastrophe-exposed areas," said John Forney, President & CEO of UPC Insurance. "ACIC has an enviable track record of delivering strong earnings and very high returns on equity to its shareholders. Its market-leading position in the Florida commercial residential market and its exclusive MGA agreement with AmRisc provide UPC complementary skills and new growth opportunities. Dan Peed has proven his ability to create huge shareholder value, and we look forward to his vision and leadership as part of the UPC Board."

"I am excited to join the UPC Insurance team and believe this merger will build on the excellent platform they have created, providing more opportunities for growth and profit with our valued trading partners," said Dan Peed, CEO of American Coastal. "John Forney and his team bring an extensive amount of energy and knowledge, and we share a vision to create one of the strongest specialty cat underwriters in the U.S. AmRisc is the largest cat commercial property MGA in the country and will continue to underwrite on behalf of

American Coastal Insurance Company, bringing many opportunities for continued growth to American Coastal, UPC Insurance and AmRisc.”

UPC Insurance is being advised in this transaction by Raymond James & Associates and the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP. TigerRisk Capital Markets & Advisory and Willis Capital Markets & Advisory are acting as joint financial advisors and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP is serving as legal counsel to RDX in connection with the transaction. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including approval by UPC Insurance’s stockholders of the issuance of shares in the merger and receipt of required regulatory approvals.

UPC Insurance will conduct a conference call to discuss the transaction at 8:30 a.m. ET on Thursday, August 18, 2016. The Company invites interested parties to participate in the conference call. To listen to the live webcast, please go to <http://upcinsurance.equisolvewebcast.com/transaction>. Additional information with respect to the transaction will be posted in the investor relations section of the www.upcinsurance.com website.

Conference Call Details

Thursday, August 18, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. ET

Participant Dial-In Numbers:

(United States): 877-407-8829

(International): 201-493-6724

About UPC Insurance

Founded in 1999, UPC Insurance is an insurance holding company that sources, writes and services residential property and casualty insurance policies using a network of independent agents and a group of wholly owned insurance subsidiaries. UPC Insurance writes and services property and casualty insurance in Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Texas, and is licensed to write in Alabama, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and Virginia. From its headquarters in St. Petersburg, UPC Insurance's team of dedicated professionals manages a completely integrated insurance company, including sales, underwriting, customer service and claims.

About ACIC

Founded in 2007, ACIC is a specialty underwriter focused primarily on the commercial residential property insurance market in Florida. ACIC has a long term exclusive agreement with AmRisc, LLC, the largest commercial windstorm MGA in the United States, which serves as the sole managing general agent to source and administer business for ACIC. In 2015, ACIC reported \$308.5 million of direct premium written, \$36.5 million in after-tax GAAP earnings, and finished the year with \$195.8 million of tangible book value.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains “forward-looking statements” that involve significant risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including: any statements regarding the anticipated timing of filings and approvals relating to the proposed merger; any statements regarding the expected timing of the completion of the proposed merger; any statements regarding the ability to complete the proposed merger considering the various closing conditions; any statements of expectation or belief; any statement regarding the future financial performance of the Company; and any statements of assumptions

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Additional Information Regarding the Transaction and Where to Find It

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Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors, executive officers and certain 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 the Company is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 5, 2016, its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on March 2, 2016, 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 stockholders of the Company and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security 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.

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UPC:

Today we announced that our company is merging with American Coastal Insurance Company, the largest writer of commercial residential insurance in Florida, with over \$300 million of premium. This is a very exciting transaction for us, and, once closed, will put us above \$1 billion in premium. See attached press release, which we issued this afternoon, and the investor presentation we have posted on our website. Both will describe the combination in more detail.

There are no planned management changes or personnel reductions at UPC due to this merger - to the contrary, it positions us for continued growth, in new and powerful ways.

I will share more with you about this opportunity at our meeting on Friday morning.

Keep Moving Forward!

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Agent Bulletin # 2016-08-17

UPC and American Coastal Merger Announcement

Dear UPC Agent Partner,

We have very exciting news to share with you. United Insurance Holdings Corp. (UPC Insurance), a property and casualty insurance holding company (NASDAQ: UIHC), has entered into a Merger Agreement with RDX Holding LLC (RDX), the parent of American Coastal Insurance Company (ACIC or American Coastal), a Florida corporation. UPC's vision is to be the premier provider of property insurance in catastrophe-exposed areas. The merger strengthens this vision. American Coastal is the largest writer of commercial residential insurance in Florida with over \$300 million of premium in force. The combined entity will exceed \$1 billion dollars of premium and over \$450M of equity capital and create a diversified, financially strong specialized property carrier in catastrophe-exposed areas. UPC is one of the fastest growing Homeowners writers in the U.S. and a top 25 Homeowners writer nationwide.

Benefits of UPC's merger with American Coastal:

A merger of two strong companies, creating a unique catastrophe property underwriting specialist

Strengthened financial position of the combined entity

Increased reinsurance purchasing power better protecting our policyholders

Creates opportunities for additional commercial products for our agents

Please refer to the official press release for additional information: UPC and American Coastal merger press release.

We hope that you share our excitement. We look forward to growing our partnership with our agency force.

Sincerely,

/s/ Deepak Menon

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Chief Revenue Officer

NY Broker Bulletin # 2016-08-17

UPC and American Coastal Merger Announcement

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