



Old Republic International Declares Cash Dividend on Common Stock

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CHICAGO, Dec. 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of 13 cents per share. The common stock dividend is payable December 15, 2004, to shareholders of record on December 10, 2004.

Old Republic has paid cash dividends on its common shares for each of the past 63 years without interruption. The Company currently has approximately 182.3 million common shares outstanding.

About Old Republic

Chicago-based Old Republic International Corporation is an insurance holding company whose subsidiaries market, underwrite and provide risk management services for a wide variety of coverages in the property and liability, mortgage guaranty, and title insurance fields. One of the nation's 50 largest publicly owned insurance organizations, Old Republic has assets of nearly \$10.4 billion and capitalization of \$3.9 billion. Its current stock market valuation is approximately \$4.5 billion.

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