



Old Republic International Declares Cash Dividend on Common Stock

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CHICAGO, Feb 27, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- The Board of Directors of Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of 15 cents per share. The common stock dividend is payable March 15, 2002, to shareholders of record March 5, 2002.

Old Republic International has paid common stock dividends without interruption since 1942. The Company currently has approximately 119 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, life and life and health insurance fields. One of the nation's 50 largest publicly owned insurance organizations, Old Republic has assets of approximately \$7.92 billion and capitalization of \$2.94 billion. Its current stock market valuation is approximately \$3.72 billion.

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