

## **Old Republic Declares Higher Cash Dividend on Common Stock**

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CHICAGO, May 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) yesterday declared a quarterly cash dividend on the common stock of 17 cents per share. This dividend is payable June 13, 2008, to shareholders of record on June 5, 2008, and reflects an increase of 6.3 percent over the regular dividend rate that prevailed through March 2008.

This latest dividend increase marks the twenty-seventh consecutive year that Old Republic has boosted its cash dividend rate; 2008 marks the 67th year of uninterrupted cash dividend payments.

### 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, principally 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 approximately \$13.2 billion and common shareholders' equity of nearly \$4.4 billion or \$18.99 per share. Its current stock market valuation is approximately \$3.4 billion or \$14.73 per share.

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