

Old Republic International Corporation Declares Cash Dividend on Common Stock

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CHICAGO, Dec. 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) reported today that it will pay its regular cash dividend of 17 cents per share. The dividend is payable December 15, 2008, to shareholders of record on December 5, 2008.

Old Republic has paid cash dividends on its common shares for each of the past 67 years without interruption. According to the Fall 2008 edition of Mergent's Dividend Achievers, the Company is one of just 120 companies, out of 10,000-plus publicly held corporations, that have posted at least 25 consecutive years of annual dividend growth.

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 \$13.2 billion and shareholders' equity of \$3.9 billion. Its current stock market valuation is approximately \$2.3 billion or \$9.78 per share.

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