

The Co-operators Announces Appointment of Chief Operating Officer of The Sovereign General Insurance Company

Guelph, ON, May 9, 2007 – Co-operators General Insurance Company today announced the appointment of Rob Wesseling, currently Senior Vice-President and Chief Information Officer (C.I.O.), The Co-operators Group Limited, to the position of Chief Operating Officer (C.O.O.) for The Sovereign General Insurance Company, effective June 4, 2007.

Rob replaces Peter Parkin, who recently retired after serving 13 years with The Co-operators group of companies, including the past five as C.O.O. of The Sovereign General, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Co-operators General Insurance Company.

“I am very pleased that Rob has accepted to serve the organization in this capacity,” said Kathy Bardswick, President and C.E.O. of The Co-operators. “His exceptional skill, experience and leadership ability will be well utilized in this role, as he will both guide Sovereign and continue to serve on The Co-operators senior management team.”

Rob has held increasingly senior leadership roles since joining The Co-operators in 1997 after completing his MSc. Applied Statistics at the University of Guelph. Prior to his appointment as Senior Vice-President and C.I.O. in October 2006, he served as Vice-President, Personal Lines and Packaged Commercial with Co-operators General Insurance Company.

The Sovereign General Insurance Company is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta and has been protecting Canadians for more than 50 years. The Sovereign General specializes in insurance for commercial enterprises, and has annual gross premiums approaching \$300 million. It is a proud member of The Co-operators group of companies, the leading Canadian-owned multi-product insurance company.

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