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FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY RECOGNIZED AMONG NATION'S TOP 50 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANIES *Company Named To "Ward's 50" Second Straight Year*

HONOLULU – For the second consecutive year, First Insurance Company of Hawaii has been named one of the nation's top 50 property and casualty insurance companies – an honor that puts it in the top 2 percent of all insurance companies nationwide. The Ward Group, which specializes in insurance company benchmarking, analyzes more than 3,100 property and casualty companies domiciled in the United States annually and lists the top companies as the "Ward's 50."

"This is a great honor that not only reflects the commitment by our associates and independent agents but also the financial stability of our organization," said Allen Uyeda, First Insurance president and CEO. "Inclusion in the Ward's 50 validates the hard work we have invested in protecting our financial position and in earning our policyholders' continued trust."

The Ward's 50 list recognizes companies that have achieved superior performance over a five-year period (2005 to 2009) in the areas of safety, consistency and performance. The Ward Group has been ranking insurance companies since 1991.

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About First Insurance Company of Hawaii

First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. is the oldest and largest property and casualty insurer domiciled in Hawaii, with assets totaling \$607.1 million and liabilities of \$404.6 million at May 31, 2010. First Insurance offers a broad array of personal, commercial, and specialty insurance lines. Nearly a century old, First Insurance enjoys an "A" (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best Co., whose ratings are widely recognized as a benchmark of an insurer's financial strength. First Insurance has also been named to the Ward's 50 list that recognizes the nation's top 50 property and casualty insurance companies. Proud of its broadly experienced, service-oriented staff, First Insurance employs more than 300 insurance professionals and distributes its products through 28 independent general agencies. It has claims personnel on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui, as well as in Hilo and Kona on the Island of Hawaii. First Insurance is jointly owned by CNA Financial Corporation and Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company Ltd.

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