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Robert Ellis promoted to Senior Vice President at Eastern Insurance

NATICK, May 16, 2006 – Eastern Insurance Group LLC announced today the promotion of Robert D. Ellis to senior vice president of commercial sales.

Ellis is a longtime insurance professional with 44 years experience. A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Insurance, he is a Certified Insurance Counselor, a Licensed Insurance Adviser, and a Licensed Insurance Broker.

A resident of Bedford, Mass., with his wife Eileen Adele, Ellis serves as chairperson on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the town. He was also elected as a town meeting member in Arlington, Mass.

Last year Ellis received the Stanley Award for his outstanding sales efforts in 2004. The Stanley Award, named for Stanley J. Lukowski, chairman and CEO of Eastern Bank, is presented annually in a number of categories, including the commercial sales producer at Eastern Insurance with the highest production of commercial lines revenue. The Stanley Awards were first established in 1999.

Founded in 1935 and headquartered in Natick, Eastern Insurance Group LLC is one of the largest insurance agencies in the nation, serving more than 65,000 consumers and businesses. Eastern Insurance provides a full range of personal and commercial insurance products, and employee benefits services including group health and life insurance, disability insurance, and 401(k) planning. A subsidiary of Eastern Bank, Eastern Insurance has 21 offices, including 19 in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.easterninsurance.com.

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