

Credit Rating

AS OF DECEMBER 2005, A.M. BEST HAS CONFIRMED A FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATING OF A- (EXCELLENT) AND ASSIGNED AN ISSUER CREDIT RATING (ICR) OF A- TO DONGBU INSURANCE. THE OUTLOOK ON BOTH RATINGS IS STABLE AS WELL. STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICE ALSO ASSIGNED ITS BBB+ LONG-TERM COUNTERPARTY CREDIT AND INSURER FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATINGS.

A.M. Best confirms A-(Excellent)

- As of December 2005, A.M. Best, the world's premier credit rating agency for insurance firms, has confirmed a financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) and assigned an issuer credit rating (ICR) of A- to Dongbu Insurance. The outlook on both ratings is stable as well.

- These favorable ratings reflect the Company's adequate capitalization, sound underwriting performance, well-diversified insurance portfolio, and multi-channel distribution strategy. Management's clear commitment to profit-related results is another positive factor.

- Dongbu Insurance maintains a more stable risk-based capitalization as compared to other non-life insurers in Korea. Total assets posted a dramatic 17.5% advance to KRW5.7 trillion, while the Company's net

premiums written and net income were the second highest among domestic non-life insurers in FY2005.

S&P assigns BBB+

- Standard & Poor's Ratings Service also assigned its "BBB+ long-term counterparty credit and insurer financial strength ratings" to Dongbu Insurance as of March 2006, reflecting its solid market position, strong capitalization and good operating performance. The outlook on the long-term rating is stable.

- "Dongbu Insurance's capitalization is strong, and its has been improving over the past few years, mainly due to growth in retained earnings," said S&P's credit analyst Koichi Hamasaki. "Given the Company's efficiency and operating performance, capitalization should remain at this high level," he said.

