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GIBSON INSURANCE GROUP – J. Kevin Hughes named stockholder.

South Bend and Plymouth, Indiana, 12/22/04 - J. Kevin Hughes, Manager of the Surety Division at Gibson Insurance Group will become a stockholder effective January 1, 2005.

“As Manager of the Surety Division, Kevin has brought energy, excitement, many new accounts, new business revenue and new surety markets to the construction division since he joined us in April of 2002,” said Greg Downes, President and CEO of Gibson Insurance Group.

Kevin is responsible for providing surety, risk management, and insurance services to construction clients. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Valparaiso University and has 15 years of experience in the construction industry.

Kevin is a current board member of Construction Financial Managers Association of Northern Indiana. He is also active in the National Association of Surety Bond Producers where he serves on the Regional Steering Committee.

Offering customized solutions for risk management to a wide array of clients, Gibson Insurance Group specializes in Commercial, Personal and Employee Benefits Insurance programs that are fully supported by Loss Prevention and Claim Services. Gibson has offices in both South Bend and Plymouth, Indiana, with clients and association member clients throughout the country.

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