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SOUTH BEND/PLYMOUTH/INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – 08/26/09 – Tim D. Leman, a Ft. Wayne native, will be named President of Gibson Insurance Group effective October 1, 2009, replacing current President, Greg Downes, who will remain as Chief Executive Officer for the next 12-15 months and beyond that as Chairman of the Board.

“I’m honored to have the great pleasure, along with the unanimous support of the stockholders and Dave Gibson, to make this announcement,” said Greg Downes, current President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board. “Tim will uphold the great tradition that is Gibson Insurance Group in addition to bringing new energy and fresh ideas to effectively lead the firm into the future.”

Leman will continue to be active with clients in addition to assuming the responsibilities of his new role. He will lead the firm in conjunction with the members of the Executive Leadership and Senior Leadership Teams.

The Executive Leadership Team will continue to be made up of the same 3 members since 2007: Tim Leman, President; Greg Downes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and Keith Stone, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. The members of the Senior Leadership Team are: Mark Wobbe, Property & Casualty Practice Leader and Principal; Wes

Mantooth, Employee Benefits Practice Leader; Bob Sturtevant, Sales Leader & Principal; and Ryan Colvin, Sales Leader & Principal.

Leman joined Gibson Insurance Group in 2005 as the Director of Employee Benefits. He was named a stockholder in 2006 and Chief Growth Officer in 2007 when he also joined the Executive Leadership Team.

Tim began his insurance career with Aon Consulting in Indianapolis, Indiana, after graduating *magna cum laude* from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Insurance & Risk Management. In 1999, Tim joined the Phoenix office of Willis Group Holdings and worked with a wide variety of clients in industries such as healthcare, technology, manufacturing, financial services and retail. In 2001, Tim accepted a managerial role in the Phoenix-based employee benefits operations for Willis, overseeing a multi-state territory. The Phoenix office was recognized on several occasions as Willis' top employee benefits operation under Tim's leadership.

Tim is a Director for Indiana State University's Insurance Advisory Council where he mentors insurance and risk management students at the College of Business. He is also on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County.

Downes joined Gibson Insurance Group in 1980, was named Chief Operating Officer in 1998, President in 2000, added the title of Chief Executive Officer in 2005 and became Chairman of the Board in 2008. He will continue in his role as a member of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of South Bend and Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County, as well as his involvement in other civic and not-for-profit organizations.

Video comments from Greg and Tim can be found at www.gibsonins.com/president.htm.

Gibson Insurance Group is a multi-line insurance broker and risk management services firm with offices in South Bend, Plymouth, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

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