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ANNOUNCEMENT

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- **IFIC announces appointment of Mike Kremheller as Regional Manager to jointly run its Houston Contract Surety Regional Office with Regional Manager Shelly Bolender.**
- **IFIC begins operations in its new office space in Spring, TX.**

Effective April 30th, Mike Kremheller accepted the position of Regional Manger in our Houston office, co-managing the office with Shelly Bolender, who holds the same position. They each report directly to IFIC's Home Office on underwriting for their separate agency relationships/assignments.

Mike has 18 years experience working in different credit industries. He is a graduate of the Sam Houston State University and has worked the last 10 years in the surety industry with Safeco in Houston, TX. While there, Mike was successful in building a significant book of business that was both growing and virtually loss-free.

Fred Mitterhoff, IFIC's Chairman, President & CEO says: "This is the first time our company has appointed co-managers of a branch. I appreciate the teamwork of Shelly and Mike in working together to run our new Houston Regional Office. This makes a lot of sense for IFIC in Houston given the size of the market place and strong reception we have received so far from agents."

Bob Minster, IFIC's EVP & COO says: "While at Safeco Mike was responsible for 10 years of consistent, profitable growth. The only way a surety, over the long-run, can both grow and maintain a low loss ratio is by providing responsive service to agents. Thus, with Mike and Shelly jointly managing our Houston office, I am confident IFIC will build a large, highly profitable surety franchise based on great service to agents."

The company's new office and numbers are:

24900 Pitkin Road, Suite 145
Spring, TX 77386
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About International Fidelity Insurance Company

IFIC is the largest independent writer of surety in the industry. With over \$96 million in writings and a combined ratio of 84% for 2006, the company is dedicated to the independent agency system specializing in surety through its network of 22 Regional Profit Centers. The company's 2006 year end statutory statement reports over \$73 million in capital and surplus with a debt-free balance sheet.

The company's mission is: "...to be a leading middle market surety that consistently delivers the required return on investment to its shareholders by providing long-term rewarding relationships with its employees, agents and reinsurers..."