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VANLINER INSURANCE COMPANY RECEIVES A.M. BEST CO. EXCELLENT RATING

ST. LOUIS -- Vanliner Insurance Company, a leading insurer of the moving and storage industry, has been recognized with an "A- (excellent)" rating from A.M. Best Co., which is the world's oldest and most authoritative source of insurance company ratings and information. Announcement of the rating upgrade was made by John J. Temporiti, president and chief operating officer of Vanliner.

According to a statement from Best, factors contributing to Vanliner's rating upgrade from "B++" to "A-" included the company's level of capitalization, operating performance, underwriting discipline, low expense structure, and specialty product knowledge. Best also cited Vanliner's marketing strategy, improved loss control measures, and operating efficiencies realized through investments in technology.

"Achievement of the 'excellent' rating from Best -- Vanliner's highest ever -- is a tribute to the professionalism of our entire staff," said Temporiti. "It also reflects our ongoing effort to provide innovative, top-quality service to our customers."

Founded in 1899, A.M. Best offers comprehensive data to insurance professionals. Its Best's Ratings are the industry's standard measure of insurer financial performance. Vanliner Insurance Company, with headquarters in Fenton, Mo., is a subsidiary of UniGroup, Inc., a major transportation and relocation services provider.