

## **SOUTHWEST INSURANCE PARTNERS ACQUIRES NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY**

**September 30, 2008**--The Board of Directors of **Southwest Insurance Partners, Inc.** (SWIP) announced today the successful completion of its acquisition of National Health Insurance Company (NHIC), a life and health insurance company based in Grand Prairie, Texas.

NHIC had been under supervision by the Texas Department of Insurance for the past four years, due to certain holding company issues and a large book of annuities, which have since been disposed of. Charles Harris, who was named President after the Company went into supervision, will lead the return of the Company to the market place. Mr. Harris has profitably managed a \$40 million book of renewal business during this period of supervision, when no new business was permitted to be written

Policyholders' claims have continued to be paid promptly and agency relationships have been maintained at the highest level. NHIC will immediately begin offering its core products in selective states, with further expansion over the next year.

SWIP has acquired NHIC to expand its business into the life and health market, which also provides a hedge against the more cyclical property and casualty industry. SWIP is committed to the financial strength of NHIC and will support its growth with the necessary capital.

Charles Harris, President of NHIC, said, "All of us at NHIC are excited to be back in the marketplace and very pleased to be associated with our new parent Southwest Insurance partners, Inc."

Hugh Wilson, Chairman of SWIP, said, "NHIC will expand the scope of our operations, and we are confident in Charlie and his team to make this a successful transaction."

**National Health Insurance Company** is a life and health insurance company, domiciled in Texas and licensed in 47 other states. NHIC's core product is catastrophic health insurance for individuals and their families. Business is written directly through approved agents and through associations.

**Southwest Insurance Partners, Inc.** (SWIP) is an insurance holding company based in Houston, Texas, that was established in 2007 to make acquisitions and investments in the insurance industry. SWIP expects to make further acquisitions or strategic investments that will complement the group as part of its strategy to grow its asset value over the longer term.

SLW International, LLP, a financial consulting company, has been retained by SWIP to advise them on acquisitions, investments, financial planning and operations. Mystic Capital Advisors Group, LLC provided transaction advisory services to SWIP.