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**Neace Lukens Acquires Davis-Garvin Agency**

*Forest Industry Specialists Marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Acquisition for AssuredPartners*

**Louisville, Ky. – December 26, 2012** — Neace Lukens, an AssuredPartners, Inc. company, has completed the acquisition of the Davis-Garvin Agency, headquartered in Columbia, S.C. With four satellite offices throughout the Southeast, Davis-Garvin is one of the largest agencies to combine with Neace Lukens in 2012, and expands Neace Lukens' reach to 30 offices and over 650 employees.

Davis-Garvin is well-known for its specialized focus on lumber and forestry products. In addition, Davis-Garvin's offerings in property & casualty, personal insurance and employee benefits complement the current products available from Neace Lukens.

"We have been impressed by Neace Lukens' rapid growth this year and know that our clients will continue to receive the highest level of service after this combination," said Mark Fryer, President and CEO of Davis-Garvin. "Neace Lukens has existing products and services that align with our specialized offerings, especially in the forest products industry, so this is a good fit for both."

In addition to its Columbia, S.C., headquarters, Davis-Garvin has offices in Macon and Valdosta, Ga.; Pineville, La.; and Flowood, Miss. All Davis-Garvin employees will remain in their current positions.

"Davis-Garvin customers will receive greater product offerings and support from Neace Lukens as a result of this acquisition," said Larry Schaefer, president and COO of Neace Lukens. "Davis-Garvin's specialized focus on forestry, which complements our current services, and its expansive reach in the Southeast made this an ideal match for Neace Lukens."

"Neace Lukens has acquired a premiere agency in Davis-Garvin and we welcome their clients and employees to the AssuredPartners family," said Tom Riley, president and COO, AssuredPartners, Inc. "As our company continues to expand, we remain committed to offering unmatched service and financial security to all of our new and existing clients."

## **ABOUT NEACE LUKENS**

Neace Lukens, founded in 1991, has more than 175 licensed agents and more than 650 employees operating in 30 offices throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee, Arizona, Georgia, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. Neace Lukens corporate headquarters are located in Louisville, Kentucky, at 2305 River Rd. For more information, please visit: [www.neacelukens.com](http://www.neacelukens.com). Neace Lukens can also be followed through social media channels at its [blog](#) and [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

Neace Lukens became an AssuredPartners, Inc. company in September 2011. AssuredPartners, Inc. is headquartered in Lake Mary, Florida, and acquires and invests in property and casualty and employee benefits brokerage businesses across the country. For more information, please visit [www.assuredptr.com](http://www.assuredptr.com).

## **ABOUT ASSUREDPARTNERS, INC**

Headquartered in Lake Mary, Florida and led by Jim Henderson and Tom Riley, AssuredPartners Inc., a portfolio company of Chicago-based private equity firm GTCR, acquires and invests in property and casualty and employee benefits brokerage businesses across the country. From its founding in March of 2011, AssuredPartners has grown to approximately \$180 million in annualized revenue and continues to be one of the fastest growing insurance brokerage firms in the United States. For more information, please contact Dean Curtis, CFO, at (407) 708-0031 or [dcurtis@assuredptr.com](mailto:dcurtis@assuredptr.com), or visit [www.assuredptr.com](http://www.assuredptr.com).

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