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### **Outgoing insurance commissioner announces final chapter in Delta Re insolvency; Second payment of \$104 million to creditors brings payout to 100% of allowed claims**

**FRANKFORT, KY.** – Kentucky Insurance Commissioner George Nichols III announced today that the liquidation of Delta America Re Insurance Co. is near the end, with recent court approval to distribute a second dividend payment of approximately \$104 million to creditors.

This will bring the total dividend payments to about \$300 million, including the upcoming second distribution of \$104 million and the first distribution of almost \$180 million since 1997. Around \$20 million in pending claims remains to be resolved by early next year.

“This is an outstanding success because we paid dollar for dollar on the claims allowed by the court,” Nichols said.

Delta, formerly known as Elkhorn Re Insurance Co. and Elkhorn Insurance Co., was incorporated as a Kentucky insurance company in 1965 to insure and reinsure risks of its parent, National Distillers and Chemical Corp., since known as Quantum Chemical Corp. and currently known as Millennium Petrochemicals Inc. In the early 1970s, Delta began assuming risks from other insurance and reinsurance companies.

Delta’s creditors comprise about 650 companies in the U.S. and internationally. There were no individual or direct policyholders affected.

By law, Kentucky’s insurance commissioner serves as liquidator. Delta was placed in liquidation by the Franklin Circuit Court in 1985 when its liquid and unpledged assets were only about \$38 million.

Because of successful reinsurance collections, litigation and management of the estate, at least \$300 million will be returned to creditors, Nichols said. The second dividend payment marks a major step in closing the final chapter in the Delta liquidation.

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