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**ZENITH ANNOUNCES NEW INVESTOR RELATIONS POSITION**

WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA, January 2, 2008 . . . . .

Zenith National Insurance Corp. (NYSE: ZNT) announced today that William J. Owen has re-joined the company as Senior Vice President of Investor Relations. In this new position Bill will serve as the company's primary investor relations contact. During the 6 year period ending August 2006, Bill served as Chief Financial Officer.

Commenting on Bill's return to Zenith National Insurance Corp., Stanley R. Zax, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said he is very pleased to have Bill re-join the company in this new and important role. His 25 years of financial and accounting experience and his knowledge of our company make him the right person for this job.

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