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Stephen M. Hawley & Associates, LLC of Batavia Qualifies for Merchants Insurance Group's "President's Club"

BUFFALO, NY, April 26, 2010 -- Merchants Insurance Group is pleased to announce that Alpha Associates Inc., has qualified for membership in the Merchants Insurance President's Club.

Alpha Associates, Inc. is a group of independent agents located throughout Western New York and Western Pennsylvania. Representing Alpha Associates Inc. is Stephen M. Hawley, Co-Owner of Stephen M. Hawley & Associates, which has been serving the Western New York insurance community since 1867. This is Alpha Associates' sixth year qualifying for membership.

The Merchants Insurance Group President's Club is composed of an elite group of independent insurance agents who have demonstrated a commitment to Merchants, and achieved excellence in the insurance industry. In its 11th year, the 2010 President's Club has 16 members.

Merchants Insurance Group offers personal and commercial insurance through a network of more than 600 independent insurance agents throughout the Northeast and Midwest. With corporate headquarters and regional operations located in Buffalo, N.Y., Merchants operates offices in Hauppauge, N.Y.; Mt. Laurel, N.J.; Manchester, N.H., and Dublin, OH.

