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## **Eighty-two Percent Increase in Surplus Lines Premium**

### **\$3.9 Billion in Premium Data Recorded by California Surplus Line Association**

SAN FRANCISCO, California - (October 9, 2003) - Ted Pierce, executive director of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) released the association's 9-month total for processed surplus line premium showing a whopping 82 percent increase over the 2002 premium total for the same period. The \$3,884,507,930 in 2003 premium is attributed to the continued impact of the hard market. The Association processed a total of 278,613 insurance policies in the last 9-months compared to 222,392 processed in 2002.†"A third of this business was written for general liability coverage followed by commercial DIC, stand alone earthquake, commercial property, errors and omissions, and excess liability," Pierce said.

The SLA is an organization of 650 surplus line brokers who are licensed by the State of California to negotiate and place insurance with nonadmitted insurers. The Association serves as the official surplus line advisory organization to the California Department of Insurance. California Insurance Code Sec. 1780.50 et seq. With few exceptions, all California surplus line insurance policies must be filed with the Surplus Line Association of California for analysis, regulatory compliance, record keeping, and statistical reporting.