



## **The Westaim Corporation Completes Additional Investment in HIIG**

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Toronto, Canada – April 22, 2020 – Further to its press release of March 19, 2020, The Westaim Corporation (“Westaim” or the “Company”) (TSXV: WED) is pleased to announce that it has completed the purchase of \$44,003,574 of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Preferred Shares”) of Houston International Insurance Group, Ltd. (“HIIG”). The Preferred Shares purchased by Westaim formed part of a larger offering of Preferred Shares by HIIG by way of a rights offering (the “Rights Offering”) pursuant to which existing direct and indirect holders of shares of HIIG’s common stock were entitled to subscribe, on a pro rata basis, for Preferred Shares.

The Rights Offering was over-subscribed and resulted in gross proceeds to HIIG of \$100 million. HIIG expects to contribute the net proceeds of the Rights Offering from time to time to its insurance company subsidiaries to support their insurance businesses and for general corporate purposes.

Following completion of the Rights Offering, Westaim’s interest in Westaim HIIG Limited Partnership, combined with its direct ownership of Preferred Shares, results in its 44.0% look through interest in HIIG being unchanged.

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