



**SKYWARD SPECIALTY INSURANCE GROUP HIRES JOHN BURKHART AS PRESIDENT OF SPECIALTY LINES; KIRBY HILL BROADENS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF SPECIALTY PROGRAMS & INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS**

HOUSTON, Texas – January 26, 2021 – Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. (“Skyward Specialty” or the “Company”), a leader in the specialty property and casualty market, announced today that insurance executive John Burkhart has been named President of its Specialty Lines with oversight of Executive and Professional Liability, Healthcare Professional Liability, Surety, E&S and the A&H businesses.

Burkhart brings 28 years of experience and has held progressively broader management roles at QBE North America and Chubb. At QBE North America, Burkhart oversaw Management Liability, Professional Liability, Financial Institutions, Healthcare and Transactional Liability. Previously at Chubb, his responsibilities included regional leadership in the Specialty Underwriting Center and serving as the UK and Ireland Specialty Underwriting leader, as-well-as Global FI product management. Throughout his career, Burkhart has been a builder and innovator in specialty lines using business intelligence to reimagine underwriting decision-making.

To further position the Company for success, Skyward Specialty’s Kirby Hill will assume expanded responsibilities as President of Industry Solutions and Specialty Programs. In this role, Skyward Specialty takes full advantage of Hill’s 35 years of industry expertise and experience building and scaling niche products and solutions.

“I am eager to join the outstanding team at Skyward Specialty. The Company has become a standout in building specialized solutions for the customers it serves. I look forward to adding my business-building experience as Skyward continues to create a truly top-tier specialty insurance company,” commented Burkhart.

“We are fortunate to add John – a highly accomplished industry executive – to the leadership team and have Kirby assume a broader role,” said Skyward Specialty CEO Andrew Robinson. “We are off to a terrific start in 2021 with excellent growth prospects across our business units. These important changes to our leadership team will only accelerate our momentum and position us to continue to capture the specialty business opportunities we are pursuing.”

## **About Skyward Specialty**

Skyward Specialty is a property and casualty insurance holding company with nearly a billion dollars in premium and \$2BN in assets. The company has highly respected businesses in specialty lines including management and professional liability, healthcare professional liability, medical stop loss, surety, E&S property and liability, and large commercial property, programs, as well as multi-line solutions for the energy, trucking and construction industries.

Skyward Specialty's subsidiary insurance companies consist of Houston Specialty Insurance Company; Imperium Insurance Company; Great Midwest Insurance Company; Oklahoma Specialty Insurance Company; and Boston Indemnity Company, Inc. These insurance companies are rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Skyward Specialty was formerly known as Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG). For more information about Skyward Specialty, its people and products, please visit [www.skywardinsurance.com](http://www.skywardinsurance.com).

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