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Credit Union Insurance Limited Gains Full Insurance License

Credit Union Insurance Limited, the insurance business owned by the New Zealand Association of Credit Unions (NZACU), is pleased to announce it has just been issued with its full insurance license by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ), well in advance of the 7th September 2013 deadline.

In achieving this milestone to satisfy the new requirements of the RBNZ and the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010, the company joins just 7 other fully licensed insurers who have been fully licenced to date out of the 105 who have applied for licenses, according to the latest list on the Insurance Register.

"We're delighted for our Members that Credit Union Insurance Limited has been recognised by the RBNZ under this very stringent licensing process" said Henry Lynch, CEO of the NZACU, the industry organisation representing credit unions and mutual building societies in New Zealand.

"The licensing process is extremely thorough and robust and we believe the process will provide consumers and the market with confidence when dealing with a licensed insurer like Credit Union Insurance" Mr Lynch said.

Credit Union Insurance limited offers credit union members throughout New Zealand a range of competitive covers including Funeral Plan, Vehicle insurance (both comprehensive and third party) and Loan Repayment insurance (life, disability, trauma, redundancy and bankruptcy covers). Mr Lynch added "for example, our comprehensive vehicle insurance cover has one of the best-priced roadside assistance add-on options in the market."

However, whilst we naturally strive to be competitive, Mr Lynch says price is not the only reason people take out insurance through their credit union. "What we find most people appreciate when they deal with Credit Union Insurance is the cooperative nature of the approach to claims: the main driver for our claims philosophy is to achieve the best possible outcome for our policyholders. Reflecting this, we're running at a 98% claims paying ratio across our life and non-life businesses."

In addition to gaining their full insurance licence well ahead of most other Insurers in the industry, last week Credit Union Insurance Limited was also admitted to the Insurance Council of New Zealand. "The Insurance Council of New Zealand comprises the leading names in general insurance industry in New Zealand" says Mr. Lynch, and notes that "inclusion on the Council reflects Credit Unions Insurance's place in the industry and our endorsement of the Council's Fair Insurance Code".

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Notes:

New Zealand Association of Credit Unions (NZACU):
Credit unions and mutual building societies are co-operatively owned financial service providers, providing their members with a similar range of services to a bank. Credit unions and building societies are all independently owned and operated by their members for their members, and any profits are returned to the members in a combination of ways i.e. fairer fees, interest rates and community involvement.

NZACU is the industry association for credit unions and building societies and exists to represent, promote and support its 23 Member credit unions and mutual building societies, providing cost-effective business services. NZACU's members employ over 550 staff, represent 210,000+ members, with more than 95 branches, assets of over $1.27 billion and collectively are the sixth largest financial transactor by volume in New Zealand.

The NZACU is a member of global trade association WOCCU, the World Council of Credit Unions, which represents over 188 million people in 100 countries across the globe. This international network operates under the vision: "Improving people's lives through credit unions" and promotes the sustainable development of credit unions and other financial cooperatives around the world.

Credit Union Insurance Limited (CUIL):
CUIL, a subsidiary of the New Zealand Association of Credit Unions, sells a range of simple and competitive insurance products including motor vehicle insurance (comprehensive and third party insurance), Funeral Plan and Loan Protection Insurance (Life, Trauma, Disability, Redundancy and Bankruptcy covers). Refer to the CUIL website for more information: www.creditunioninsurance.co.nz.