

**Press Release
(For Immediate Release)**

Banner Life Insurance Company to Relocate Headquarters to Urbana Corporate Center in Frederick County, Maryland.

Banner Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Legal & General Group, Plc. (“LGEN”–LSE), announced today that the company has entered into exclusive negotiations with Natelli Communities to relocate its corporate headquarters to a new facility to be constructed in Urbana Corporate Center in Frederick County, Maryland. Banner, one of the leading providers of term life insurance products in the United States, carries an AA rating from Standard & Poor’s and an A+ (Superior) rating from the AM Best Company, an insurance industry rating service.

Banner Life will occupy 115,000 square feet in a building to be developed and constructed by Natelli Communities and The Akridge Company. Natelli Communities, an award winning developer of master-planned communities, is the developer of the Villages of Urbana and Urbana Corporate Center, comprising approximately 3 million square feet of office, 850,000 square feet of retail and 3,500 homes located at the I-270/Route 80 Interchange in Urbana. Banner will relocate approximately 400 employees to the new facility upon completion in the summer of 2011. Akridge, a premier developer of commercial buildings in the Washington metro area, will serve as development and construction manager for the project. Banner will join Fannie Mae in Urbana Corporate Center, where Fannie Mae currently occupies a 230,000 square foot facility, constructed in 2004.

_____, spokesperson for Banner Life, said the move to Urbana in Frederick County is the right choice for the future of the company and for the benefit of its employees. “Urbana offers our employees an unparalleled lifestyle, including an easily assessable location on I-270, great housing choices close by, a highly rated public school system with elementary, middle and high schools right in Urbana, a new walkable town center, a new state-of-the-art public library and exciting new retail and mixed-use amenities planned for the area.” Frederick County is home to a highly skilled and well educated work force and offers wonderful amenities, including the charm of historic downtown Frederick City, great parks and a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

About Banner Life: Chartered in 1949 as the Government Employees Life Insurance Company (GELICO), the company was acquired by Legal & General Group, Plc. in 1981, and it’s name was changed to Banner Life in 1983. Banner Life has over \$344 billion of life insurance coverage in-force and over \$4.6 billion in assets. The company’s life insurance products are sold through independent life brokerage agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia. At Banner Life, we take our financial promises seriously. We also promise to treat our customers fairly and to apply ethical standards to every business transaction. We believe in offering low-cost, innovative products and responsive service. Our goal is to build lasting, mutually beneficial partnerships.

About Akridge: Founded in 1974, Akridge is a full-service commercial real estate firm based in the Washington, D.C. area. The company’s projects total over 12 million square

feet of office, industrial/flex, residential, retail, and entertainment space at a value of over \$2.0 billion. Akridge is uniquely positioned to meet today's real estate market challenges. The company excels in every aspect of commercial real estate development, construction, leasing, and management. We involve top-level executives in every aspect of the business on a daily basis, and we understand the D.C. area as only a locally-based market leader can.

About Natelli Communities: NATELLI COMMUNITIES is a privately held real estate development and building concern headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Operating principally in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Natelli Communities is the developer of over 75 communities including Bay Forest, Sunset Island, Villages of Urbana, Lakelands, and Avenel. Thoughtful Planning, Timeless Design and Attention to Detail are the hallmarks of Natelli's award-winning reputation. Their commitment to excellence is evidenced by dozens of local and national awards, including the Urban Land Institute's "Award of Excellence" for Avenel in Potomac, Maryland, and "Environmental Developer of the Year Award" for innovative wildlife protection efforts in the development of Lakelands in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

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