



## **Hull & Company, Inc. Announces the Asset Acquisition of Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Brokers, Inc.**

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(Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) . . . Robert L. "Bob" McGrew, Senior Vice President - Branch Operations of Hull & Company, Inc. (Hull), and Jerome C. "Jerry" Boyer, President of Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance Brokers, Inc. (ESLIB), located in Sherman Oaks, California and with revenue of approximately \$2,000,000, today announced the asset acquisition of ESLIB by Hull.

"This is a great acquisition for us as it gives us, after almost 40 years in California, an important physical presence in Los Angeles County from which to introduce our products and service to that critical market," says Mr. McGrew. Mr. Boyer adds, "Hull gives us an impressive array of resources and a long-term platform from which to serve our customers and support our talented staff."

Boyer and his staff will continue to operate from their Sherman Oaks, California location and will immediately adopt the Hull & Company, Inc. name.

This acquisition compliments Hull's long-time operations in Newport Beach and Stockton, California, and positions Hull to become one of the largest wholesalers in California, with gross premiums exceeding \$100,000,000 in that state. Mr. Boyer will report directly to Bob McGrew, who further notes, "Jerry and his team do a great job and we're thrilled to be able to offer our services to agents and brokers in L.A. County."

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