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May 24, 2018 CONSISTENT VISION DIFFERENTIATED MODEL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AmTrust
Financial Services Corrects Icahn's Inaccuracies

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\$13.50 represents a 33% premium to AmTrust's unaffected closing stock price(3) AmTrust Corrects Icahn's Inaccuracies Icahn's valuation analysis selectively includes only two levers with mistaken assumptions to advance his own self interests. Deutsche Bank, independent financial advisor to the Special Committee, used a comprehensive valuation framework with a variety of accepted valuation methodologies including: 1) Public trading multiples 2) Dividend discount model 3) Precedent insurance transactions 4) Precedent minority squeeze-outs, and also references 5) Public market performance and research perspectives. Icahn's valuation analysis selectively uses only two levers – a Return-on-Equity ("ROE") regression and research analyst estimates – and applies both inaccurately. Icahn's distortion(2) of Deutsche Bank's ROE vs. P/BVPS valuation ("ROE regression") is fundamentally flawed. Management has stated that a 12-15% ROE is a long-term financial objective, not a 2018 forecast as applied in Icahn's valuation. Likewise, sell-side analysts' ROE forecasts are below Icahn's assumption for the next several years. Icahn's ROE analysis only uses book value and ignores tangible book value, which is a key metric to assess value in the insurance industry. As of 3/31/2018, AmTrust's tangible book value was \$9.62 per fully diluted share. Offer price of \$13.50 represents a 40% premium to tangible book value per fully diluted share. Based on Icahn Capital LP presentation filed with the SEC on May 23, 2018 Slide 11 of Icahn Capital LP presentation filed with the SEC on May 23, 2018 Price on January 9, 2018, the last trading day prior to the public announcement to acquire all common shares outstanding of AmTrust that the Karfunkel-Zyskind Family did not already own or control. Icahn's valuation analysis(1) is highly flawed

AmTrust Corrects Icahn's Inaccuracies (cont'd) Icahn wrongly asserts that AmTrust's historical loss ratio, combined ratio and premium growth performance is sustainable and ignores AmTrust's actual recent financial performance and business realities. AmTrust's historical premium performance reflects a period of high growth, largely as a result of acquisitions, which can also contribute to reserve volatility. As a larger, more mature business, with less M&A activity, premiums are expected to grow at an average of 4.2%(2), versus the peer 10-year average of 4.7%. Reducing AmTrust's expense ratio to historical levels is virtually impossible due to higher average acquisition costs related to a change in business mix and other increased expense commensurate with the size and scale of our business. Icahn's valuation analysis uses outdated and widely divergent analyst estimates(3), resulting in a misleading and meaningless target price. Icahn's analysis cites sell-side analysts who either no longer cover the Company or who have not published on AmTrust since November 2017. Icahn includes sell-side analyst target prices that have not been updated to reflect the completion of the Company's sale of a portion of its fee business or the Company's adverse development cover. Sell-side analysts that currently follow the Company and have an opinion support the transaction at the offer price of \$13.50 per share in cash. Icahn uses irrelevant, incorrect and misinformed metrics to confuse shareholders. Icahn's analysis cites a "Total Reserves to Total Capital" ratio, which is not a metric used to evaluate the value of a P&C insurance company by those familiar with the industry. The metric does not offer relevant insight into the Company's capital position or reserve position. Icahn's valuation analysis(1) is highly flawed Based on Icahn Capital LP presentation filed with the SEC on May 23, 2018. Based on Special Committee case projections included in merger proxy filed on 5/4/2018. Slide 16 of Icahn Capital LP presentation filed with the SEC on May 23, 2018 Price on January 9, 2018, the last trading day prior to the public announcement to acquire all common shares outstanding of AmTrust that the Karfunkel-Zyskind Family did not already own or control. \$13.50 represents a 33% premium to AmTrust's unaffected closing stock price(4)

Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares of common stock of the Company you own. If you fail to vote on the Merger Agreement, the effect will be the same as a vote against the adoption of the Merger Agreement.
Vote FOR the Merger Agreement