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VESTA INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
NEWCASTLE PARTNERS, L.P. NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. NEWCASTLE CAPITAL GROUP, L.L.C. MARK E. SCHWARZ JAMES C. EPSTEIN MARK J. MORRISON STEVEN J. PULLY
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