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## March 21, 2008 NOTICE TO CNA SURETY SHAREHOLDERS

The date of the Company s Annual meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2008. The Company s proxy statement incorrectly states that the meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 2008.

First paragraph on Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders page.

First Paragraph on Introduction page.

Enid Tanenhaus

Corporate Secretary

CNA SURETY CORPORATION 333 S. Wabash 41 Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312) 822-5000 Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders on April 24, 2008 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CNA Surety Corporation (the Company ) will be held at 333 S. Wabash, 41 Floor Chicago, IL 60604 on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 3, 2008, as the record date (the Record Date ) for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting. In the event you will be unable to attend, you are respectfully requested to fill in, date, sign and return the enclosed proxy at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope. THIS IS YOUR PROXY. YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT. (Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CNA SURETY April 24, 2008 Please date, sign and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible. Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided. RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND FOR PROPOSAL 2. PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE x FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN 1. Election of Directors: 2. To ratify the Audit Committee s appointment of the Company s independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & NOMINEES: Touche, for fiscal year 2008. FOR ALL NOMINEES O Philip H. Britt O James R. Lewis 3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or WITHHOLD AUTHORITY O Robert Tinstman any adjournment or adjournments thereof. FOR ALL NOMINEES O John F. Welch O David B. Edelson THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR SPECIFIC FOR ALL EXCEPT O D. Craig Mense DIRECTIONS ABOVE. IF THE PROXY IS SIGNED AND RETURNED WITHOUT (See instructions below) O Anthony S. Cleberg SUCH DIRECTIONS, IT WILL BE VOTED FOR ALL PROPOSALS. IMPORTANT: PLEASE FILL IN, DATE, SIGN AND PROMPTLY MAIL THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE POSTPAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO ASSURE THAT YOUR SHARES ARE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON OF YOU WISH TO DO SO EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE SENT IN YOUR PROXY. INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark FOR ALL EXCEPT and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method. Signature of Shareholder Date: Signature of Shareholder Date: Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.