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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND ON PREFERRED STOCK

On Jan. 16, 2002, the Board of Directors of General American Investors Company declared on its 7.20% tax-advantaged cumulative preferred stock a dividend of \$0.45 per share payable in cash on Mar. 25, 2002 to holders of record on Mar. 6, 2002. This quarterly distribution represents a payment for the accrual period from Dec. 23, 2001 through Mar. 22, 2002. Preferred shareholders will be informed in early 2003 of the portions of the distribution which represent long-term capital gains and ordinary income.

General American Investors (NYSE symbol GAM) is a closed-end investment company founded in 1927. Its preferred shares (symbol GAM Pr) are also listed on the NYSE.

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