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## **Press Release**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## UNITED-GUARDIAN ANNOUNCES HIGHER SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND

Hauppauge, NY, May 18, 2009 – United-Guardian, Inc. (NASDAQ:UG) announced today that its Board of Directors, at its meeting on May 13, 2009, declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.28 per share, which will be paid on June 15, 2009 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on June 1, 2009, and which represents a 3.7% increase over the \$0.27 per share that was paid in the first half of 2008.

Ken Globus, President of United-Guardian, stated, "Despite the uncertain economic times, our Board of Directors believes that the company's strong sales for the first four months of this year, along with our strong financial condition, justifies the payment of this semi-annual dividend. This is now the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the company has paid a dividend, and we are hopeful that we will be able to continue doing so despite the weak economy."

United-Guardian is a manufacturer of cosmetic ingredients, personal and health care products, pharmaceuticals, and specialty industrial products.

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