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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED:  
**June 30, 2011**

Commission file number:  
**1-15731**

EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**98-0365432**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES  NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

| <u>Class</u>                           | <u>Number of Shares Outstanding</u><br><u>At August 1, 2011</u> |
|--|---|
| <b>Common Shares, \$0.01 par value</b> | <b>54,349,548</b>   |

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**PART I**

**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

|   | June 30,<br>2011<br>(unaudited) | December 31,<br>2010 |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| (Dollars and share amounts in thousands, except par value per share)  |                                 |                      |
| <b>ASSETS:</b>  |                                 |                      |
| Fixed maturities - available for sale, at market value<br>(amortized cost: 2011, \$11,924,068; 2010, \$12,011,336)                        | \$ 12,456,773                   | \$ 12,450,469        |
| Fixed maturities - available for sale, at fair value  | 128,337                         | 180,482              |
| Equity securities - available for sale, at market value (cost: 2011, \$452,942; 2010, \$363,283)  | 461,503                         | 363,736              |
| Equity securities - available for sale, at fair value   | 1,012,214                       | 721,449              |
| Short-term investments  | 784,681                         | 785,279              |
| Other invested assets (cost: 2011, \$581,803; 2010, \$603,681)  | 581,588                         | 605,196              |
| Cash  | 411,523                         | 258,408              |
| Total investments and cash  | 15,836,619                      | 15,365,019           |
| Accrued investment income   | 144,322                         | 148,990              |
| Premiums receivable   | 1,007,428                       | 844,832              |
| Reinsurance receivables   | 693,952                         | 684,718              |
| Funds held by reinsureds  | 350,595                         | 379,616              |
| Deferred acquisition costs  | 352,067                         | 383,769              |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums  | 95,210                          | 133,007              |
| Deferred tax asset  | 129,605                         | 149,101              |
| Federal income taxes recoverable  | 158,943                         | 147,988              |
| Other assets  | 235,176                         | 170,931              |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 19,003,917</b>            | <b>\$ 18,407,971</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>   |                                 |                      |
| Reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses   | \$ 10,145,655                   | \$ 9,340,183         |
| Future policy benefit reserve   | 62,608                          | 63,002               |
| Unearned premium reserve  | 1,348,332                       | 1,455,219            |
| Funds held under reinsurance treaties   | 100,544                         | 99,213               |
| Commission reserves   | 37,330                          | 45,936               |
| Other net payable to reinsurers   | 20,136                          | 47,519               |
| Revolving credit borrowings   | 40,000                          | 50,000               |
| 5.4% Senior notes due 10/15/2014  | 249,835                         | 249,812              |
| 6.6% Long term notes due 5/1/2067   | 238,352                         | 238,351              |
| Junior subordinated debt securities payable   | 329,897                         | 329,897              |
| Accrued interest on debt and borrowings   | 4,789                           | 4,793                |
| Equity index put option liability   | 54,313                          | 58,467               |
| Other liabilities   | 219,568                         | 142,062              |
| Total liabilities   | 12,851,359                      | 12,124,454           |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)  |                                 |                      |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>  |                                 |                      |
| Preferred shares, par value: \$0.01; 50,000 shares authorized;<br>no shares issued and outstanding  | -                               | -                    |
| Common shares, par value: \$0.01; 200,000 shares authorized; (2011) 66,363<br>and (2010) 66,017 outstanding before treasury shares        | 664                             | 660                  |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 1,878,242                       | 1,863,031            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred income tax expense<br>(benefit) of \$121,456 at 2011 and \$102,868 at 2010 | 460,403                         | 332,258              |
| Treasury shares, at cost; 12,017 shares (2011) and 11,589 shares (2010)   | (1,019,091)                     | (981,480)            |
| Retained earnings   | 4,832,340                       | 5,069,048            |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 6,152,558                       | 6,283,517            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   | <b>\$ 19,003,917</b>            | <b>\$ 18,407,971</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

|  | Three Months Ended |                   | Six Months Ended    |                   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|  | June 30,           |                   | June 30,            |                   |
|  | 2011               | 2010              | 2011                | 2010              |
|  | (unaudited)        |                   | (unaudited)         |                   |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)   |                    |                   |                     |                   |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>   |                    |                   |                     |                   |
| Premiums earned  | \$ 1,039,835       | \$ 989,899        | \$ 2,051,281        | \$ 1,917,201      |
| Net investment income  | 158,618            | 165,731           | 337,323             | 327,230           |
| Net realized capital gains (losses):   |                    |                   |                     |                   |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities  | -                  | -                 | (14,767)            | -                 |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities transferred to other comprehensive income (loss) | -                  | -                 | -                   | -                 |
| Other net realized capital gains (losses)  | (4,845)            | (41,693)          | 22,078              | 31,025            |
| Total net realized capital gains (losses)  | (4,845)            | (41,693)          | 7,311               | 31,025            |
| Net derivative gain (loss)   | (3,371)            | (22,304)          | 4,154               | (19,250)          |
| Other income (expense)   | (13,446)           | 7,798             | (16,833)            | 13,137            |
| Total revenues   | <u>1,176,791</u>   | <u>1,099,431</u>  | <u>2,383,236</u>    | <u>2,269,343</u>  |
| <b>CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                   |
| Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses   | 735,789            | 643,948           | 1,985,565           | 1,550,804         |
| Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees  | 237,374            | 236,493           | 473,831             | 449,155           |
| Other underwriting expenses  | 45,897             | 41,747            | 90,853              | 80,691            |
| Corporate expenses   | 3,790              | 3,887             | 7,718               | 8,462             |
| Interest, fees and bond issue cost amortization expense  | 13,116             | 13,016            | 26,114              | 29,658            |
| Total claims and expenses  | <u>1,035,966</u>   | <u>939,091</u>    | <u>2,584,081</u>    | <u>2,118,770</u>  |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES   | 140,825            | 160,340           | (200,845)           | 150,573           |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | 9,513              | 3,667             | (16,263)            | 16,552            |
| NET INCOME (LOSS)  | <u>\$ 131,312</u>  | <u>\$ 156,673</u> | <u>\$ (184,582)</u> | <u>\$ 134,021</u> |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax  | <u>123,066</u>     | <u>65,889</u>     | <u>128,145</u>      | <u>94,828</u>     |
| COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)  | <u>\$ 254,378</u>  | <u>\$ 222,562</u> | <u>\$ (56,437)</u>  | <u>\$ 228,849</u> |
| <b>EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                   |
| Basic  | \$ 2.42            | \$ 2.70           | \$ (3.40)           | \$ 2.29           |
| Diluted  | 2.41               | 2.70              | (3.40)              | 2.28              |
| Dividends declared   | 0.48               | 0.48              | 0.96                | 0.96              |

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EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

|   | Three Months Ended  |                     | Six Months Ended    |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | June 30,            |                     | June 30,            |                     |
|   | 2011                | 2010                | 2011                | 2010                |
| (Dollars in thousands, except share and dividends per share amounts)                          | (unaudited)         |                     | (unaudited)         |                     |
| <b>COMMON SHARES (shares outstanding):</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | 54,224,433          | 58,922,474          | 54,428,168          | 59,317,741          |
| Issued during the period, net   | 121,783             | 37                  | 346,086             | 167,076             |
| Treasury shares acquired  | -                   | (2,680,492)         | (428,038)           | (3,242,798)         |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>54,346,216</u>   | <u>56,242,019</u>   | <u>54,346,216</u>   | <u>56,242,019</u>   |
| <b>COMMON SHARES (par value):</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | \$ 662              | \$ 660              | \$ 660              | \$ 658              |
| Issued during the period, net   | 2                   | -                   | 4                   | 2                   |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>664</u>          | <u>660</u>          | <u>664</u>          | <u>660</u>          |
| <b>ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL:</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | 1,868,153           | 1,849,441           | 1,863,031           | 1,845,181           |
| Share-based compensation plans  | 10,089              | 3,717               | 15,211              | 7,977               |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>1,878,242</u>    | <u>1,853,158</u>    | <u>1,878,242</u>    | <u>1,853,158</u>    |
| <b>ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS),<br/>NET OF DEFERRED INCOME TAXES:</b>       |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | 337,337             | 300,977             | 332,258             | 272,038             |
| Net increase (decrease) during the period   | 123,066             | 65,889              | 128,145             | 94,828              |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>460,403</u>      | <u>366,866</u>      | <u>460,403</u>      | <u>366,866</u>      |
| <b>RETAINED EARNINGS:</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | 4,727,109           | 4,515,835           | 5,069,048           | 4,566,771           |
| Net income (loss)   | 131,312             | 156,673             | (184,582)           | 134,021             |
| Dividends declared (\$0.48 per quarter and \$0.96 year-to-date<br>per share in 2011 and 2010) | (26,081)            | (27,556)            | (52,126)            | (55,840)            |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>4,832,340</u>    | <u>4,644,952</u>    | <u>4,832,340</u>    | <u>4,644,952</u>    |
| <b>TREASURY SHARES AT COST:</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period  | (1,019,091)         | (629,958)           | (981,480)           | (582,926)           |
| Purchase of treasury shares   | -                   | (200,079)           | (37,611)            | (247,111)           |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>(1,019,091)</u>  | <u>(830,037)</u>    | <u>(1,019,091)</u>  | <u>(830,037)</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY, END OF PERIOD</b>  | <u>\$ 6,152,558</u> | <u>\$ 6,035,599</u> | <u>\$ 6,152,558</u> | <u>\$ 6,035,599</u> |

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EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Dollars in thousands)  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                   |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2011                           | 2010              | 2011                         | 2010              |
|   | (unaudited)                    |                   | (unaudited)                  |                   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ 131,312                     | \$ 156,673        | \$ (184,582)                 | \$ 134,021        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:   |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Decrease (increase) in premiums receivable  | (35,074)                       | 2,624             | (153,497)                    | (5,135)           |
| Decrease (increase) in funds held by reinsureds, net                                | 22,645                         | (11,156)          | 39,488                       | (13,585)          |
| Decrease (increase) in reinsurance receivables                                      | 537                            | (29,147)          | 17,755                       | (62,291)          |
| Decrease (increase) in deferred tax asset   | (17,582)                       | (11,853)          | 1,658                        | (5,064)           |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid reinsurance premiums                                 | 22,319                         | (13,098)          | 39,346                       | (12,688)          |
| Increase (decrease) in reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses              | 146,938                        | 30,445            | 693,385                      | 449,390           |
| Increase (decrease) in future policy benefit reserve                                | (176)                          | (434)             | (394)                        | (569)             |
| Increase (decrease) in unearned premiums  | (106,556)                      | (28,341)          | (113,687)                    | 13,257            |
| Change in equity adjustments in limited partnerships                                | (14,309)                       | (16,091)          | (50,614)                     | (32,255)          |
| Change in other assets and liabilities, net   | (21,301)                       | 86,141            | 23,947                       | 30,264            |
| Non-cash compensation expense   | 4,212                          | 3,589             | 7,658                        | 7,130             |
| Amortization of bond premium (accrual of bond discount)                             | 12,818                         | 10,454            | 25,570                       | 21,339            |
| Amortization of underwriting discount on senior notes                               | 12                             | 11                | 24                           | 53                |
| Net realized capital (gains) losses   | 4,845                          | 41,693            | (7,311)                      | (31,025)          |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                                 | <u>150,640</u>                 | <u>221,510</u>    | <u>338,746</u>               | <u>492,842</u>    |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Proceeds from fixed maturities matured/called - available for sale, at market value | 372,401                        | 369,775           | 810,665                      | 783,165           |
| Proceeds from fixed maturities matured/called - available for sale, at fair value   | 5,875                          | -                 | 12,775                       | -                 |
| Proceeds from fixed maturities sold - available for sale, at market value           | 336,770                        | 238,940           | 867,680                      | 723,462           |
| Proceeds from fixed maturities sold - available for sale, at fair value             | 17,168                         | 6,115             | 50,120                       | 8,612             |
| Proceeds from equity securities sold - available for sale, at market value          | 110                            | 712               | 27,206                       | 712               |
| Proceeds from equity securities sold - available for sale, at fair value            | 37,000                         | 51,400            | 93,667                       | 72,742            |
| Distributions from other invested assets  | 40,535                         | 19,630            | 127,094                      | 30,360            |
| Cost of fixed maturities acquired - available for sale, at market value             | (582,696)                      | (938,124)         | (1,537,328)                  | (1,961,623)       |
| Cost of fixed maturities acquired - available for sale, at fair value               | (7,148)                        | (9,486)           | (15,224)                     | (23,680)          |
| Cost of equity securities acquired - available for sale, at market value            | (28,683)                       | (1,426)           | (115,811)                    | (1,426)           |
| Cost of equity securities acquired - available for sale, at fair value              | (213,658)                      | (38,095)          | (342,300)                    | (80,417)          |
| Cost of other invested assets acquired  | (27,544)                       | (10,034)          | (52,102)                     | (37,078)          |
| Cost of businesses acquired   | -                              | -                 | (63,100)                     | -                 |
| Net change in short-term investments  | (130,222)                      | 209,878           | 2,717                        | 291,897           |
| Net change in unsettled securities transactions                                     | 175,061                        | (58,493)          | 47,201                       | (11,195)          |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                                 | <u>(5,031)</u>                 | <u>(159,208)</u>  | <u>(86,740)</u>              | <u>(204,469)</u>  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Common shares issued during the period, net   | 5,879                          | 128               | 7,557                        | 849               |
| Purchase of treasury shares   | -                              | (200,079)         | (37,611)                     | (247,111)         |
| Revolving credit borrowings   | -                              | 133,000           | (10,000)                     | 133,000           |
| Net cost of senior notes maturing   | -                              | -                 | -                            | (200,000)         |
| Dividends paid to shareholders  | (26,081)                       | (27,556)          | (52,126)                     | (55,840)          |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                                 | <u>(20,202)</u>                | <u>(94,507)</u>   | <u>(92,180)</u>              | <u>(369,102)</u>  |
| EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH   | <u>1,969</u>                   | <u>9,499</u>      | <u>(6,711)</u>               | <u>24,584</u>     |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash   | 127,376                        | (22,706)          | 153,115                      | (56,145)          |
| Cash, beginning of period   | 284,147                        | 214,159           | 258,408                      | 247,598           |
| Cash, end of period   | <u>\$ 411,523</u>              | <u>\$ 191,453</u> | <u>\$ 411,523</u>            | <u>\$ 191,453</u> |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>  |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Income taxes paid (recovered)   | \$ (24,471)                    | \$ (48,597)       | \$ (12,546)                  | \$ (35,838)       |
| Interest paid   | 20,259                         | 20,160            | 25,778                       | 34,361            |
| Non-cash transaction:   |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Net assets acquired and liabilities assumed from business acquisitions              | -                              | -                 | 19,130                       | -                 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

For the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

### 1. GENERAL

Everest Re Group, Ltd. ("Group"), a Bermuda company, through its subsidiaries, principally provides reinsurance and insurance in the U.S., Bermuda and international markets. As used in this document, "Company" means Group and its subsidiaries. On December 30, 2008, Group contributed Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Holdings") to its Irish holding company, Everest Underwriting Group (Ireland), Limited ("Holdings Ireland").

### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of the results on an interim basis. Certain financial information, which is normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), has been omitted since it is not required for interim reporting purposes. The December 31, 2010 consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 included in the Company's most recent Form 10-K filing.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

#### Application of Recently Issued Accounting Standard Changes.

*Financial Accounting Standards Board Launched Accounting Codification.* In June 2009, Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued authoritative guidance establishing the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ ("Codification") as the single source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by non-governmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The Codification supersedes all existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. All other non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification will become non-authoritative.

Following the Codification, the FASB will no longer issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. Instead, the FASB will issue Accounting Standards Updates, which will serve to update the Codification, provide background information about the guidance and provide the basis for conclusions on the changes to the Codification.

GAAP is not intended to be changed as a result of the FASB's Codification, but it will change the way the guidance is organized and presented. As a result, these changes will have a significant impact on how companies reference GAAP in their financial statements and in the accounting policies for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The Company's adoption of this guidance impacts the way the Company references U.S. GAAP accounting standards in the financial statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Treatment of Insurance Contract Acquisition Costs.* In October 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for the accounting for costs associated with acquiring or renewing insurance contracts. The guidance identifies the incremental direct costs of contract acquisition and costs directly related to acquisition activities that should be capitalized. This guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company will adopt this guidance prospectively, as of January 1, 2012.

*Subsequent Events.* In May 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for subsequent events, which was later modified in February 2010, that addresses the accounting for and disclosure of subsequent events not addressed in other applicable U.S. GAAP. The Company implemented the new disclosure requirement beginning with the second quarter of 2009 and included it in the Notes to Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

*Improving Disclosures About Fair Value Measurements.* In January 2010, the FASB amended the authoritative guidance for disclosures on fair value measurements. Effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, the guidance requires a new separate disclosure for: significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2 and the reasons for the transfers; and provided clarification on existing disclosures to include: fair value measurement disclosures by class of assets and liabilities and disclosure on valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value that fall in either Level 2 or Level 3. The Company implemented this guidance effective January 1, 2010. Effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010, the guidance requires another new separate disclosure in regards to Level 3 fair value measurements in that, the period activity will present separately information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements. Comparative disclosures shall be required only for periods ending after initial adoption. The Company implemented this guidance beginning with the third quarter of 2010.

*Other-Than-Temporary Impairments on Investment Securities.* In April 2009, the FASB revised the authoritative guidance for the recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary impairments. This new guidance amends the recognition guidance for other-than-temporary impairments of debt securities and expands the financial statement disclosures for other-than-temporary impairments on debt and equity securities. For available for sale debt securities that the Company has no intent to sell and more likely than not will not be required to sell prior to recovery, only the credit loss component of the impairment would be recognized in earnings, while the rest of the fair value loss would be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The Company adopted this guidance effective April 1, 2009. Upon adoption the Company recognized a cumulative-effect adjustment increase in retained earnings and decrease in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cumulative-effect adjustment, gross | \$ 65,658        |
| Tax                                 | (8,346)          |
| Cumulative-effect adjustment, net   | <u>\$ 57,312</u> |

### 3. INVESTMENTS

The amortized cost, market value and gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of available for sale, fixed maturity and equity security investments, carried at market value, are as follows for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                                | At June 30, 2011  |                            |                            |                 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
|   | Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Appreciation | Unrealized<br>Depreciation | Market<br>Value |
| Fixed maturity securities                             |                   |                            |                            |                 |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |                   |                            |                            |                 |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 312,358        | \$ 11,997                  | \$ (3,391)                 | \$ 320,964      |
| Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions | 2,110,206         | 109,724                    | (5,985)                    | 2,213,945       |
| Corporate securities                                  | 3,222,053         | 183,137                    | (19,746)                   | 3,385,444       |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 184,042           | 7,439                      | (183)                      | 191,298         |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |                   |                            |                            |                 |
| Commercial  | 313,214           | 21,059                     | (5,262)                    | 329,011         |
| Agency residential                                    | 1,923,180         | 97,009                     | (506)                      | 2,019,683       |
| Non-agency residential                                | 68,189            | 946                        | (585)                      | 68,550          |
| Foreign government securities                         | 1,764,176         | 95,292                     | (17,608)                   | 1,841,860       |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 2,026,650         | 86,826                     | (27,458)                   | 2,086,018       |
| Total fixed maturity securities                       | \$ 11,924,068     | \$ 613,429                 | \$ (80,724)                | \$ 12,456,773   |
| Equity securities                                     | \$ 452,942        | \$ 8,564                   | \$ (3)                     | \$ 461,503      |

| (Dollars in thousands)                                | At December 31, 2010 |                            |                            |                 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
|   | Amortized<br>Cost    | Unrealized<br>Appreciation | Unrealized<br>Depreciation | Market<br>Value |
| Fixed maturity securities                             |                      |                            |                            |                 |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |                      |                            |                            |                 |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 394,690           | \$ 12,772                  | \$ (5,655)                 | \$ 401,807      |
| Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions | 2,809,514            | 116,920                    | (24,929)                   | 2,901,505       |
| Corporate securities                                  | 2,916,977            | 168,687                    | (16,518)                   | 3,069,146       |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 210,717              | 7,799                      | (215)                      | 218,301         |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |                      |                            |                            |                 |
| Commercial  | 324,922              | 17,751                     | (5,454)                    | 337,219         |
| Agency residential                                    | 2,018,384            | 76,367                     | (1,469)                    | 2,093,282       |
| Non-agency residential                                | 76,259               | 1,205                      | (1,723)                    | 75,741          |
| Foreign government securities                         | 1,584,355            | 79,661                     | (25,668)                   | 1,638,348       |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 1,675,518            | 71,268                     | (31,666)                   | 1,715,120       |
| Total fixed maturity securities                       | \$ 12,011,336        | \$ 552,430                 | \$ (113,297)               | \$ 12,450,469   |
| Equity securities                                     | \$ 363,283           | \$ 3,039                   | \$ (2,586)                 | \$ 363,736      |

In accordance with FASB guidance, the Company reclassified the non-credit portion of other-than-temporary impairments from retained earnings into accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), on April 1, 2009. The table below presents the pre-tax cumulative unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those corporate securities, for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                                    | At June 30, 2011 | At December 31, 2010 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Pre-tax cumulative unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$ 3,630         | \$ 1,743             |

The amortized cost and market value of fixed maturity securities are shown in the following table by contractual maturity. Mortgage-backed securities are generally more likely to be prepaid than other fixed maturity securities. As the stated maturity of such securities may not be indicative of actual maturities, the totals for mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are shown separately.

| (Dollars in thousands)                         | At June 30, 2011     |                      | At December 31, 2010 |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | Amortized            | Market               | Amortized            | Market               |
|  | Cost                 | Value                | Cost                 | Value                |
| Fixed maturity securities – available for sale |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Due in one year or less                        | \$ 552,557           | \$ 566,288           | \$ 572,985           | \$ 580,528           |
| Due after one year through five years          | 4,433,423            | 4,612,294            | 3,911,482            | 4,057,230            |
| Due after five years through ten years         | 2,590,743            | 2,720,260            | 2,564,948            | 2,686,005            |
| Due after ten years                            | 1,858,720            | 1,949,389            | 2,331,639            | 2,402,163            |
| Asset-backed securities                        | 184,042              | 191,298              | 210,717              | 218,301              |
| Mortgage-backed securities                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Commercial                                     | 313,214              | 329,011              | 324,922              | 337,219              |
| Agency residential                             | 1,923,180            | 2,019,683            | 2,018,384            | 2,093,282            |
| Non-agency residential                         | 68,189               | 68,550               | 76,259               | 75,741               |
| Total fixed maturity securities                | <u>\$ 11,924,068</u> | <u>\$ 12,456,773</u> | <u>\$ 12,011,336</u> | <u>\$ 12,450,469</u> |

The changes in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the Company's investments are derived from the following sources for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)  | Three Months Ended |                   | Six Months Ended |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|   | June 30,           |                   | June 30,         |                   |
|   | 2011               | 2010              | 2011             | 2010              |
| Increase (decrease) during the period between the market value and cost of investments carried at market value, and deferred taxes thereon: |                    |                   |                  |                   |
| Fixed maturity securities   | \$ 128,231         | \$ 129,039        | \$ 91,685        | \$ 146,237        |
| Fixed maturity securities, cumulative other-than-temporary impairment adjustment  | 723                | 33                | 1,887            | 6,085             |
| Equity securities   | 8,728              | (32)              | 8,108            | 268               |
| Other invested assets   | (3,165)            | (19)              | (1,730)          | 495               |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), pre-tax   | 134,517            | 129,021           | 99,950           | 153,085           |
| Deferred tax benefit (expense)  | (22,885)           | (15,934)          | (12,800)         | (4,358)           |
| Deferred tax benefit (expense), cumulative other-than-temporary impairment adjustment   | 5                  | 164               | (2)              | (904)             |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net of deferred taxes, included in shareholders' equity                                   | <u>\$ 111,637</u>  | <u>\$ 113,251</u> | <u>\$ 87,148</u> | <u>\$ 147,823</u> |

The Company frequently reviews its fixed maturity securities investment portfolio for declines in market value and focuses its attention on securities whose fair value has fallen below 80% of their amortized cost at the time of review. The Company then assesses whether the decline in value is temporary or other-than-temporary. In making its assessment, the Company evaluates the current market and interest rate environment as well as specific issuer information. Generally, a change in a security's value caused by a change in the market or interest rate environment does not constitute an other-than-temporary impairment, but rather a temporary decline in market value. Temporary declines in market value are recorded as unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). If the Company determines that the decline is other-than-temporary and the Company does not have the intent to sell the security; and it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, the carrying value of the investment is written down to fair value. The fair value adjustment that is credit related is recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The fair value adjustment that is non-credit related is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, and is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company's assessments are based on the issuers current and expected future financial position, timeliness with respect to interest and/or principal payments, speed of repayments and any applicable credit enhancements or breakeven constant default rates on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, as well as relevant information provided by rating agencies, investment advisors and analysts.

Retrospective adjustments are employed to recalculate the values of asset-backed securities. All of the Company's asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities have a pass-through structure. Each acquisition lot is reviewed to recalculate the effective yield. The recalculated effective yield is used to derive a book value as if the new yield were applied at the time of acquisition. Outstanding principal factors from the time of acquisition to the adjustment date are used to calculate the prepayment history for all applicable securities. Conditional prepayment rates, computed with life to date factor histories and weighted average maturities, are used in the calculation of projected and prepayments for pass-through security types.

The tables below display the aggregate market value and gross unrealized depreciation of fixed maturity and equity securities, by security type and contractual maturity, in each case subdivided according to length of time that individual securities had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for the periods indicated:

|   | Duration of Unrealized Loss at June 30, 2011 By Security Type |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|   | Less than 12 months   |                               | Greater than 12 months |                               | Total        |                               |
|   | Market Value  | Gross Unrealized Depreciation | Market Value           | Gross Unrealized Depreciation | Market Value | Gross Unrealized Depreciation |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                |   |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| Fixed maturity securities - available for sale        |   |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |   |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 45,218   | \$ (2,868)                    | \$ 3,417               | \$ (523)                      | \$ 48,635    | \$ (3,391)                    |
| Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions | 34,916  | (1,152)                       | 55,794                 | (4,833)                       | 90,710       | (5,985)                       |
| Corporate securities                                  | 335,186   | (10,277)                      | 123,138                | (9,469)                       | 458,324      | (19,746)                      |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 9,250   | (85)                          | 939                    | (98)                          | 10,189       | (183)                         |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |   |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| Commercial  | 11,445  | (731)                         | 58,760                 | (4,531)                       | 70,205       | (5,262)                       |
| Agency residential                                    | 44,495  | (210)                         | 17,438                 | (296)                         | 61,933       | (506)                         |
| Non-agency residential                                | 272   | (8)                           | 12,116                 | (577)                         | 12,388       | (585)                         |
| Foreign government securities                         | 147,502   | (4,460)                       | 158,544                | (13,148)                      | 306,046      | (17,608)                      |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 293,117   | (14,041)                      | 109,163                | (13,417)                      | 402,280      | (27,458)                      |
| Total fixed maturity securities                       | \$ 921,401  | \$ (33,832)                   | \$ 539,309             | \$ (46,892)                   | \$ 1,460,710 | \$ (80,724)                   |
| Equity securities                                     | -   | -                             | 12                     | (3)                           | 12           | (3)                           |
| Total   | \$ 921,401  | \$ (33,832)                   | \$ 539,321             | \$ (46,895)                   | \$ 1,460,722 | \$ (80,727)                   |

|                                     | Duration of Unrealized Loss at June 30, 2011 By Maturity |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|                                     | Less than 12 months                                      |                               | Greater than 12 months |                               | Total        |                               |
|                                     | Market Value   | Gross Unrealized Depreciation | Market Value           | Gross Unrealized Depreciation | Market Value | Gross Unrealized Depreciation |
| (Dollars in thousands)              |  |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| Fixed maturity securities           |  |                               |                        |                               |              |                               |
| Due in one year or less             | \$ 18,085  | \$ (729)                      | \$ 40,580              | \$ (5,047)                    | \$ 58,665    | \$ (5,776)                    |
| Due in one year through five years  | 339,365  | (15,199)                      | 181,797                | (14,515)                      | 521,162      | (29,714)                      |
| Due in five years through ten years | 403,944  | (13,222)                      | 104,581                | (8,235)                       | 508,525      | (21,457)                      |
| Due after ten years                 | 94,545   | (3,648)                       | 123,098                | (13,593)                      | 217,643      | (17,241)                      |
| Asset-backed securities             | 9,250  | (85)                          | 939                    | (98)                          | 10,189       | (183)                         |
| Mortgage-backed securities          | 56,212   | (949)                         | 88,314                 | (5,404)                       | 144,526      | (6,353)                       |
| Total fixed maturity securities     | \$ 921,401   | \$ (33,832)                   | \$ 539,309             | \$ (46,892)                   | \$ 1,460,710 | \$ (80,724)                   |

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2011 were \$1,460,722 thousand and \$80,727 thousand, respectively. There were no unrealized losses on a single issuer that exceeded 0.05% of the market value of the fixed maturity securities at June 30, 2011. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$33,832 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were generally comprised of highly rated municipal, U.S. and foreign government and domestic and foreign corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$30,165 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The majority of the unrealized losses related to foreign government and foreign corporate securities are due to currency exchange rate movements as opposed to market value movements. The \$46,892 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related

primarily to highly rated municipal, foreign government and domestic and foreign corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$38,491 thousand related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The majority of the unrealized losses related to foreign government and foreign corporate securities are due to currency exchange rate movements as opposed to market value movements. The non-investment grade securities with unrealized losses were mainly comprised of corporate and commercial mortgage-backed securities. The gross unrealized depreciation for mortgage-backed securities included \$303 thousand related to sub-prime and alt-A loans. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments. Unrealized losses at June 30, 2011 are comparable with unrealized losses at December 31, 2010.

The Company, given the size of its investment portfolio and capital position, does not have the intent to sell these securities; and it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis. In addition, all securities currently in an unrealized loss position are current with respect to principal and interest payments.

The tables below display the aggregate market value and gross unrealized depreciation of fixed maturity and equity securities, by security type and contractual maturity, in each case subdivided according to length of time that individual securities had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for the periods indicated:

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2010 By Security Type

|   | Less than 12 months |                    | Greater than 12 months |                    | Total               |                     |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | Gross Unrealized    |                    | Gross Unrealized       |                    | Gross Unrealized    |                     |
|   | Market Value        | Depreciation       | Market Value           | Depreciation       | Market Value        | Depreciation        |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| Fixed maturity securities - available for sale        |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 70,193           | \$ (2,425)         | \$ 43,264              | \$ (3,230)         | \$ 113,457          | \$ (5,655)          |
| Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions | 336,522             | (9,520)            | 171,812                | (15,409)           | 508,334             | (24,929)            |
| Corporate securities                                  | 186,898             | (5,077)            | 107,520                | (11,441)           | 294,418             | (16,518)            |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 7,816               | (92)               | 2,408                  | (123)              | 10,224              | (215)               |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| Commercial  | 962                 | (25)               | 58,036                 | (5,429)            | 58,998              | (5,454)             |
| Agency residential                                    | 208,930             | (1,236)            | 614                    | (233)              | 209,544             | (1,469)             |
| Non-agency residential                                | -                   | -                  | 44,341                 | (1,723)            | 44,341              | (1,723)             |
| Foreign government securities                         | 194,113             | (6,416)            | 203,913                | (19,252)           | 398,026             | (25,668)            |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 309,627             | (9,452)            | 198,161                | (22,214)           | 507,788             | (31,666)            |
| Total fixed maturity securities                       | <u>\$ 1,315,061</u> | <u>\$ (34,243)</u> | <u>\$ 830,069</u>      | <u>\$ (79,054)</u> | <u>\$ 2,145,130</u> | <u>\$ (113,297)</u> |
| Equity securities                                     | 273,378             | (2,584)            | 13                     | (2)                | 273,391             | (2,586)             |
| Total   | <u>\$ 1,588,439</u> | <u>\$ (36,827)</u> | <u>\$ 830,082</u>      | <u>\$ (79,056)</u> | <u>\$ 2,418,521</u> | <u>\$ (115,883)</u> |

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2010 By Maturity

|                                     | Less than 12 months |                    | Greater than 12 months |                    | Total               |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | Gross Unrealized    |                    | Gross Unrealized       |                    | Gross Unrealized    |                     |
|                                     | Market Value        | Depreciation       | Market Value           | Depreciation       | Market Value        | Depreciation        |
| (Dollars in thousands)              |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| Fixed maturity securities           |                     |                    |                        |                    |                     |                     |
| Due in one year or less             | \$ 24,854           | \$ (450)           | \$ 55,204              | \$ (9,061)         | \$ 80,058           | \$ (9,511)          |
| Due in one year through five years  | 313,179             | (11,829)           | 224,770                | (19,685)           | 537,949             | (31,514)            |
| Due in five years through ten years | 358,468             | (9,538)            | 144,264                | (12,624)           | 502,732             | (22,162)            |
| Due after ten years                 | 400,852             | (11,073)           | 300,432                | (30,176)           | 701,284             | (41,249)            |
| Asset-backed securities             | 7,816               | (92)               | 2,408                  | (123)              | 10,224              | (215)               |
| Mortgage-backed securities          | 209,892             | (1,261)            | 102,991                | (7,385)            | 312,883             | (8,646)             |
| Total fixed maturity securities     | <u>\$ 1,315,061</u> | <u>\$ (34,243)</u> | <u>\$ 830,069</u>      | <u>\$ (79,054)</u> | <u>\$ 2,145,130</u> | <u>\$ (113,297)</u> |

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2010 were \$2,418,521 thousand and \$115,883 thousand, respectively. There were no unrealized losses on a single issuer that exceeded 0.08% of the market value of the fixed maturity securities at December 31, 2010. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$34,243 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were generally comprised of highly rated municipal, foreign government and domestic and foreign corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$33,463 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The \$79,054 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related primarily to highly rated domestic and foreign corporate, mortgage-backed, foreign government and municipal securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$66,514 thousand related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The non-investment grade securities with unrealized losses were mainly comprised of corporate and commercial mortgage-backed securities. The gross unrealized depreciation greater than 12 months for mortgage-backed securities included \$210 thousand related to sub-prime and alt-A loans. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments.

The components of net investment income are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                   |                                |            |                              |            |
| Fixed maturity securities                                | \$ 132,668                     | \$ 149,017 | \$ 265,524                   | \$ 294,216 |
| Equity securities  | 13,156                         | 2,856      | 25,019                       | 5,379      |
| Short-term investments and cash                          | 439                            | (82)       | 676                          | (390)      |
| Other invested assets                                    |                                |            |                              |            |
| Limited partnerships                                     | 14,344                         | 15,611     | 50,975                       | 31,509     |
| Other  | 4,126                          | 330        | 4,723                        | 702        |
| Total gross investment income                            | 164,733                        | 167,732    | 346,917                      | 331,416    |
| Interest debited (credited) and other investment expense | (6,115)                        | (2,001)    | (9,594)                      | (4,186)    |
| Total net investment income                              | \$ 158,618                     | \$ 165,731 | \$ 337,323                   | \$ 327,230 |

The Company records results from limited partnership investments on the equity method of accounting with changes in value reported through net investment income. Due to the timing of receiving financial information from these partnerships, the results are generally reported on a one month or quarter lag. If the Company determines there has been a significant decline in value of a limited partnership during this lag period, a loss will be recorded in the period in which the Company identifies the decline.

The Company had contractual commitments to invest up to an additional \$194,342 thousand in limited partnerships at June 30, 2011. These commitments will be funded when called in accordance with the partnership agreements, which have investment periods that expire, unless extended, through 2016.

The components of net realized capital gains (losses) are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                     | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |             | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2011                           | 2010        | 2011                         | 2010      |
| Fixed maturity securities, market value:   |                                |             |                              |           |
| Other-than-temporary impairments           | \$ -                           | \$ -        | \$ (14,767)                  | \$ -      |
| Gains (losses) from sales                  | (5,603)                        | (2,249)     | (15,618)                     | 50,757    |
| Fixed maturity securities, fair value:     |                                |             |                              |           |
| Gains (losses) from sales                  | 565                            | 190         | (950)                        | 273       |
| Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments | (41)                           | (2,518)     | (3,524)                      | 482       |
| Equity securities, market value:           |                                |             |                              |           |
| Gains (losses) from sales                  | 1                              | 111         | 38                           | 111       |
| Equity securities, fair value:             |                                |             |                              |           |
| Gains (losses) from sales                  | (206)                          | (2,894)     | 1,698                        | (999)     |
| Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments | 440                            | (34,341)    | 40,434                       | (19,608)  |
| Short-term investments gain (loss)         | (1)                            | 8           | -                            | 9         |
| Total net realized capital gains (losses)  | \$ (4,845)                     | \$ (41,693) | \$ 7,311                     | \$ 31,025 |

The Company recorded as net realized capital gains (losses) in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) both fair value re-measurements and write-downs in the value of securities deemed to be impaired on an other-than-temporary basis as displayed in the table above. The Company had no other-than-temporary impaired securities where the impairment had both a credit and non-credit component.

The proceeds and split between gross gains and losses, from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities, are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                           | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
| Proceeds from sales of fixed maturity securities | \$ 353,938                     | \$ 245,055 | \$ 917,800                   | \$ 732,074 |
| Gross gains from sales                           | 7,165                          | 7,699      | 24,515                       | 66,371     |
| Gross losses from sales                          | (12,203)                       | (9,758)    | (41,083)                     | (15,341)   |
| Proceeds from sales of equity securities         | \$ 37,110                      | \$ 52,112  | \$ 120,873                   | \$ 73,454  |
| Gross gains from sales                           | 725                            | 1,324      | 3,207                        | 3,695      |
| Gross losses from sales                          | (930)                          | (4,107)    | (1,471)                      | (4,583)    |

#### 4. DERIVATIVES

The Company sold seven equity index put option contracts, based on two indices, in 2001 and 2005, which are outstanding. The Company sold these equity index put options as insurance products with the intent of achieving a profit. These equity index put option contracts meet the definition of a derivative under FASB guidance and the Company's position in these equity index put option contracts is unhedged. Accordingly, these equity index put option contracts are carried at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets with changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

The Company sold six equity index put option contracts, based on the Standard & Poor's 500 ("S&P 500") index, for total consideration, net of commissions, of \$22,530 thousand. At June 30, 2011, fair value for these equity index put option contracts was \$48,244 thousand. These equity index put option contracts each have a single exercise date, with maturities ranging from 12 to 30 years and strike prices ranging from \$1,141.21 to \$1,540.63. No amounts will be payable under these equity index put option contracts if the S&P 500 index is at, or above, the strike prices on the exercise dates, which fall between June 2017 and March 2031. If the S&P 500 index is lower than the strike price on the applicable exercise date, the amount due would vary proportionately with the percentage by which the index is below the strike price. Based on

historical index volatilities and trends and the June 30, 2011 S&P 500 index value, the Company estimates the probability that each equity index put option contract of the S&P 500 index falling below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 37%. The theoretical maximum payouts under the equity index put option contracts would occur if on each of the exercise dates the S&P 500 index value were zero. At June 30, 2011, the present value of these theoretical maximum payouts using a 6% discount factor was \$277,129 thousand.

The Company sold one equity index put option contract based on the FTSE 100 index for total consideration, net of commissions, of \$6,706 thousand. At June 30, 2011, fair value for this equity index put option contract was \$6,069 thousand. This equity index put option contract has an exercise date of July 2020 and a strike price of £5,989.75. No amount will be payable under this equity index put option contract if the FTSE 100 index is at, or above, the strike price on the exercise date. If the FTSE 100 index is lower than the strike price on the exercise date, the amount due will vary proportionately with the percentage by which the index is below the strike price. Based on historical index volatilities and trends and the June 30, 2011 FTSE 100 index value, the Company estimates the probability that the equity index put option contract of the FTSE 100 index will fall below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 33%. The theoretical maximum payout under the equity index put option contract would occur if on the exercise date the FTSE 100 index value was zero. At June 30, 2011, the present value of the theoretical maximum payout using a 6% discount factor and current exchange rate was \$31,465 thousand.

The fair value of the equity index put options can be found in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands)                            |  |                     |                         |
|---|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | Location of fair value in balance sheets | At<br>June 30, 2011 | At<br>December 31, 2010 |
| Equity index put option contracts                 | Equity index put option liability        | \$ 54,313           | \$ 58,467               |
| Total   |  | <u>\$ 54,313</u>    | <u>\$ 58,467</u>        |

The change in fair value of the equity index put option contracts can be found in the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands)                            |   |  |                    |                                      |                    |
|---|---|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | Location of gain (loss) in statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) | For the Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                    | For the Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                    |
|   |   | 2011                                   | 2010               | 2011                                 | 2010               |
| Equity index put option contracts                 | Net derivative gain (loss)  | \$ (3,371)                             | \$ (22,304)        | \$ 4,154                             | \$ (19,250)        |
| Total   |   | <u>\$ (3,371)</u>                      | <u>\$ (22,304)</u> | <u>\$ 4,154</u>                      | <u>\$ (19,250)</u> |

The Company's equity index put option contracts contain provisions that require collateralization of the fair value, as calculated by the counterparty, above a specified threshold, which is based on the Company's financial strength ratings (Moody's Investors Service, Inc.) and/or debt ratings (Standard & Poor's Ratings Services). The aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features that were in a liability position on June 30, 2011, was \$54,313 thousand for which the Company had posted collateral with a market value of \$32,331 thousand. If on June 30, 2011, the Company's ratings were such that the collateral threshold was zero, the Company's collateral requirement would increase by \$55,000 thousand.

## 5. FAIR VALUE

The Company's fixed maturity and equity securities are managed by third party investment asset managers. The investment asset managers obtain prices from nationally recognized pricing services. These services seek to utilize market data and observations in their evaluation process. They use pricing applications that vary by asset class and incorporate available market information and when fixed maturity securities do not trade on a daily basis the services will apply available information through processes such as benchmark curves, benchmarking of like securities, sector groupings and matrix pricing. In addition, they use model processes, such as the Option Adjusted Spread model to develop prepayment and interest rate scenarios for securities that have prepayment features.

In limited instances where prices are not provided by pricing services or in rare instances when a manager may not agree with the pricing service, price quotes on a non-binding basis are obtained from investment brokers. The investment asset managers do not make any changes to prices received from either the pricing services or the investment brokers. In addition, the investment asset managers have procedures in place to review the reasonableness of the prices from the service providers and may request verification of the prices. In addition, the Company tests the prices on a random basis to an independent pricing source. In limited situations, where financial markets are inactive or illiquid, the Company may use its own assumptions about future cash flows and risk-adjusted discount rates to determine fair value. The Company made no such adjustments at June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Equity securities in U.S. denominated currency are categorized as Level 1, Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets, since the securities are actively traded on an exchange and prices are based on quoted prices from the exchange. Equity securities traded on foreign exchanges are categorized as Level 2 due to potential foreign exchange adjustments to fair or market value.

Fixed maturity securities are generally categorized as Level 2, Significant Other Observable Inputs, since a particular security may not have traded but the pricing services are able to use valuation models with observable market inputs such as interest rate yield curves and prices for similar fixed maturity securities in terms of issuer, maturity and seniority. Valuations that are derived from techniques in which one or more of the significant inputs are unobservable (including assumptions about risk) are categorized as Level 3, Significant Unobservable Inputs. These securities include broker priced securities and the Company's equity index put option contracts.

The Company sold seven equity index put option contracts which meet the definition of a derivative. The Company's position in these contracts is unhedged. The Company records the change in fair value of equity index put option contracts in its consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

The fair value was calculated using an industry accepted option pricing model, Black-Scholes, which used the following assumptions:

|                  | At June 30, 2011                   |                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                  | Contracts based on S & P 500 Index | Contract based on FTSE 100 Index |
| Equity index     | 1,320.6                            | 5,945.7                          |
| Interest rate    | 3.32% to 5.00%                     | 4.27%                            |
| Time to maturity | 5.9 to 19.8 yrs                    | 9.1 yrs                          |
| Volatility       | 21.9% to 24.5%                     | 24.6%                            |

The following table presents the fair value measurement levels for all assets and liabilities, which the Company has recorded at fair value (fair and market value) as of the period indicated:

|   | June 30, 2011 | Fair Value Measurement Using:   |   |  |
|---|---------------|---|---|--|
|   |               | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                |               |   |   |  |
| <b>Assets:</b>  |               |   |   |  |
| Fixed maturities, market value                        |               |   |   |  |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |               |   |   |  |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 320,964    | \$ -  | \$ 320,964  | \$ -   |
| Obligations of U.S. States and political subdivisions | 2,213,945     | -   | 2,213,945   | -  |
| Corporate securities                                  | 3,385,444     | -   | 3,385,444   | -  |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 191,298       | -   | 188,806   | 2,492  |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |               |   |   |  |
| Commercial  | 329,011       | -   | 329,011   | -  |
| Agency residential                                    | 2,019,683     | -   | 2,019,683   | -  |
| Non-agency residential                                | 68,550        | -   | 67,197  | 1,353  |
| Foreign government securities                         | 1,841,860     | -   | 1,841,860   | -  |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 2,086,018     | -   | 2,086,018   | -  |
| Total fixed maturities, market value                  | 12,456,773    | -   | 12,452,928  | 3,845  |
| Fixed maturities, fair value                          | 128,337       | -   | 128,337   | -  |
| Equity securities, market value                       | 461,503       | 445,265   | 16,238  | -  |
| Equity securities, fair value                         | 1,012,214     | 938,558   | 73,656  | -  |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                   |               |   |   |  |
| Equity index put option contracts                     | \$ 54,313     | \$ -  | \$ -  | \$ 54,313  |

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

The following table presents the fair value measurement levels for all assets and liabilities, which the Company has recorded at fair value (fair and market value) as of the period indicated:

|   | December 31, 2010 | Fair Value Measurement Using:   |   |  |
|---|-------------------|---|---|--|
|   |                   | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                |                   |   |   |  |
| <b>Assets:</b>  |                   |   |   |  |
| Fixed maturities, market value                        |                   |   |   |  |
| U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of           |                   |   |   |  |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations             | \$ 401,807        | \$ -  | \$ 401,807  | \$ -   |
| Obligations of U.S. States and political subdivisions | 2,901,505         | -   | 2,901,505   | -  |
| Corporate securities                                  | 3,069,146         | -   | 3,069,146   | -  |
| Asset-backed securities                               | 218,301           | -   | 217,306   | 995  |
| Mortgage-backed securities                            |                   |   |   |  |
| Commercial  | 337,219           | -   | 337,219   | -  |
| Agency residential                                    | 2,093,282         | -   | 2,093,282   | -  |
| Non-agency residential                                | 75,741            | -   | 74,241  | 1,500  |
| Foreign government securities                         | 1,638,348         | -   | 1,638,348   | -  |
| Foreign corporate securities                          | 1,715,120         | -   | 1,710,704   | 4,416  |
| Total fixed maturities, market value                  | 12,450,469        | -   | 12,443,558  | 6,911  |
| Fixed maturities, fair value                          | 180,482           | -   | 180,482   | -  |
| Equity securities, market value                       | 363,736           | 363,736   | -   | -  |
| Equity securities, fair value                         | 721,449           | 721,449   | -   | -  |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                   |                   |   |   |  |
| Equity index put option contracts                     | \$ 58,467         | \$ -  | \$ -  | \$ 58,467  |

The following tables present the activity under Level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs by asset type, for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                          | Three Months Ended June 30, 2011 |           |            |           | Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 |           |            |          |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
|   | Asset-backed                     | Foreign   | Non-agency | Total     | Asset-backed                   | Foreign   | Non-agency | Total    |
|   | Securities                       | Corporate | RMBS       |           | Securities                     | Corporate | RMBS       |          |
| Beginning balance                               | \$ 9,345                         | \$ 519    | \$ 1,570   | \$ 11,434 | \$ 995                         | \$ 4,416  | \$ 1,500   | \$ 6,911 |
| Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized)   |                                  |           |            |           |                                |           |            |          |
| Included in earnings (or changes in net assets) | 64                               | -         | 95         | 159       | 64                             | -         | 240        | 304      |
| Included in other comprehensive income (loss)   | (123)                            | -         | (168)      | (291)     | (147)                          | -         | (33)       | (180)    |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements            | (81)                             | -         | (144)      | (225)     | 56                             | -         | (354)      | (298)    |
| Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3            | (6,713)                          | (519)     | -          | (7,232)   | 1,524                          | (4,416)   | -          | (2,892)  |
| Ending balance                                  | \$ 2,492                         | \$ -      | \$ 1,353   | \$ 3,845  | \$ 2,492                       | \$ -      | \$ 1,353   | \$ 3,845 |

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

| (Dollars in thousands)                          | Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 |              |            |           | Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 |              |            |           |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
|   | Corporate                        | Asset-backed | Non-agency | Total     | Corporate                      | Asset-backed | Non-agency | Total     |
|   | Securities                       | Securities   | RMBS       |           | Securities                     | Securities   | RMBS       |           |
| Beginning balance                               | \$ 9,900                         | \$ 6,388     | \$ 1,459   | \$ 17,747 | \$ 9,900                       | \$ 6,268     | \$ 1,394   | \$ 17,563 |
| Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized)   |                                  |              |            |           |                                |              |            |           |
| Included in earnings (or changes in net assets) | (2)                              | -            | 68         | 66        | (2)                            | -            | 160        | 158       |
| Included in other comprehensive income (loss)   | 52                               | 112          | 79         | 243       | 52                             | 44           | 184        | 280       |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements            | -                                | 71           | (97)       | (26)      | -                              | 259          | (230)      | 29        |
| Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3            | -                                | (10)         | -          | (10)      | -                              | (10)         | -          | (10)      |
| Ending balance                                  | \$ 9,950                         | \$ 6,562     | \$ 1,508   | \$ 18,020 | \$ 9,950                       | \$ 6,562     | \$ 1,508   | \$ 18,020 |

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

The following table presents the activity under Level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs for equity index put option contracts, for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                          | Three Months Ended |           | Six Months Ended |           |
|---|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|   | June 30,           |           | June 30,         |           |
|   | 2011               | 2010      | 2011             | 2010      |
| Liabilities:                                    |                    |           |                  |           |
| Balance, beginning of period                    | \$ 50,943          | \$ 54,295 | \$ 58,467        | \$ 57,349 |
| Total (gains) or losses (realized/unrealized)   |                    |           |                  |           |
| Included in earnings (or changes in net assets) | 3,371              | 22,304    | (4,154)          | 19,250    |
| Included in other comprehensive income (loss)   | -                  | -         | -                | -         |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements            | -                  | -         | -                | -         |
| Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3            | -                  | -         | -                | -         |
| Balance, end of period                          | \$ 54,313          | \$ 76,599 | \$ 54,313        | \$ 76,599 |

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to liabilities still held at the reporting date

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
|------|------|------|------|

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

## 6. CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

On December 17, 2008, we renewed our shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR with the SEC, as a Well Known Seasoned Issuer. This shelf registration statement can be used by Group to register common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, share purchase contracts and share purchase units; by Holdings to register debt securities and by Everest Re Capital Trust III ("Capital Trust III") to register trust preferred securities.

## 7. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

Net income (loss) per common share has been computed as per below, based upon weighted average common basic and dilutive shares outstanding.

|   | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
| (Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)                                   |                                |            |                              |            |
| Net income (loss) per share:  |                                |            |                              |            |
| Numerator   |                                |            |                              |            |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ 131,312                     | \$ 156,673 | \$ (184,582)                 | \$ 134,021 |
| Less: dividends declared-common shares and nonvested common shares                            | (26,081)                       | (27,557)   | (52,126)                     | (55,840)   |
| Undistributed earnings  | 105,231                        | 129,116    | (236,708)                    | 78,181     |
| Percentage allocated to common shareholders <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 99.3%                          | 99.5%      | 99.4%                        | 99.5%      |
|   | 104,514                        | 128,450    | (235,249)                    | 77,822     |
| Add: dividends declared-common shareholders   | 25,910                         | 27,414     | 51,770                       | 55,552     |
| Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per common share                                     | \$ 130,424                     | \$ 155,863 | \$ (183,479)                 | \$ 133,374 |
| Denominator   |                                |            |                              |            |
| Denominator for basic earnings per weighted-average common shares                             | 53,949                         | 57,691     | 54,002                       | 58,305     |
| Effect of dilutive securities:  |                                |            |                              |            |
| Options   | 159                            | 118        | 175                          | 153        |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per adjusted weighted-average common shares                  | 54,108                         | 57,808     | 54,177                       | 58,459     |
| Per common share net income (loss)  |                                |            |                              |            |
| Basic   | \$ 2.42                        | \$ 2.70    | \$ (3.40)                    | \$ 2.29    |
| Diluted   | \$ 2.41                        | \$ 2.70    | \$ (3.40)                    | \$ 2.28    |
| <sup>(1)</sup> Basic weighted-average common shares outstanding                               | 53,949                         | 57,691     | 54,002                       | 58,305     |
| Basic weighted-average common shares outstanding and nonvested common shares expected to vest | 54,319                         | 57,990     | 54,337                       | 58,574     |
| Percentage allocated to common shareholders   | 99.3%                          | 99.5%      | 99.4%                        | 99.5%      |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

The table below presents the options to purchase common shares that were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of earnings per diluted share as they were anti-dilutive, for the periods indicated:

|                       | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |           | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                       | 2011                           | 2010      | 2011                         | 2010      |
| Anti-dilutive options | 1,537,790                      | 1,924,070 | 1,542,790                    | 1,923,110 |

All outstanding options expire on or between September 21, 2011 and May 18, 2021.

## 8. CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in lawsuits, arbitrations and other formal and informal dispute resolution procedures, the outcomes of which will determine the Company's rights and obligations under insurance, reinsurance and other contractual agreements. In some disputes, the Company seeks to enforce its rights under an agreement or to collect funds owing to it. In other matters, the Company is resisting attempts by others to collect funds or enforce alleged rights. These disputes arise from time to time and are ultimately resolved through both informal and formal means, including negotiated resolution, arbitration and litigation. In all such matters, the Company believes that its positions are legally and commercially reasonable. The statuses of these proceedings are considered when the Company determines its reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses. While the final outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company does not believe that any of these matters, when finally resolved, will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or liquidity. However, an adverse resolution of one or more of these items in any one quarter or fiscal year could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations in that period.

There are no known significant pending legal issues not involving insurance or reinsurance business activity.

In 1993 and prior, the Company had a business arrangement with The Prudential Insurance Company of America ("The Prudential") wherein, for a fee, the Company accepted settled claim payment obligations of certain property and casualty insurers, and, concurrently, became the owner of the annuity or assignee of the annuity proceeds funded by the property and casualty insurers specifically to fulfill these fully settled obligations. In these circumstances, the Company would be liable if The Prudential, which has an A+ (Superior) financial strength rating from A.M. Best Company ("A.M. Best"), was unable to make the annuity payments. The table below presents the estimated cost to replace all such annuities for which the Company was contingently liable for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)

|  | <u>At June 30, 2011</u> | <u>At December 31, 2010</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | \$ 143,013              | \$ 150,560                  |

Prior to its 1995 initial public offering, the Company purchased annuities from an unaffiliated life insurance company with an A+ (Superior) financial strength rating from A.M. Best to settle certain claim liabilities of the company. Should the life insurance company become unable to make the annuity payments, the Company would be liable for those claim liabilities. The table below presents the estimated cost to replace all such annuities for which the Company was contingently liable for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)

|  | <u>At June 30, 2011</u> | <u>At December 31, 2010</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | \$ 26,988               | \$ 26,542                   |

## 9. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The following table presents the components of comprehensive income (loss) in the consolidated statements of operations for the periods indicated:

|   | Three Months Ended |                  | Six Months Ended  |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|   | June 30,           |                  | June 30,          |                  |
| (Dollars in thousands)  | 2011               | 2010             | 2011              | 2010             |
| Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ("URA(D)") on securities arising during the period |                    |                  |                   |                  |
| URA(D) of investments - temporary   | \$ 133,794         | \$ 128,988       | \$ 98,063         | \$ 147,000       |
| URA(D) of investments - non-credit OTTI   | 723                | 33               | 1,887             | 6,085            |
| Tax benefit (expense) from URA(D) arising during the period                               | (22,880)           | (15,770)         | (12,802)          | (5,262)          |
| Total URA(D) on securities arising during the period, net of tax                          | <u>111,637</u>     | <u>113,251</u>   | <u>87,148</u>     | <u>147,823</u>   |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  | 10,101             | (50,911)         | 44,488            | (53,198)         |
| Tax benefit (expense) from foreign currency translation                                   | 582                | 3,113            | (4,983)           | (641)            |
| Net foreign currency translation adjustments  | <u>10,683</u>      | <u>(47,798)</u>  | <u>39,505</u>     | <u>(53,839)</u>  |
| Pension adjustments   | 1,147              | 671              | 2,295             | 1,299            |
| Tax benefit (expense) on pension  | (401)              | (235)            | (803)             | (455)            |
| Net pension adjustments   | <u>746</u>         | <u>436</u>       | <u>1,492</u>      | <u>844</u>       |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax   | <u>\$ 123,066</u>  | <u>\$ 65,889</u> | <u>\$ 128,145</u> | <u>\$ 94,828</u> |

The following table presents the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, in the consolidated balance sheets for the periods indicated:

|  | At June 30,       | At December 31,   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2011              | 2010              |
| (Dollars in thousands)   |                   |                   |
| URA(D) on securities, net of deferred taxes  |                   |                   |
| Temporary  | \$ 453,245        | \$ 367,983        |
| Non-credit, OTTI   | 3,341             | 1,455             |
| Total unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, net of deferred taxes | <u>456,586</u>    | <u>369,438</u>    |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of deferred taxes                    | 28,408            | (11,097)          |
| Pension adjustments, net of deferred taxes   | (24,591)          | (26,083)          |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)                                      | <u>\$ 460,403</u> | <u>\$ 332,258</u> |

## 10. CREDIT FACILITIES

The Company has three credit facilities for a total commitment of up to \$1,300,000 thousand, providing for the issuance of letters of credit and/or unsecured revolving credit lines. The following table presents the costs incurred in connection with the three credit facilities for the periods indicated:

|                               | Three Months Ended |        | Six Months Ended |          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|----------|
|                               | June 30,           |        | June 30,         |          |
| (Dollars in thousands)        | 2011               | 2010   | 2011             | 2010     |
| Credit facility fees incurred | \$ 522             | \$ 592 | \$ 990           | \$ 1,030 |

The terms and outstanding amounts for each facility are discussed below:

#### Group Credit Facility

Effective July 27, 2007, Group, Bermuda Re and Everest International entered into a five year, \$850,000 thousand senior credit facility with a syndicate of lenders referred to as the "Group Credit Facility". Wells Fargo Corporation ("Wells Fargo Bank") is the administrative agent for the Group Credit Facility, which consists of two tranches. Tranche one provides up to \$350,000 thousand of unsecured revolving credit for liquidity and general corporate purposes, and for the issuance of unsecured standby letters of credit. The interest on the revolving loans shall, at the Company's option, be either (1) the Base Rate (as defined below) or (2) an adjusted London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin. The Base Rate is the higher of (a) the prime commercial lending rate established by Wells Fargo Bank or (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% per annum. The amount of margin and the fees payable for the Group Credit Facility depends on Group's senior unsecured debt rating. Tranche two exclusively provides up to \$500,000 thousand for the issuance of standby letters of credit on a collateralized basis.

The Group Credit Facility requires Group to maintain a debt to capital ratio of not greater than 0.35 to 1 and to maintain a minimum net worth. Minimum net worth is an amount equal to the sum of \$3,575,381 thousand plus 25% of consolidated net income for each of Group's fiscal quarters, for which statements are available ending on or after January 1, 2007 and for which consolidated net income is positive, plus 25% of any increase in consolidated net worth during such period attributable to the issuance of ordinary and preferred shares, which at June 30, 2011, was \$4,262,806 thousand. As of June 30, 2011, the Company was in compliance with all Group Credit Facility covenants.

The following table summarizes the outstanding letters of credit and/or borrowings for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                       |             | At June 30, 2011 |            |                | At December 31, 2010 |            |                |
|--|-------------|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|
|  |             | Commitment       | In Use     | Date of Expiry | Commitment           | In Use     | Date of Expiry |
| Bank   |             |                  |            |                |                      |            |                |
| Wells Fargo Bank Group Credit Facility       | Tranche One | \$ 350,000       | \$ -       |                | \$ 350,000           | \$ -       |                |
|  | Tranche Two | 500,000          | 400,951    | 12/31/2011     | 500,000              | 406,427    | 12/31/2011     |
| Total Wells Fargo Bank Group Credit Facility |             | \$ 850,000       | \$ 400,951 |                | \$ 850,000           | \$ 406,427 |                |

#### Holdings Credit Facility

Effective August 23, 2006, Holdings entered into a five year, \$150,000 thousand senior revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders referred to as the "Holdings Credit Facility". Citibank N.A. is the administrative agent for the Holdings Credit Facility. The Holdings Credit Facility may be used for liquidity and general corporate purposes. The Holdings Credit Facility provides for the borrowing of up to \$150,000 thousand with interest at a rate selected by Holdings equal to either, (1) the Base Rate (as defined below) or (2) a periodic fixed rate equal to the Eurodollar Rate plus an applicable margin. The Base Rate means a fluctuating interest rate per annum in effect from time to time to be equal to the higher of (a) the rate of interest publicly announced by Citibank as its prime rate or (b) 0.5% per annum above the Federal Funds Rate, in each case plus the applicable margin. The amount of margin and the fees payable for the Holdings Credit Facility depends upon Holdings' senior unsecured debt rating.

The Holdings Credit Facility requires Holdings to maintain a debt to capital ratio of not greater than 0.35 to 1 and Everest Re to maintain its statutory surplus at \$1,500,000 thousand plus 25% of future aggregate net income and 25% of future aggregate capital contributions after December 31, 2005, which at June 30, 2011, was \$2,005,890 thousand. As of June 30, 2011, Holdings was in compliance with all Holdings Credit Facility covenants.

The following table summarizes outstanding letters of credit and/or borrowings for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                  | At June 30, 2011 |           |              |                      | At December 31, 2010 |           |              |                      |
|---|------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|
|   | Commitment       | In Use    | Date of Loan | Maturity/Expiry Date | Commitment           | In Use    | Date of Loan | Maturity/Expiry Date |
| Citibank Holdings Credit Facility       | \$ 150,000       | \$ 15,000 | 6/16/2011    | 7/18/2011            | \$ 150,000           | \$ 50,000 | 12/16/2010   | 1/18/2011            |
|   |                  | 10,000    | 6/28/2011    | 7/28/2011            |                      | -         |              |                      |
|   |                  | 15,000    | 6/06/2011    | 7/06/2011            |                      | -         |              |                      |
| Total revolving credit borrowings       |                  | 40,000    |              |                      |                      | 50,000    |              |                      |
| Total letters of credit                 |                  | 9,527     |              | 12/31/2011           |                      | 9,527     |              | 12/31/2011           |
| Total Citibank Holdings Credit Facility | \$ 150,000       | \$ 49,527 |              |                      | \$ 150,000           | \$ 59,527 |              |                      |

Prior to August 23, 2011, the Company plans to enter into a new Holdings Credit Facility with terms similar to the expiring facility.

#### Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility

Bermuda Re has a \$300,000 thousand letter of credit issuance facility with Citibank N.A. referred to as the "Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility", which commitment is reconfirmed annually. The Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility provides for the issuance of up to \$300,000 thousand of secured letters of credit to collateralize reinsurance obligations as a non-admitted reinsurer. The interest on drawn letters of credit shall be (A) 0.20% per annum of the principal amount of issued standard letters of credit (expiry of 15 months or less) and (B) 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of issued extended tenor letters of credit (expiry maximum of up to 60 months). The commitment fee on undrawn credit shall be 0.10% per annum.

The following table summarizes the outstanding letters of credit for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)                        | At June 30, 2011 |            |                | At December 31, 2010 |            |                |
|---|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|
|   | Commitment       | In Use     | Date of Expiry | Commitment           | In Use     | Date of Expiry |
| Citibank Bilateral Letter of Credit Agreement | \$ 300,000       | \$ 2,291   | 11/24/2011     | \$ 300,000           | \$ 2,291   | 11/24/2011     |
|   |                  | 79,920     | 12/31/2011     |                      | 79,681     | 12/31/2011     |
|   |                  | 926        | 6/15/2011      |                      | 36,462     | 1/31/2011      |
|   |                  | 5,021      | 12/31/2014     |                      | 340        | 6/15/2011      |
|   |                  | 26,838     | 6/30/2015      |                      | 25,581     | 6/30/2014      |
|   |                  | 12,149     | 9/30/2015      |                      | 11,580     | 9/30/2014      |
|   |                  | 10,088     | 11/22/2015     |                      | 72,398     | 12/31/2014     |
|   |                  | 52,370     | 12/31/2015     |                      | -          | -              |
| Total Citibank Bilateral Agreement            | \$ 300,000       | \$ 189,603 |                | \$ 300,000           | \$ 228,333 |                |

## 11. TRUST AGREEMENTS

Certain subsidiaries of Group, principally Bermuda Re, a Bermuda insurance company and direct subsidiary of Group, have established trust agreements, which effectively use the Company's investments as collateral, as security for assumed losses payable to certain non-affiliated ceding companies. At June 30, 2011, the total amount on deposit in trust accounts was \$86,814 thousand.

## 12. SENIOR NOTES

The table below displays Holdings' outstanding senior notes. Market value is based on quoted market prices.

| (Dollars in thousands)                                  | Date Issued | Date Due   | Principal Amounts | June 30, 2011        |              | December 31, 2010    |              |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|   |             |            |                   | Consolidated Balance |              | Consolidated Balance |              |
|   |             |            |                   | Sheet Amount         | Market Value | Sheet Amount         | Market Value |
| 5.40% Senior notes                                      | 10/12/2004  | 10/15/2014 | \$ 250,000        | \$ 249,835           | \$ 270,570   | \$ 249,812           | \$ 267,500   |
| 8.75% Senior notes (matured and paid on March 15, 2010) | 03/14/2000  | 03/15/2010 | \$ 200,000        | \$ -                 | \$ -         | \$ -                 | \$ -         |

Interest expense incurred in connection with these senior notes is as follows for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)    | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |           |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
|                           | June 30,           |          | June 30,         |           |
|                           | 2011               | 2010     | 2011             | 2010      |
| Interest expense incurred | \$ 3,387           | \$ 3,385 | \$ 6,773         | \$ 10,447 |

## 13. LONG TERM SUBORDINATED NOTES

The table below displays Holdings' outstanding fixed to floating rate long term subordinated notes. Market value is based on quoted market prices.

| (Dollars in thousands)            | Date Issued | Original<br>Principal Amount | Maturity Date |            | June 30, 2011        |              | December 31, 2010    |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                   |             |                              | Scheduled     | Final      | Consolidated Balance |              | Consolidated Balance |              |
|                                   |             |                              |               |            | Sheet Amount         | Market Value | Sheet Amount         | Market Value |
| 6.6% Long term subordinated notes | 04/26/2007  | \$ 400,000                   | 05/15/2037    | 05/01/2067 | \$ 238,352           | \$ 236,031   | \$ 238,351           | \$ 227,825   |

During the fixed rate interest period from May 3, 2007 through May 14, 2017, interest will be at the annual rate of 6.6%, payable semi-annually in arrears on November 15 and May 15 of each year, commencing on November 15, 2007, subject to Holdings' right to defer interest on one or more occasions for up to ten consecutive years. During the floating rate interest period from May 15, 2017 through maturity, interest will be based on the 3 month LIBOR plus 238.5 basis points, reset quarterly, payable quarterly in arrears on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, subject to Holdings' right to defer interest on one or more occasions for up to ten consecutive years. Deferred interest will accumulate interest at the applicable rate compounded semi-annually for periods prior to May 15, 2017, and compounded quarterly for periods from and including May 15, 2017.

Holdings can redeem the long term subordinated notes prior to May 15, 2017, in whole but not in part at the applicable redemption price, which will equal the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount being redeemed and (b) the present value of the principal payment on May 15, 2017 and scheduled payments of interest that would have accrued from the redemption date to May 15, 2017 on the long term subordinated notes being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the treasury rate plus an applicable spread of either 0.25% or 0.50%, in each case plus accrued and unpaid interest. Holdings may redeem the long term subordinated notes on or after May 15, 2017, in whole or in part at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest; however, redemption on or after the scheduled maturity date and prior to May 1, 2047 is subject to a replacement capital covenant. This covenant is for the benefit of certain senior note holders and it mandates that Holdings receive proceeds from the sale of another subordinated debt issue, of at least similar size, before it may redeem the subordinated notes.

On March 19, 2009, Group announced the commencement of a cash tender offer for any and all of the 6.60% fixed to floating rate long term subordinated notes. Upon expiration of the tender offer, the Company had reduced its outstanding debt by \$161,441 thousand, which resulted in a pre-tax gain on debt repurchase of \$78,271 thousand.

Interest expense incurred in connection with these long term subordinated notes is as follows for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)    | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |          |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|                           | June 30,           |          | June 30,         |          |
|                           | 2011               | 2010     | 2011             | 2010     |
| Interest expense incurred | \$ 3,937           | \$ 3,937 | \$ 7,874         | \$ 7,874 |

#### 14. JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES PAYABLE

The following table displays Holdings' outstanding junior subordinated debt securities due to Everest Re Capital Trust II ("Capital Trust II"), a wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Holdings. Fair value is primarily based on the quoted market price of the related trust preferred securities.

| (Dollars in thousands)                    | Date Issued | Date Due   | Amount Issued | June 30, 2011        |            | December 31, 2010    |            |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|   |             |            |               | Consolidated Balance |            | Consolidated Balance |            |
|   |             |            |               | Sheet Amount         | Fair Value | Sheet Amount         | Fair Value |
| 6.20% Junior subordinated debt securities | 03/29/2004  | 03/29/2034 | \$ 329,897    | \$ 329,897           | \$ 321,577 | \$ 329,897           | \$ 294,825 |

Holdings may redeem the junior subordinated debt securities before their maturity at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest as of the date of redemption. The securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, on one or more occasions at any time on or after March 30, 2009; or at any time, in whole, but not in part, within 90 days of the occurrence and continuation of a determination that the Trust may become subject to tax or the Investment Company Act.

Interest expense incurred in connection with these junior subordinated debt securities is as follows for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands)    | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |           |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
|                           | June 30,           |          | June 30,         |           |
|                           | 2011               | 2010     | 2011             | 2010      |
| Interest expense incurred | \$ 5,114           | \$ 5,114 | \$ 10,227        | \$ 10,227 |

Holdings considers that the mechanisms and obligations relating to the trust preferred securities, taken together, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee by Holdings of Capital Trust II's payment obligations with respect to their trust preferred securities.

Capital Trust II will redeem all of the outstanding trust preferred securities when the junior subordinated debt securities are paid at maturity on March 29, 2034. The Company may elect to redeem the junior subordinated debt securities, in whole or in part, at any time on or after March 30, 2009. If such an early redemption occurs, the outstanding trust preferred securities would also be proportionately redeemed.

There are certain regulatory and contractual restrictions on the ability of Holdings' operating subsidiaries to transfer funds to Holdings in the form of cash dividends, loans or advances. The insurance laws of the State of Delaware, where Holdings' direct insurance subsidiaries are domiciled, require regulatory approval before those subsidiaries can pay dividends or make loans or advances to Holdings that exceed certain statutory thresholds. In addition, the terms of Holdings Credit Facility (discussed in Note 10) require Everest Re, Holdings' principal insurance subsidiary, to maintain a certain statutory surplus level as measured at the end of each fiscal year. At December 31, 2010, \$2,293,643 thousand of the \$2,929,526 thousand in net assets of Holdings' consolidated subsidiaries were subject to the foregoing regulatory restrictions.

## 15. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company, through its subsidiaries, operates in five segments: U.S. Reinsurance, Insurance, Specialty Underwriting, International and Bermuda. The U.S. Reinsurance operation writes property and casualty reinsurance, on both a treaty and facultative basis, through reinsurance brokers, as well as directly with ceding companies within the U.S. The Insurance operation writes property and casualty insurance directly and through general agents, brokers and surplus lines brokers within the U.S. and Canada. The Specialty Underwriting operation writes accident and health (“A&H”), marine, aviation and surety business within the U.S. and worldwide through brokers and directly with ceding companies. The International operation writes non-U.S. property and casualty reinsurance through Everest Re’s branches in Canada and Singapore and offices in Brazil, Miami and New Jersey. The Bermuda operation provides reinsurance and insurance to worldwide property and casualty markets and reinsurance to life insurers through brokers and directly with ceding companies from its Bermuda office and reinsurance to the United Kingdom and European markets through its UK branch and the Company’s Ireland subsidiary.

These segments are managed independently, but conform with corporate guidelines with respect to pricing, risk management, control of aggregate catastrophe exposures, capital, investments and support operations. Management generally monitors and evaluates the financial performance of these operating segments based upon their underwriting results.

Underwriting results include earned premium less losses and loss adjustment expenses (“LAE”) incurred, commission and brokerage expenses and other underwriting expenses. Underwriting results are measured using ratios, in particular loss, commission and brokerage and other underwriting expense ratios, which, respectively, divide incurred losses, commissions and brokerage and other underwriting expenses by premiums earned. The Company utilizes inter-affiliate reinsurance, although such reinsurance does not materially impact segment results, as business is generally reported within the segment in which the business was first produced.

The Company does not maintain separate balance sheet data for its operating segments. Accordingly, the Company does not review and evaluate the financial results of its operating segments based upon balance sheet data.

The following tables present the underwriting results for the operating segments for the periods indicated:

| <u>U.S. Reinsurance</u><br>(Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
|   | Gross written premiums         | \$ 230,260 | \$ 268,215                   | \$ 484,167 |
| Net written premiums                              | 230,184                        | 268,559    | 484,108                      | 512,825    |
| Premiums earned                                   | \$ 259,664                     | \$ 286,886 | \$ 523,798                   | \$ 523,626 |
| Incurred losses and LAE                           | 200,674                        | 146,199    | 446,960                      | 300,003    |
| Commission and brokerage                          | 65,449                         | 71,182     | 134,953                      | 128,380    |
| Other underwriting expenses                       | 7,871                          | 9,377      | 15,773                       | 17,183     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)                          | \$ (14,330)                    | \$ 60,128  | \$ (73,888)                  | \$ 78,060  |

| <u>Insurance</u><br>(Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
|  | Gross written premiums         | \$ 226,132 | \$ 204,941                   | \$ 480,607 |
| Net written premiums                       | 196,908                        | 141,534    | 411,187                      | 318,517    |
| Premiums earned                            | \$ 195,641                     | \$ 155,323 | \$ 392,280                   | \$ 317,146 |
| Incurred losses and LAE                    | 141,304                        | 118,589    | 289,282                      | 230,652    |
| Commission and brokerage                   | 30,285                         | 29,276     | 62,674                       | 61,082     |
| Other underwriting expenses                | 22,401                         | 16,279     | 44,273                       | 32,856     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)                   | \$ 1,651                       | \$ (8,821) | \$ (3,949)                   | \$ (7,444) |

|                               | Three Months Ended |             | Six Months Ended |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
|                               | June 30,           |             | June 30,         |            |
|                               | 2011               | 2010        | 2011             | 2010       |
| <b>Specialty Underwriting</b> |                    |             |                  |            |
| (Dollars in thousands)        |                    |             |                  |            |
| Gross written premiums        | \$ 66,367          | \$ 65,855   | \$ 135,537       | \$ 131,742 |
| Net written premiums          | 65,600             | 64,460      | 134,216          | 129,580    |
| Premiums earned               | \$ 64,316          | \$ 68,814   | \$ 136,218       | \$ 136,238 |
| Incurred losses and LAE       | 46,372             | 62,436      | 93,259           | 108,173    |
| Commission and brokerage      | 14,633             | 16,802      | 30,171           | 33,598     |
| Other underwriting expenses   | 2,001              | 2,407       | 4,005            | 4,358      |
| Underwriting gain (loss)      | \$ 1,310           | \$ (12,831) | \$ 8,783         | \$ (9,891) |

|                             | Three Months Ended |             | Six Months Ended |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
|                             | June 30,           |             | June 30,         |              |
|                             | 2011               | 2010        | 2011             | 2010         |
| <b>International</b>        |                    |             |                  |              |
| (Dollars in thousands)      |                    |             |                  |              |
| Gross written premiums      | \$ 288,749         | \$ 306,998  | \$ 597,596       | \$ 582,348   |
| Net written premiums        | 286,043            | 306,960     | 590,544          | 582,272      |
| Premiums earned             | \$ 317,160         | \$ 291,964  | \$ 633,495       | \$ 568,564   |
| Incurred losses and LAE     | 221,618            | 224,127     | 826,346          | 651,717      |
| Commission and brokerage    | 73,786             | 77,846      | 152,216          | 142,781      |
| Other underwriting expenses | 6,950              | 7,308       | 13,389           | 13,688       |
| Underwriting gain (loss)    | \$ 14,806          | \$ (17,317) | \$ (358,456)     | \$ (239,622) |

|                             | Three Months Ended |            | Six Months Ended |            |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|                             | June 30,           |            | June 30,         |            |
|                             | 2011               | 2010       | 2011             | 2010       |
| <b>Bermuda</b>              |                    |            |                  |            |
| (Dollars in thousands)      |                    |            |                  |            |
| Gross written premiums      | \$ 176,357         | \$ 167,500 | \$ 354,887       | \$ 375,037 |
| Net written premiums        | 176,386            | 167,457    | 354,950          | 375,029    |
| Premiums earned             | \$ 203,054         | \$ 186,912 | \$ 365,490       | \$ 371,627 |
| Incurred losses and LAE     | 125,821            | 92,597     | 329,718          | 260,259    |
| Commission and brokerage    | 53,221             | 41,387     | 93,817           | 83,314     |
| Other underwriting expenses | 6,674              | 6,376      | 13,413           | 12,606     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)    | \$ 17,338          | \$ 46,552  | \$ (71,458)      | \$ 15,448  |

The following table reconciles the underwriting results for the operating segments to income before taxes as reported in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the periods indicated:

|  | Three Months Ended |            | Six Months Ended |              |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
|  | June 30,           |            | June 30,         |              |
|  | 2011               | 2010       | 2011             | 2010         |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                 |                    |            |                  |              |
| Underwriting gain (loss)                               | \$ 20,775          | \$ 67,711  | \$ (498,968)     | \$ (163,449) |
| Net investment income                                  | 158,618            | 165,731    | 337,323          | 327,230      |
| Net realized capital gains (losses)                    | (4,845)            | (41,693)   | 7,311            | 31,025       |
| Net derivative gain (loss)                             | (3,371)            | (22,304)   | 4,154            | (19,250)     |
| Corporate expenses                                     | (3,790)            | (3,887)    | (7,718)          | (8,462)      |
| Interest, fee and bond issue cost amortization expense | (13,116)           | (13,016)   | (26,114)         | (29,658)     |
| Other income (expense)                                 | (13,446)           | 7,798      | (16,833)         | 13,137       |
| Income (loss) before taxes                             | \$ 140,825         | \$ 160,340 | \$ (200,845)     | \$ 150,573   |

The Company produces business in the U.S., Bermuda and internationally. The net income deriving from and assets residing in the individual foreign countries in which the Company writes business are not identifiable in the Company's financial records. Based on gross written premium, the table below presents the largest country, other than the U.S., in which the Company writes business, for the periods indicated:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                        | 2011                           | 2010       | 2011                         | 2010       |
| United Kingdom         | \$ 90,259                      | \$ 107,585 | \$ 209,827                   | \$ 239,918 |

No other country represented more than 5% of the Company's revenues.

## 16. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

For the three months ended June 30, 2011, share-based compensation awards granted were 5,657 restricted shares and 5,500 options, granted on May 18, 2011, with a grant exercise price of \$90.49 per share and a per option fair value of \$21.858. The fair value per option was calculated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The following assumptions were used in calculating the fair value of the options granted:

|                                 | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2011 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Weighted-average volatility     | 26.37%                              |
| Weighted-average dividend yield | 2.00%                               |
| Weighted-average expected term  | 6.65 years                          |
| Weighted-average risk-free rate | 2.40%                               |

## 17. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company maintains both qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans and a retiree health plan for its U.S. employees employed prior to April 1, 2010.

Net periodic benefit cost for U.S. employees included the following components for the periods indicated:

| <u>Pension Benefits</u>            | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |          | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
|                                    | 2011                           | 2010     | 2011                         | 2010     |
| (Dollars in thousands)             |                                |          |                              |          |
| Service cost                       | \$ 2,048                       | \$ 1,704 | \$ 4,095                     | \$ 3,472 |
| Interest cost                      | 1,922                          | 1,804    | 3,843                        | 3,526    |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (2,265)                        | (2,045)  | (4,530)                      | (3,985)  |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 12                             | 12       | 25                           | 25       |
| Amortization of net (income) loss  | 1,095                          | 656      | 2,190                        | 1,233    |
| ASC 715 settlement charge          | 231                            | 846      | 461                          | 2,241    |
| Net periodic benefit cost          | \$ 3,043                       | \$ 2,977 | \$ 6,084                     | \$ 6,512 |

  

| <u>Other Benefits</u>             | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |        | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
|                                   | 2011                           | 2010   | 2011                         | 2010   |
| (Dollars in thousands)            |                                |        |                              |        |
| Service cost                      | \$ 290                         | \$ 228 | \$ 580                       | \$ 508 |
| Interest cost                     | 235                            | 196    | 469                          | 424    |
| Amortization of net (income) loss | 40                             | 4      | 81                           | 41     |
| Net periodic benefit cost         | \$ 565                         | \$ 428 | \$ 1,130                     | \$ 973 |

The Company did not make any contributions to the qualified pension benefit plan for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

## **18. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the normal course of business, the Company, through its affiliates, engages in reinsurance and brokerage and commission business transactions with companies controlled by or affiliated with one or more of its outside directors. Such transactions, individually and in the aggregate, are not material to the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## **19. INCOME TAXES**

The Company is domiciled in Bermuda and has significant subsidiaries and/or branches in Canada, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The Company's Bermuda domiciled subsidiaries are exempt from income taxation under Bermuda law until 2035. The Company's non-Bermudian subsidiaries and branches are subject to income taxation at varying rates in their respective domiciles.

The Company generally will use the estimated annual effective tax rate approach for calculating its tax provision for interim periods as prescribed by ASC 740-270, Interim Reporting. Under the estimated annual effective tax rate approach, the estimated annual effective tax rate is applied to the interim year-to-date pre-tax income to determine the income tax expense or benefit for the year-to-date period. The tax expense or benefit for a quarter represents the difference between the year-to-date tax expense or benefit for the current year-to-date period less such amount for the immediately preceding year-to-date period. Management considers the estimated impact of all known events in its estimation of the Company's annual pre-tax income and effective tax rate.

## **20. ACQUISITIONS**

During the first quarter of 2011, the Company made several acquisitions to expand its domestic and Canadian insurance operations. Below are descriptions of the transactions.

On January 2, 2011, the Company acquired the entire business and operations of Heartland Crop Insurance, Inc. ("Heartland") of Topeka, Kansas for \$55,000 thousand in cash, plus contingent payments in future periods based upon achievement of performance targets. Heartland is a managing general agent specializing in crop insurance.

On January 28, 2011, the Company acquired the entire business and operations of Premiere Underwriting Services ("Premiere") of Toronto, Canada. Premiere is a managing general agent specializing in entertainment and sports and leisure risks. On January 31, 2011, the Company acquired the renewal rights and operations of the financial lines business of Executive Risk Insurance Services, Ltd. ("Executive Risk") of Toronto, Canada. The financial lines business of Executive Risk mainly underwrites Directors and Officers Liability, Fidelity, and Errors and Omissions Liability.

Overall, the Company recorded \$35,068 thousand of goodwill and \$26,903 thousand of intangible assets related to these acquisitions. All intangible assets recorded as part of these acquisitions will be amortized on a straight line basis over seven years.

## **21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has evaluated known recognized and non-recognized subsequent events. The Company does not have any subsequent events to report.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

### Industry Conditions.

The worldwide reinsurance and insurance businesses are highly competitive, as well as cyclical by product and market. As such, financial results tend to fluctuate with periods of constrained availability, high rates and strong profits followed by periods of abundant capacity, low rates and constrained profitability. Competition in the types of reinsurance and insurance business that we underwrite is based on many factors, including the perceived overall financial strength of the reinsurer or insurer, ratings of the reinsurer or insurer by A.M. Best and/or Standard & Poor's, underwriting expertise, the jurisdictions where the reinsurer or insurer is licensed or otherwise authorized, capacity and coverages offered, premiums charged, other terms and conditions of the reinsurance and insurance business offered, services offered, speed of claims payment and reputation and experience in lines written. Furthermore, the market impact from these competitive factors related to reinsurance and insurance is generally not consistent across lines of business, domestic and international geographical areas and distribution channels.

We compete in the U.S., Bermuda and international reinsurance and insurance markets with numerous global competitors. Our competitors include independent reinsurance and insurance companies, subsidiaries or affiliates of established worldwide insurance companies, reinsurance departments of certain insurance companies and domestic and international underwriting operations, including underwriting syndicates at Lloyd's. Some of these competitors have greater financial resources than we do and have established long term and continuing business relationships, which can be a significant competitive advantage. In addition, the lack of strong barriers to entry into the reinsurance business and the potential for securitization of reinsurance and insurance risks through capital markets provide additional sources of potential reinsurance and insurance capacity and competition.

Worldwide insurance and reinsurance market conditions continued to be very competitive, particularly in the casualty lines of business. Generally, there was ample insurance and reinsurance capacity relative to demand. Competition and its effect on rates, terms and conditions vary widely by market and coverage yet continued to be most prevalent in the U.S. casualty insurance and reinsurance markets.

However, during the first half of 2011, the industry experienced significant losses from Australian floods, the New Zealand earthquake, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and spring storms in the U.S. It is too early to determine the impact on market conditions as a result of these events. While there have been meaningful rate increases for catastrophe coverages in some global catastrophe prone regions, particularly areas impacted by these losses, whether the magnitude of these losses is sufficient to increase rates and improve market conditions for other lines of business remains to be seen.

Overall, we believe that current marketplace conditions, particularly for catastrophe coverages, provide profit opportunities for us given our strong ratings, distribution system, reputation and expertise. We continue to employ our strategy of targeting business that offers the greatest profit potential, while maintaining balance and diversification in our overall portfolio.

## Financial Summary.

We monitor and evaluate our overall performance based upon financial results. The following table displays a summary of the consolidated net income (loss), ratios and shareholders' equity for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)                                   | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                 | Percentage<br>Increase/<br>(Decrease) | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                 | Percentage<br>Increase/<br>(Decrease) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | 2011                           | 2010            |                                       | 2011                         | 2010            |                                       |
| Gross written premiums                                  | \$ 987.9                       | \$ 1,013.5      | -2.5%                                 | \$ 2,052.8                   | \$ 2,034.5      | 0.9%                                  |
| Net written premiums                                    | 955.1                          | 949.0           | 0.6%                                  | 1,975.0                      | 1,918.2         | 3.0%                                  |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                                |                 |                                       |                              |                 |                                       |
| Premiums earned   | \$ 1,039.8                     | \$ 989.9        | 5.0%                                  | \$ 2,051.3                   | \$ 1,917.2      | 7.0%                                  |
| Net investment income                                   | 158.6                          | 165.7           | -4.3%                                 | 337.3                        | 327.2           | 3.1%                                  |
| Net realized capital gains (losses)                     | (4.8)                          | (41.7)          | -88.4%                                | 7.3                          | 31.0            | -76.4%                                |
| Net derivative gain (loss)                              | (3.4)                          | (22.3)          | -84.9%                                | 4.2                          | (19.3)          | -121.6%                               |
| Other income (expense)                                  | (13.4)                         | 7.8             | NM                                    | (16.8)                       | 13.1            | -228.1%                               |
| Total revenues  | <u>1,176.8</u>                 | <u>1,099.4</u>  | 7.0%                                  | <u>2,383.2</u>               | <u>2,269.3</u>  | 5.0%                                  |
| <b>CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:</b>                             |                                |                 |                                       |                              |                 |                                       |
| Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses            | 735.8                          | 643.9           | 14.3%                                 | 1,985.6                      | 1,550.8         | 28.0%                                 |
| Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees                   | 237.4                          | 236.5           | 0.4%                                  | 473.8                        | 449.2           | 5.5%                                  |
| Other underwriting expenses                             | 45.9                           | 41.7            | 9.9%                                  | 90.9                         | 80.7            | 12.6%                                 |
| Corporate expenses                                      | 3.8                            | 3.9             | -2.5%                                 | 7.7                          | 8.5             | -8.8%                                 |
| Interest, fees and bond issue cost amortization expense | 13.1                           | 13.0            | 0.8%                                  | 26.1                         | 29.7            | -11.9%                                |
| Total claims and expenses                               | <u>1,036.0</u>                 | <u>939.1</u>    | 10.3%                                 | <u>2,584.1</u>               | <u>2,118.8</u>  | 22.0%                                 |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES                              | 140.8                          | 160.3           | -12.2%                                | (200.8)                      | 150.6           | -233.4%                               |
| Income tax expense (benefit)                            | 9.5                            | 3.7             | 159.4%                                | (16.3)                       | 16.6            | -198.3%                               |
| NET INCOME (LOSS)                                       | <u>\$ 131.3</u>                | <u>\$ 156.7</u> | -16.2%                                | <u>\$ (184.6)</u>            | <u>\$ 134.0</u> | -237.7%                               |
| <b>RATIOS:</b>  |                                |                 |                                       |                              |                 |                                       |
|   |                                |                 | Point<br>Change                       |                              |                 | Point<br>Change                       |
| Loss ratio  | 70.8%                          | 65.1%           | 5.7                                   | 96.8%                        | 80.9%           | 15.9                                  |
| Commission and brokerage ratio                          | 22.8%                          | 23.9%           | (1.1)                                 | 23.1%                        | 23.4%           | (0.3)                                 |
| Other underwriting expense ratio                        | 4.4%                           | 4.2%            | 0.2                                   | 4.4%                         | 4.2%            | 0.2                                   |
| Combined ratio  | <u>98.0%</u>                   | <u>93.2%</u>    | 4.8                                   | <u>124.3%</u>                | <u>108.5%</u>   | 15.8                                  |

| (Dollars in millions, except per share amounts) | At               |                      | Percentage<br>Increase/<br>(Decrease) |
|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | June 30,<br>2011 | December 31,<br>2010 |                                       |
| <b>Balance sheet data:</b>                      |                  |                      |                                       |
| Total investments and cash                      | \$ 15,836.6      | \$ 15,365.0          | 3.1%                                  |
| Total assets                                    | 19,003.9         | 18,408.0             | 3.2%                                  |
| Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves       | 10,145.7         | 9,340.2              | 8.6%                                  |
| Total debt                                      | 858.1            | 868.1                | -1.2%                                 |
| Total liabilities                               | 12,851.4         | 12,124.5             | 6.0%                                  |
| Shareholders' equity                            | 6,152.6          | 6,283.5              | -2.1%                                 |
| Book value per share                            | 113.21           | 115.45               | -1.9%                                 |

(NM, not meaningful)

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

## Revenues.

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums decreased by \$25.6 million, or 2.5%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010 reflecting a \$46.8 million decrease in our reinsurance business, partially offset by a \$21.2 million increase in our insurance business. Gross written premiums increased by \$18.3 million, or 0.9%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2010 reflecting a \$47.4 million increase in our insurance business, partially offset by a \$29.2 million decrease in our reinsurance business. The increase in insurance premiums was primarily

due to the acquisition of Heartland, which provided \$77.4 million of new crop insurance business, as well as improved premium rates on our California workers' compensation business, partially offset by our reduced participation on a large casualty program. The decrease in reinsurance premiums was due to the continued reduction in U.S. casualty business as well as the planned reduction of catastrophe exposed business in certain territories, partially offset by higher reinstatement premiums resulting from catastrophe losses, year over year and favorable foreign exchange impact period over period of \$24.6 million and \$34.2 million for the quarter and year-to-date, respectively.

Net written premiums increased \$6.2 million, or 0.6%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010 and increased \$56.8 million, or 3.0%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2010. The larger increase in net written premiums relative to the change in gross written premiums was due to a lower level of ceded reinsurance in the Insurance segment due to the planned reduction in one casualty program. Premiums earned increased \$49.9 million, or 5.0%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010 and increased by \$134.1 million, or 7.0%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Net Investment Income. Net investment income decreased \$7.1 million, or 4.3%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010, primarily driven by declining reinvestment rates and a \$1.3 million decrease in investment income from our limited partnerships. Net investment income increased \$10.1 million, or 3.1%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2010, primarily as a result of a \$19.5 million increase in investment income from our limited partnerships. Net pre-tax investment income, as a percentage of average invested assets, was 4.2% for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 4.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 4.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses). Net realized capital losses were \$4.8 million and \$41.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Of the \$4.8 million, there were \$5.2 million from net realized capital losses from sales on our fixed maturity and equity securities which were partially offset by \$0.4 million of gains from fair value re-measurements. The net realized capital loss of \$41.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 was the result of a \$36.9 million loss from fair value re-measurements and \$4.8 million of net realized capital losses from sales on our available for sale fixed maturity and equity securities.

Net realized capital gains were \$7.3 million and \$31.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The \$7.3 million was comprised of \$36.9 million of gains from fair value re-measurements which were partially offset by \$14.8 million of other-than-temporary impairments and \$14.8 million from net realized capital losses from sales on our fixed maturity and equity securities. The net realized capital gain of \$31.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was the result of \$50.2 million of net realized capital gains from sales on our available for sale fixed maturity and equity securities, partially offset by a \$19.1 million loss from fair value re-measurements.

Net Derivative Gain (Loss). In 2005 and prior, we sold seven equity index put option contracts, which are outstanding. These contracts meet the definition of a derivative in accordance with FASB guidance and as such, are fair valued each quarter with the change recorded as net derivative gain or loss in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). As a result of these adjustments in value, we recognized net derivative losses of \$3.4 million and \$22.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and net derivative gain of \$4.2 million and net derivative loss of \$19.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The change in the fair value of these equity index put option contracts is indicative of the change in the financial markets over the same periods.

Other Income (Expense). We recorded other expense of \$13.4 million and \$16.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively, and other income of \$7.8 million and \$13.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. The changes were primarily the result of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates for the corresponding periods.

## Claims and Expenses.

Incurred Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses. The following tables present our incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)     | Three Months Ended June 30, |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | Current Year                | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years      | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| <u>2011</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 614.4                    | 59.1%                 | \$ (2.4)         | -0.2%                 | \$ 612.0          | 58.9%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 123.0                       | 11.8%                 | -                | 0.0%                  | 123.0             | 11.8%                 |
| A&E                       | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.8              | 0.1%                  | 0.8               | 0.1%                  |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 737.4</u>             | <u>70.9%</u>          | <u>\$ (1.6)</u>  | <u>-0.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 735.8</u>   | <u>70.8%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 584.0                    | 59.0%                 | \$ (9.8)         | -0.9%                 | \$ 574.3          | 58.0%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 80.5                        | 8.1%                  | (10.8)           | -1.1%                 | 69.7              | 7.0%                  |
| A&E                       | -                           | 0.0%                  | -                | 0.0%                  | -                 | 0.0%                  |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 664.5</u>             | <u>67.1%</u>          | <u>\$ (20.6)</u> | <u>-2.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 643.9</u>   | <u>65.1%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 30.4                     | 0.1 pts               | \$ 7.4           | 0.7 pts               | \$ 37.7           | 0.9 pts               |
| Catastrophes              | 42.5                        | 3.7 pts               | 10.8             | 1.1 pts               | 53.3              | 4.8 pts               |
| A&E                       | -                           | - pts                 | 0.8              | 0.1 pts               | 0.8               | 0.1 pts               |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 72.9</u>              | <u>3.8 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 19.0</u>   | <u>2.0 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 91.9</u>    | <u>5.7 pts</u>        |
|                           |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
|                           | Six Months Ended June 30,   |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
|                           | Current Year                | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years      | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| (Dollars in millions)     |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| <u>2011</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 1,200.5                  | 58.6%                 | \$ (3.8)         | -0.2%                 | \$ 1,196.7        | 58.4%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 788.1                       | 38.4%                 | -                | 0.0%                  | 788.1             | 38.4%                 |
| A&E                       | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.8              | 0.0%                  | 0.8               | 0.0%                  |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 1,988.6</u>           | <u>97.0%</u>          | <u>\$ (3.0)</u>  | <u>-0.2%</u>          | <u>\$ 1,985.6</u> | <u>96.8%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 1,135.7                  | 59.2%                 | \$ (9.0)         | -0.4%                 | \$ 1,126.7        | 58.8%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 435.5                       | 22.7%                 | (11.4)           | -0.6%                 | 424.1             | 22.1%                 |
| A&E                       | -                           | 0.0%                  | -                | 0.0%                  | -                 | 0.0%                  |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 1,571.2</u>           | <u>82.0%</u>          | <u>\$ (20.4)</u> | <u>-1.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 1,550.8</u> | <u>80.9%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                             |                       |                  |                       |                   |                       |
| Attritional (a)           | \$ 64.8                     | (0.6) pts             | \$ 5.2           | 0.2 pts               | \$ 70.0           | (0.4) pts             |
| Catastrophes              | 352.6                       | 15.7 pts              | 11.4             | 0.6 pts               | 364.0             | 16.3 pts              |
| A&E                       | -                           | - pts                 | 0.8              | - pts                 | 0.8               | - pts                 |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 417.4</u>             | <u>15.0 pts</u>       | <u>\$ 17.4</u>   | <u>0.9 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 434.8</u>   | <u>15.9 pts</u>       |

(a) Attritional losses exclude catastrophe and Asbestos and Environmental ("A&E") losses.

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE increased by \$91.9 million, or 14.3%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. Of the \$91.9 million increase, current year catastrophe losses increased \$42.5 million, or 3.7 points, period over period, primarily due to losses from the U.S. Midwest tornadoes and the first quarter earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan. The current year attritional losses increased \$30.4 million primarily due to an increase in earned premium for the quarter; as the current year attritional loss ratio remained relatively flat compared to the same period last year.

Incurred losses and LAE increased by \$434.8 million, or 28.0%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. Of the \$434.8 million increase, current year catastrophe losses increased \$352.6 million, or 15.7 points, period over period, primarily due to losses from the Japan and New Zealand earthquakes, Australia floods, and the U.S. Midwest tornadoes. The current year attritional loss ratio is 0.6 points lower than the first six months of 2010, but attritional losses increased \$64.8 million due to a higher earned premium, year over year.

Commission, Brokerage, Taxes and Fees. Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees increased by \$0.9 million, or 0.4%, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010, and by \$24.7 million, or 5.5%, for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. The increases were primarily the result of increases in premiums earned.

Other Underwriting Expenses. Other underwriting expenses were \$45.9 million and \$41.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$90.9 million and \$80.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The increases in other underwriting expenses were mainly due to expenses of Heartland, which was acquired in January, 2011.

Corporate Expenses. Corporate expenses, which are expenses that are not allocated to segments, were comparable at \$3.8 million and \$3.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$7.7 million and \$8.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Interest, Fees and Bond Issue Cost Amortization Expense. Interest, fees and other bond amortization expense was \$13.1 million and \$13.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$26.1 million and \$29.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The decrease for the six month period was primarily due to the maturing of debt in March, 2010.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). We had an income tax expense of \$9.5 million and an income tax benefit of \$16.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively, and an income tax expense of \$3.7 million and \$16.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. Our income tax is primarily a function of the statutory tax rates and corresponding pre-tax income in the jurisdictions where we operate, coupled with the impact from tax-preferenced investment income. Variations in our effective tax rate generally result from changes in the relative levels of pre-tax income among jurisdictions with different tax rates. The decrease in taxes year over year was primarily attributable to the previously mentioned catastrophe losses.

#### **Net Income (Loss).**

Our net income was \$131.3 million and our net loss was \$184.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively. Our net income was \$156.7 million and \$134.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. The decreases were primarily driven by an increase in catastrophe losses in 2011 in addition to the other components discussed above.

#### **Ratios.**

Our combined ratio increased by 4.8 points to 98.0% for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 93.2% for the same period in 2010, and increased by 15.8 points to 124.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 108.5% for the same period in 2010. The loss ratio component increased 5.7 points and 15.9 points for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively, over the same periods last year, principally due to the increase in current year catastrophe losses as a result of the Japan earthquake, New Zealand earthquake, tornadoes, Slave Lake fire and the Australia floods. The other underwriting expense ratio component increased slightly and the commission and brokerage ratio component decreased slightly over the same periods last year.

#### **Shareholders' Equity.**

Shareholders' equity decreased by \$131.0 million to \$6,152.6 million at June 30, 2011 from \$6,283.5 million at December 31, 2010, principally as a result of \$184.6 million of net loss, \$52.1 million of shareholder dividends and repurchases of 428,038 common shares for \$37.6 million, partially offset by \$87.1 million of unrealized appreciation on investments, net of tax, \$39.5 million of net foreign currency translation adjustments and share-based compensation transactions of \$15.2 million.

## Consolidated Investment Results

### Net Investment Income.

Net investment income decreased by 4.3% to \$158.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$165.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, mainly due to declining reinvestment rates and a decline in income from our limited partnership investments. Net investment income increased by 3.1% to \$337.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$327.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to an increase in income from our limited partnership investments and increased dividend income from equities due to our expanded public equity portfolio and emerging market debt mutual funds. The increase for the six months ended was partially offset by a decline in income from our fixed maturities, reflective of reducing our municipal bond exposure and declining reinvestment rates. Proceeds from reducing this portfolio were used to expand our public equity and emerging markets portfolios.

The following table shows the components of net investment income for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)                         | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |          |
|---|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|   | June 30,           |          | June 30,         |          |
|   | 2011               | 2010     | 2011             | 2010     |
| Fixed maturities                              | \$ 132.7           | \$ 149.0 | \$ 265.5         | \$ 294.2 |
| Equity securities                             | 13.2               | 2.9      | 25.0             | 5.4      |
| Short-term investments and cash               | 0.4                | (0.1)    | 0.7              | (0.4)    |
| Other invested assets                         |                    |          |                  |          |
| Limited partnerships                          | 14.3               | 15.6     | 51.0             | 31.5     |
| Other   | 4.1                | 0.3      | 4.7              | 0.7      |
| Total gross investment income                 | 164.7              | 167.7    | 346.9            | 331.4    |
| Interest debited (credited) and other expense | (6.1)              | (2.0)    | (9.6)            | (4.2)    |
| Total net investment income                   | \$ 158.6           | \$ 165.7 | \$ 337.3         | \$ 327.2 |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

The following tables show a comparison of various investment yields for the periods indicated.

|  | At       | At           |
|--|----------|--------------|
|  | June 30, | December 31, |
|  | 2011     | 2010         |
| Imbedded pre-tax yield of cash and invested assets   | 4.0%     | 3.9%         |
| Imbedded after-tax yield of cash and invested assets | 3.5%     | 3.5%         |

|  | Three Months Ended |      | Six Months Ended |      |
|--|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
|  | June 30,           |      | June 30,         |      |
|  | 2011               | 2010 | 2011             | 2010 |
| Annualized pre-tax yield on average cash and invested assets   | 4.2%               | 4.6% | 4.5%             | 4.5% |
| Annualized after-tax yield on average cash and invested assets | 3.6%               | 4.0% | 3.9%             | 4.0% |

### Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses).

The following table presents the composition of our net realized capital gains (losses) for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)                                | Three Months Ended June 30, |           |          | Six Months Ended June 30, |         |           |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
|  | 2011                        | 2010      | Variance | 2011                      | 2010    | Variance  |
| <u>Gains (losses) from sales:</u>                    |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Fixed maturity securities, market value              |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Gains  | \$ 6.5                      | \$ 7.5    | \$ (1.0) | \$ 23.7                   | \$ 66.1 | \$ (42.4) |
| Losses   | (12.1)                      | (9.7)     | (2.4)    | (39.3)                    | (15.3)  | (24.0)    |
| Total  | (5.6)                       | (2.2)     | (3.4)    | (15.6)                    | 50.8    | (66.4)    |
| Fixed maturity securities, fair value                |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Gains  | 0.6                         | 0.2       | 0.4      | 0.8                       | 0.3     | 0.5       |
| Losses   | -                           | -         | -        | (1.7)                     | -       | (1.7)     |
| Total  | 0.6                         | 0.2       | 0.4      | (0.9)                     | 0.3     | (1.2)     |
| Equity securities, market value                      |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Gains  | -                           | 0.1       | (0.1)    | 0.2                       | 0.1     | 0.1       |
| Losses   | -                           | -         | -        | (0.2)                     | -       | (0.2)     |
| Total  | -                           | 0.1       | (0.1)    | -                         | 0.1     | (0.1)     |
| Equity securities, fair value                        |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Gains  | 0.7                         | 1.2       | (0.5)    | 3.0                       | 3.6     | (0.6)     |
| Losses   | (0.9)                       | (4.1)     | 3.2      | (1.3)                     | (4.6)   | 3.3       |
| Total  | (0.2)                       | (2.9)     | 2.7      | 1.7                       | (1.0)   | 2.7       |
| Total net realized capital gains (losses) from sales |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Gains  | 7.8                         | 9.0       | (1.2)    | 27.7                      | 70.1    | (42.4)    |
| Losses   | (13.0)                      | (13.8)    | 0.8      | (42.5)                    | (19.9)  | (22.6)    |
| Total  | (5.2)                       | (4.8)     | (0.4)    | (14.8)                    | 50.2    | (65.0)    |
| <u>Other-than-temporary impairments:</u>             |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
|  | -                           | -         | -        | (14.8)                    | -       | (14.8)    |
| <u>Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments:</u>   |                             |           |          |                           |         |           |
| Fixed maturities, fair value                         | -                           | (2.5)     | 2.5      | (3.5)                     | 0.5     | (4.0)     |
| Equity securities, fair value                        | 0.4                         | (34.3)    | 34.7     | 40.4                      | (19.6)  | 60.0      |
| Total  | 0.4                         | (36.9)    | 37.2     | 36.9                      | (19.1)  | 56.0      |
| Total net realized capital gains (losses)            | \$ (4.8)                    | \$ (41.7) | \$ 36.9  | \$ 7.3                    | \$ 31.0 | \$ (23.7) |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Net realized capital losses were \$4.8 million and \$41.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. For the three months ended June 30, 2011, we recorded \$5.2 million of net realized capital losses from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities, partially offset by \$0.4 million of net realized capital gains due to fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity and equity securities. The gains and losses on the sales of fixed maturity securities included the impact of selling part of our municipal bond portfolio as credit concerns arose in this market sector. For the three months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded \$36.9 million of losses due to fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity and equity securities and \$4.8 million of net realized capital losses from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities.

Net realized capital gains were \$7.3 million and \$31.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, we recorded \$36.9 million of net realized capital gains due to fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity and equity securities, partially offset by \$14.8 million of other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities and \$14.8 million of net realized capital losses from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities. The gains and losses on the sales of fixed maturity securities included the impact of selling part of our municipal bond portfolio as credit concerns arose in this market sector. For the six months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded \$50.2 million of net realized capital gains from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities, partially offset by \$19.1 million of losses due to fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity and equity securities. The gains on the sales of fixed maturity securities were primarily the result of selling securities in foreign currencies, which reduced our exposure to currency fluctuations.

### **Segment Results.**

Through our subsidiaries, we operate in five segments: U.S. Reinsurance, Insurance, Specialty Underwriting, International and Bermuda. The U.S. Reinsurance operation writes property and casualty reinsurance, on both a treaty and facultative basis, through reinsurance brokers, as well as directly with ceding companies within the U.S. The Insurance operation writes property and casualty insurance directly and through general agents, brokers and surplus lines brokers within the U.S. and Canada. The Specialty Underwriting operation writes A&H, marine, aviation and surety business within the U.S. and worldwide through brokers and directly with ceding companies. The International operation writes non-U.S. property and casualty reinsurance through Everest Re's branches in Canada and Singapore and offices in Brazil, Miami and New Jersey. The Bermuda operation provides reinsurance and insurance to worldwide property and casualty markets and reinsurance to life insurers through brokers and directly with ceding companies from its Bermuda office and reinsurance to the United Kingdom and European markets through its UK branch and the Company's Ireland subsidiary.

These segments are managed independently, but conform with corporate guidelines with respect to pricing, risk management, control of aggregate catastrophe exposures, capital, investments and support operations. Management generally monitors and evaluates the financial performance of these operating segments based upon their underwriting results.

Underwriting results include earned premium less losses and LAE incurred, commission and brokerage expenses and other underwriting expenses. We measure our underwriting results using ratios, in particular loss, commission and brokerage and other underwriting expense ratios, which respectively, divide incurred losses, commissions and brokerage and other underwriting expenses by premiums earned. We utilize inter-affiliate reinsurance, although such reinsurance does not materially impact segment results, as business is generally reported within the segment in which the business was first produced.

Our loss and LAE reserves are our best estimate of our ultimate liability for unpaid claims. We re-evaluate our estimates on an ongoing basis, including all prior period reserves, taking into consideration all available information and, in particular, recently reported loss claim experience and trends related to prior periods. Such re-evaluations are recorded in incurred losses in the period in which re-evaluation is made.

The following discusses the underwriting results for each of our segments for the periods indicated.

### U.S. Reinsurance.

The following table presents the underwriting results and ratios for the U.S. Reinsurance segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)            | Three Months Ended June 30, |          |           |           | Six Months Ended June 30, |          |            |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
|                                  | 2011                        | 2010     | Variance  | % Change  | 2011                      | 2010     | Variance   | % Change  |
| Gross written premiums           | \$ 230.3                    | \$ 268.2 | \$ (38.0) | -14.2%    | \$ 484.2                  | \$ 512.2 | \$ (28.1)  | -5.5%     |
| Net written premiums             | 230.2                       | 268.6    | (38.4)    | -14.3%    | 484.1                     | 512.8    | (28.7)     | -5.6%     |
| Premiums earned                  | \$ 259.7                    | \$ 286.9 | \$ (27.2) | -9.5%     | \$ 523.8                  | \$ 523.6 | \$ 0.2     | 0.0%      |
| Incurred losses and LAE          | 200.7                       | 146.2    | 54.5      | 37.3%     | 447.0                     | 300.0    | 147.0      | 49.0%     |
| Commission and brokerage         | 65.4                        | 71.2     | (5.7)     | -8.1%     | 135.0                     | 128.4    | 6.6        | 5.1%      |
| Other underwriting expenses      | 7.9                         | 9.4      | (1.5)     | -16.1%    | 15.8                      | 17.2     | (1.4)      | -8.2%     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)         | \$ (14.3)                   | \$ 60.1  | \$ (74.5) | -123.8%   | \$ (73.9)                 | \$ 78.1  | \$ (151.9) | -194.7%   |
|                                  |                             |          |           | Point Chg |                           |          |            | Point Chg |
| Loss ratio                       | 77.3%                       | 51.0%    |           | 26.3      | 85.3%                     | 57.3%    |            | 28.0      |
| Commission and brokerage ratio   | 25.2%                       | 24.8%    |           | 0.4       | 25.8%                     | 24.5%    |            | 1.3       |
| Other underwriting expense ratio | 3.0%                        | 3.2%     |           | (0.2)     | 3.0%                      | 3.3%     |            | (0.3)     |
| Combined ratio                   | 105.5%                      | 79.0%    |           | 26.5      | 114.1%                    | 85.1%    |            | 29.0      |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums decreased by 14.2% to \$230.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 from \$268.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to reduced premium volume for treaty casualty and crop reinsurance business due to the non-renewal of several contracts, partially offset by a \$4.9 million increase in reinstatement premiums due to current quarter catastrophe loss activity. Net written premiums decreased 14.3% to \$230.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$268.6 million for the same period in 2010, which is in line with the decrease in gross written premiums for the quarter. Premiums earned decreased 9.5% to \$259.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$286.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. The change in premiums earned is relatively consistent with the decrease in net written premiums.

Gross written premiums decreased by 5.5% to \$484.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 from \$512.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to reduced premium volume for treaty casualty and crop reinsurance business due to the non-renewal of several contracts, partially offset by an \$18.6 million increase in reinstatement premiums due to catastrophe loss activity. Net written premiums decreased 5.6% to \$484.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$512.8 million for the same period in 2010, which is in line with the decrease in gross written premiums for the year. Premiums earned remained flat at \$523.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$523.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.



**Segment Expenses.** Commission and brokerage expenses decreased by 8.1% to \$65.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$71.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Commission and brokerage expenses increased by 5.1% to \$135.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$128.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. These variances were due to the changes in premiums earned and the mix of business with varying commission rates.

Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$7.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$9.4 million for the same period in 2010. Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$15.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$17.2 million for the same period in 2010. These variances were due to reduced operating costs for the segment.

**Insurance.**

The following table presents the underwriting results and ratios for the Insurance segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)            | Three Months Ended June 30, |          |          |           | Six Months Ended June 30, |          |          |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                  | 2011                        | 2010     | Variance | % Change  | 2011                      | 2010     | Variance | % Change  |
| Gross written premiums           | \$ 226.1                    | \$ 204.9 | \$ 21.2  | 10.3%     | \$ 480.6                  | \$ 433.2 | \$ 47.4  | 10.9%     |
| Net written premiums             | 196.9                       | 141.5    | 55.4     | 39.1%     | 411.2                     | 318.5    | 92.7     | 29.1%     |
| Premiums earned                  | \$ 195.6                    | \$ 155.3 | \$ 40.3  | 26.0%     | \$ 392.3                  | \$ 317.1 | \$ 75.1  | 23.7%     |
| Incurred losses and LAE          | 141.3                       | 118.6    | 22.7     | 19.2%     | 289.3                     | 230.7    | 58.6     | 25.4%     |
| Commission and brokerage         | 30.3                        | 29.3     | 1.0      | 3.4%      | 62.7                      | 61.1     | 1.6      | 2.6%      |
| Other underwriting expenses      | 22.4                        | 16.3     | 6.1      | 37.6%     | 44.3                      | 32.9     | 11.4     | 34.7%     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)         | \$ 1.7                      | \$ (8.8) | \$ 10.5  | -118.7%   | \$ (3.9)                  | \$ (7.4) | \$ 3.5   | -47.0%    |
|                                  |                             |          |          | Point Chg |                           |          |          | Point Chg |
| Loss ratio                       | 72.2%                       | 76.3%    |          | (4.1)     | 73.7%                     | 72.7%    |          | 1.0       |
| Commission and brokerage ratio   | 15.5%                       | 18.8%    |          | (3.3)     | 16.0%                     | 19.3%    |          | (3.3)     |
| Other underwriting expense ratio | 11.5%                       | 10.6%    |          | 0.9       | 11.3%                     | 10.3%    |          | 1.0       |
| Combined ratio                   | 99.2%                       | 105.7%   |          | (6.5)     | 101.0%                    | 102.3%   |          | (1.3)     |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums increased by 10.3% to \$226.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$204.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. This was due to strategic portfolio changes with growth in short-tail business, primarily driven by the acquisition of Heartland, which provided \$38.7 million of new crop insurance premium in the current quarter, partially offset by the planned reduction of a large casualty program. Net written premiums increased 39.1% to \$196.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$141.5 million for the same period in 2010 due to higher gross premiums and reduced levels of ceded reinsurance primarily related to the reduced casualty program. Premiums earned increased 26.0% to \$195.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$155.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. The change in premiums earned is relatively consistent with the increase in net written premium.

Gross written premiums increased by 10.9% to \$480.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$433.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. This was due to strategic portfolio changes with growth in short-tail business, primarily driven by the acquisition of Heartland, which provided \$77.4 million of new crop insurance premium in 2011, partially offset by the reduction of a large casualty program. Net written premiums increased 29.1% to \$411.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$318.5 million for the same period in 2010 due to higher gross premiums and reduced levels of ceded reinsurance. Premiums earned increased 23.7% to \$392.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$317.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. The change in premiums earned is relatively consistent with the increase in net written premium.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following tables present the incurred losses and LAE for the Insurance segment for the periods indicated.

|                           |    | Three Months Ended June 30, |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
|---------------------------|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
|                           |    | Current                     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
|                           |    | Year                        |                       | Years    |                       | Incurred |                       |
| (Dollars in millions)     |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| <u>2011</u>               |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 141.0                       | 72.0%                 | \$ -     | 0.0%                  | \$ 141.0 | 72.0%                 |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.3      | 0.2%                  | 0.3      | 0.2%                  |
| Total segment             | \$ | 141.0                       | 72.0%                 | \$ 0.3   | 0.2%                  | \$ 141.3 | 72.2%                 |
| <u>2010</u>               |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 113.1                       | 72.8%                 | \$ 5.5   | 3.5%                  | \$ 118.6 | 76.3%                 |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | 0.0%                  | -        | 0.0%                  | -        | 0.0%                  |
| Total segment             | \$ | 113.1                       | 72.8%                 | \$ 5.5   | 3.5%                  | \$ 118.6 | 76.3%                 |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 27.9                        | (0.8) pts             | \$ (5.5) | (3.5) pts             | \$ 22.4  | (4.3) pts             |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | - pts                 | 0.3      | 0.2 pts               | 0.3      | 0.2 pts               |
| Total segment             | \$ | 27.9                        | (0.8) pts             | \$ (5.2) | (3.3) pts             | \$ 22.7  | (4.1) pts             |
|                           |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
|                           |    | Six Months Ended June 30,   |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
|                           |    | Current                     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total    | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
|                           |    | Year                        |                       | Years    |                       | Incurred |                       |
| (Dollars in millions)     |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| <u>2011</u>               |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 288.9                       | 73.6%                 | \$ -     | 0.0%                  | \$ 288.9 | 73.6%                 |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.3      | 0.1%                  | 0.3      | 0.1%                  |
| Total segment             | \$ | 288.9                       | 73.6%                 | \$ 0.3   | 0.1%                  | \$ 289.3 | 73.7%                 |
| <u>2010</u>               |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 228.4                       | 72.0%                 | \$ 2.2   | 0.7%                  | \$ 230.7 | 72.7%                 |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | 0.0%                  | -        | 0.0%                  | -        | 0.0%                  |
| Total segment             | \$ | 228.4                       | 72.0%                 | \$ 2.2   | 0.7%                  | \$ 230.7 | 72.7%                 |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |    |                             |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ | 60.5                        | 1.6 pts               | \$ (2.2) | (0.7) pts             | \$ 58.2  | 0.9 pts               |
| Catastrophes              |    | -                           | - pts                 | 0.3      | 0.1 pts               | 0.3      | 0.1 pts               |
| Total segment             | \$ | 60.5                        | 1.6 pts               | \$ (1.9) | (0.6) pts             | \$ 58.6  | 1.0 pts               |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE increased by 19.2% to \$141.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$118.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. The increase was primarily due to higher net premiums earned, partially offset by lower prior year attritional loss development and a decrease of 0.8 points in the current year attritional loss ratio, year over year. The lower current year attritional loss ratio was due to a change in the mix of business with growth in short-tail/package business that has a lower loss ratio.

Incurred losses and LAE increased by 25.4% to \$289.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$230.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. The increase was due to higher net premiums earned and an increase of 1.6 points in the current year attritional loss ratio, due to higher expected loss ratios on several casualty programs, reflective of current market conditions, partially offset by growth in short-tail/package business with a lower loss ratio.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage increased by 3.4% to \$30.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$29.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Commission and brokerage increased by 2.6% to \$62.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$61.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. These increases were primarily the result of an increase in net premiums earned offset by reduced commission ratios due to changes in the mix of business.

Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$22.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$16.3 million for the same period in 2010. Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$44.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$32.9 million for the same period in 2010. These increases were primarily due to the expenses of the newly acquired Heartland.

### Specialty Underwriting.

The following table presents the underwriting results and ratios for the Specialty Underwriting segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)            | Three Months Ended June 30, |                  |                |                | Six Months Ended June 30, |                 |                |                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | 2011                        | 2010             | Variance       | % Change       | 2011                      | 2010            | Variance       | % Change       |
| Gross written premiums           | \$ 66.4                     | \$ 65.9          | \$ 0.5         | 0.8%           | \$ 135.5                  | \$ 131.7        | \$ 3.8         | 2.9%           |
| Net written premiums             | 65.6                        | 64.5             | 1.1            | 1.8%           | 134.2                     | 129.6           | 4.6            | 3.6%           |
| Premiums earned                  | \$ 64.3                     | \$ 68.8          | \$ (4.5)       | -6.5%          | \$ 136.2                  | \$ 136.2        | \$ -           | 0.0%           |
| Incurred losses and LAE          | 46.4                        | 62.4             | (16.1)         | -25.7%         | 93.3                      | 108.2           | (14.9)         | -13.8%         |
| Commission and brokerage         | 14.6                        | 16.8             | (2.2)          | -12.9%         | 30.2                      | 33.6            | (3.4)          | -10.2%         |
| Other underwriting expenses      | 2.0                         | 2.4              | (0.4)          | -16.9%         | 4.0                       | 4.4             | (0.4)          | -8.1%          |
| Underwriting gain (loss)         | <u>\$ 1.3</u>               | <u>\$ (12.8)</u> | <u>\$ 14.1</u> | <u>-110.2%</u> | <u>\$ 8.8</u>             | <u>\$ (9.9)</u> | <u>\$ 18.7</u> | <u>-188.8%</u> |
|                                  |                             |                  |                | Point Chg      |                           |                 |                | Point Chg      |
| Loss ratio                       | 72.1%                       | 90.7%            |                | (18.6)         | 68.5%                     | 79.4%           |                | (10.9)         |
| Commission and brokerage ratio   | 22.8%                       | 24.4%            |                | (1.6)          | 22.1%                     | 24.7%           |                | (2.6)          |
| Other underwriting expense ratio | 3.1%                        | 3.5%             |                | (0.4)          | 3.0%                      | 3.2%            |                | (0.2)          |
| Combined ratio                   | <u>98.0%</u>                | <u>118.6%</u>    |                | <u>(20.6)</u>  | <u>93.6%</u>              | <u>107.3%</u>   |                | <u>(13.7)</u>  |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums increased by 0.8% to \$66.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$65.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to an increase in A&H primary business for medical stop loss insurance offset by reductions in A&H reinsurance, Marine, and Surety writings. Correspondingly, net written premiums increased 1.8% to \$65.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$64.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Premiums earned decreased 6.5% to \$64.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$68.8 million for the same period in 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Gross written premiums increased by 2.9% to \$135.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$131.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to an increase in A&H primary business for medical stop loss insurance offset by a reduction in A&H reinsurance and Marine business. Correspondingly, net written premiums increased 3.6% to \$134.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$129.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. Premiums earned remained flat at \$136.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following tables present the incurred losses and LAE for the Specialty Underwriting segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)     | Three Months Ended June 30, |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | Current Year                | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred   | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| <u>2011</u>               |                             |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 44.5                     | 69.1%                 | \$ 0.1          | 0.1%                  | \$ 44.6          | 69.3%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 2.5                         | 3.9%                  | (0.7)           | -1.0%                 | 1.8              | 2.8%                  |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 47.0</u>              | <u>73.0%</u>          | <u>\$ (0.6)</u> | <u>-0.9%</u>          | <u>\$ 46.4</u>   | <u>72.1%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |                             |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 60.0                     | 87.1%                 | \$ -            | 0.0%                  | \$ 60.0          | 87.1%                 |
| Catastrophes              | -                           | 0.0%                  | 2.5             | 3.6%                  | 2.5              | 3.6%                  |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 60.0</u>              | <u>87.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 2.5</u>   | <u>3.6%</u>           | <u>\$ 62.4</u>   | <u>90.7%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                             |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ (15.5)                   | (18.0) pts            | \$ 0.1          | 0.1 pts               | \$ (15.4)        | (17.8) pts            |
| Catastrophes              | 2.5                         | 3.9 pts               | (3.2)           | (4.6) pts             | (0.7)            | (0.8) pts             |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ (13.0)</u>            | <u>(14.1) pts</u>     | <u>\$ (3.1)</u> | <u>(4.5) pts</u>      | <u>\$ (16.1)</u> | <u>(18.6) pts</u>     |

| (Dollars in millions)     | Six Months Ended June 30, |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | Current Year              | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred   | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| <u>2011</u>               |                           |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 91.3                   | 67.0%                 | \$ 0.1          | 0.1%                  | \$ 91.4          | 67.1%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 2.5                       | 1.8%                  | (0.6)           | -0.4%                 | 1.9              | 1.4%                  |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 93.8</u>            | <u>68.8%</u>          | <u>\$ (0.5)</u> | <u>-0.3%</u>          | <u>\$ 93.3</u>   | <u>68.5%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |                           |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 104.1                  | 76.4%                 | \$ -            | 0.0%                  | \$ 104.1         | 76.4%                 |
| Catastrophes              | -                         | 0.0%                  | 4.1             | 3.0%                  | 4.1              | 3.0%                  |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 104.1</u>           | <u>76.4%</u>          | <u>\$ 4.0</u>   | <u>3.0%</u>           | <u>\$ 108.2</u>  | <u>79.4%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                           |                       |                 |                       |                  |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ (12.8)                 | (9.4) pts             | \$ 0.1          | 0.1 pts               | \$ (12.7)        | (9.3) pts             |
| Catastrophes              | 2.5                       | 1.8 pts               | (4.7)           | (3.4) pts             | (2.2)            | (1.6) pts             |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ (10.3)</u>          | <u>(7.6) pts</u>      | <u>\$ (4.6)</u> | <u>(3.3) pts</u>      | <u>\$ (14.9)</u> | <u>(10.9) pts</u>     |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE decreased by 25.7% to \$46.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$62.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, due primarily to the Deep Water Horizon rig loss included in the 2010 attritional losses, representing 16.7 points in the segment, as well as changes in the mix of business.

Incurred losses and LAE decreased by 13.8% to \$93.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$108.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, due primarily to the Deep Water Horizon rig losses included in the 2010 attritional losses and changes in the mix of business.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage decreased 12.9% to \$14.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$16.8 million for the same period in 2010. Commission and brokerage decreased 10.2% to \$30.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$33.6 million for the same period in 2010. This decrease was primarily due to changes in the mix of business, with a higher level of primary A&H business, which carries a lower commission ratio.

Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$2.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$2.4 million for the same period in 2010. Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$4.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$4.4 million for the same period in 2010.

## International.

The following table presents the underwriting results and ratios for the International segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)            | Three Months Ended June 30, |           |           |           | Six Months Ended June 30, |            |            |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                                  | 2011                        | 2010      | Variance  | % Change  | 2011                      | 2010       | Variance   | % Change  |
| Gross written premiums           | \$ 288.7                    | \$ 307.0  | \$ (18.2) | -5.9%     | \$ 597.6                  | \$ 582.3   | \$ 15.2    | 2.6%      |
| Net written premiums             | 286.0                       | 307.0     | (20.9)    | -6.8%     | 590.5                     | 582.3      | 8.3        | 1.4%      |
| Premiums earned                  | \$ 317.2                    | \$ 292.0  | \$ 25.2   | 8.6%      | \$ 633.5                  | \$ 568.6   | \$ 64.9    | 11.4%     |
| Incurred losses and LAE          | 221.6                       | 224.1     | (2.5)     | -1.1%     | 826.3                     | 651.7      | 174.6      | 26.8%     |
| Commission and brokerage         | 73.8                        | 77.8      | (4.1)     | -5.2%     | 152.2                     | 142.8      | 9.4        | 6.6%      |
| Other underwriting expenses      | 7.0                         | 7.3       | (0.4)     | -4.9%     | 13.4                      | 13.7       | (0.3)      | -2.2%     |
| Underwriting gain (loss)         | \$ 14.8                     | \$ (17.3) | \$ 32.1   | -185.5%   | \$ (358.5)                | \$ (239.6) | \$ (118.8) | 49.6%     |
|                                  |                             |           |           | Point Chg |                           |            |            | Point Chg |
| Loss ratio                       | 69.9%                       | 76.8%     |           | (6.9)     | 130.4%                    | 114.6%     |            | 15.8      |
| Commission and brokerage ratio   | 23.3%                       | 26.7%     |           | (3.4)     | 24.0%                     | 25.1%      |            | (1.1)     |
| Other underwriting expense ratio | 2.1%                        | 2.4%      |           | (0.3)     | 2.2%                      | 2.4%       |            | (0.2)     |
| Combined ratio                   | 95.3%                       | 105.9%    |           | (10.6)    | 156.6%                    | 142.1%     |            | 14.5      |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums decreased by 5.9% to \$288.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$307.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, due to a decrease in premiums written through Asia, \$16.6 million; and Canada, \$10.7 million; partially offset by a \$9.0 million net increase in business written in the Latin America, South America, Middle East, and Africa regions. Non-renewed business in certain catastrophe exposed territories that have not responded to the recent elevation in catastrophe loss activity resulted in the overall decline in writings, partially offset by generally higher rate levels on retained business and favorable foreign exchange impact of \$14.2 million. Net written premiums decreased by 6.8% to \$286.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$307.0 million for the same period in 2010, principally as a result of the decrease in gross written premiums. Premiums earned increased 8.6% to \$317.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$292.0 million for the same period in 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Gross written premiums increased by 2.6% to \$597.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$582.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, due to a net increase of \$22.8 million in premiums written in the Latin America, Middle East, and Africa regions and favorable foreign exchange impact of \$22.1 million, partially offset by lower premium in Asia (\$5.6 million) and Canada (\$2.1 million). Growth from increased rate levels, particularly in regions recently affected by catastrophe losses was partially offset by non-renewed business which did not meet our current pricing targets. Net written premiums increased by 1.4% to \$590.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$582.3 million for the same period in 2010, principally as a result of the increase in gross written premiums. Premiums earned increased 11.4% to \$633.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$568.6 million for the same period in 2010. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following tables present the incurred losses and LAE for the International segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)     | Three Months Ended June 30, |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                           | Current Year                | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years      | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred  | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| <u>2011</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 168.8                    | 53.3%                 | \$ (5.0)         | -1.6%                 | \$ 163.8        | 51.7%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 64.2                        | 20.2%                 | (6.3)            | -2.0%                 | 57.8            | 18.2%                 |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 233.0</u>             | <u>73.5%</u>          | <u>\$ (11.3)</u> | <u>-3.6%</u>          | <u>\$ 221.6</u> | <u>69.9%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 153.5                    | 52.6%                 | \$ (5.8)         | -2.0%                 | \$ 147.7        | 50.6%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 86.9                        | 29.8%                 | (10.5)           | -3.6%                 | 76.4            | 26.2%                 |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 240.4</u>             | <u>82.3%</u>          | <u>\$ (16.2)</u> | <u>-5.6%</u>          | <u>\$ 224.1</u> | <u>76.8%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 15.3                     | 0.7 pts               | \$ 0.8           | 0.4 pts               | \$ 16.1         | 1.1 pts               |
| Catastrophes              | (22.7)                      | (9.6) pts             | 4.2              | 1.6 pts               | (18.6)          | (8.0) pts             |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ (7.4)</u>             | <u>(8.8) pts</u>      | <u>\$ 4.9</u>    | <u>2.0 pts</u>        | <u>\$ (2.5)</u> | <u>(6.9) pts</u>      |

| (Dollars in millions)     | Six Months Ended June 30, |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                           | Current Year              | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior Years      | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total Incurred  | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
| <u>2011</u>               |                           |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 334.0                  | 52.8%                 | \$ (10.0)        | -1.6%                 | \$ 324.0        | 51.2%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 505.2                     | 79.7%                 | (2.9)            | -0.5%                 | 502.3           | 79.2%                 |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 839.2</u>           | <u>132.5%</u>         | <u>\$ (12.9)</u> | <u>-2.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 826.3</u> | <u>130.4%</u>         |
| <u>2010</u>               |                           |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 315.5                  | 55.5%                 | \$ (6.0)         | -1.1%                 | \$ 309.5        | 54.4%                 |
| Catastrophes              | 353.9                     | 62.2%                 | (11.6)           | -2.0%                 | 342.3           | 60.2%                 |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 669.4</u>           | <u>117.7%</u>         | <u>\$ (17.6)</u> | <u>-3.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 651.7</u> | <u>114.6%</u>         |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |                           |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               | \$ 18.5                   | (2.7) pts             | \$ (4.0)         | (0.5) pts             | \$ 14.5         | (3.2) pts             |
| Catastrophes              | 151.3                     | 17.5 pts              | 8.7              | 1.5 pts               | 160.0           | 19.0 pts              |
| Total segment             | <u>\$ 169.8</u>           | <u>14.8 pts</u>       | <u>\$ 4.7</u>    | <u>1.0 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 174.6</u> | <u>15.8 pts</u>       |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE decreased 1.1% to \$221.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$224.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. The decrease was principally due to a \$22.7 million (9.6 points) decrease in current year catastrophes (Japan and New Zealand earthquakes, and the wildfire loss in Alberta, Canada) in 2011, compared to the catastrophe losses reported in the second quarter of 2010 (Chile earthquake). The current year attritional losses increased to \$168.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 from \$153.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to the increase in premiums earned.

Incurred losses and LAE increased 26.8% to \$826.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$651.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. The increase was principally due to a \$151.3 million (17.5 points) increase in current year catastrophes in 2011 related to the Japan and New Zealand earthquakes, the Australia floods, and the wildfire loss in Alberta, Canada, compared to the 2010 reported catastrophe losses (Chile earthquake and Australia hailstorms). The current year attritional loss ratio was down to 52.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2011 from 55.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2010, primarily due to a shift in the mix of business with a lower level of quota share business, which generally carries a higher loss ratio.

**Segment Expenses.** Commission and brokerage decreased 5.2% to \$73.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$77.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Commission and brokerage increased 6.6% to \$152.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$142.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. These variances were due to changes in commission rates, premiums earned and the mix of business.

Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$7.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$7.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Segment other underwriting expenses decreased to \$13.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$13.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

**Bermuda.**

The following table presents the underwriting results and ratios for the Bermuda segment for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)            | Three Months Ended June 30, |          |           |           | Six Months Ended June 30, |          |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | 2011                        | 2010     | Variance  | % Change  | 2011                      | 2010     | Variance  | % Change  |
| Gross written premiums           | \$ 176.4                    | \$ 167.5 | \$ 8.9    | 5.3%      | \$ 354.9                  | \$ 375.0 | \$ (20.2) | -5.4%     |
| Net written premiums             | 176.4                       | 167.5    | 8.9       | 5.3%      | 355.0                     | 375.0    | (20.1)    | -5.4%     |
| Premiums earned                  | \$ 203.1                    | \$ 186.9 | \$ 16.1   | 8.6%      | \$ 365.5                  | \$ 371.6 | \$ (6.1)  | -1.7%     |
| Incurred losses and LAE          | 125.8                       | 92.6     | 33.2      | 35.9%     | 329.7                     | 260.3    | 69.5      | 26.7%     |
| Commission and brokerage         | 53.2                        | 41.4     | 11.8      | 28.6%     | 93.8                      | 83.3     | 10.5      | 12.6%     |
| Other underwriting expenses      | 6.7                         | 6.4      | 0.3       | 4.7%      | 13.4                      | 12.6     | 0.8       | 6.4%      |
| Underwriting gain (loss)         | \$ 17.3                     | \$ 46.6  | \$ (29.2) | -62.8%    | \$ (71.5)                 | \$ 15.4  | \$ (86.9) | NM        |
|                                  |                             |          |           | Point Chg |                           |          |           | Point Chg |
| Loss ratio                       | 62.0%                       | 49.5%    |           | 12.5      | 90.2%                     | 70.0%    |           | 20.2      |
| Commission and brokerage ratio   | 26.2%                       | 22.1%    |           | 4.1       | 25.7%                     | 22.4%    |           | 3.3       |
| Other underwriting expense ratio | 3.3%                        | 3.5%     |           | (0.2)     | 3.7%                      | 3.4%     |           | 0.3       |
| Combined ratio                   | 91.5%                       | 75.1%    |           | 16.4      | 119.6%                    | 95.8%    |           | 23.8      |

(NM, not meaningful)

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

**Premiums.** Gross written premiums increased 5.3% to \$176.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$167.5 million for the same period in 2010, primarily due to favorable foreign exchange impact of \$9.0 million. Net written premiums increased 5.3% to \$176.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$167.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, in line with the increase in gross written premiums. Premiums earned increased 8.6% to \$203.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$186.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, consistent with the trend noted for net written premiums.

Gross written premiums decreased 5.4% to \$354.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$375.0 million for the same period in 2010, primarily due to reduced participations and non-renewal of U.K. property and property catastrophe business, where rate increases were not achieved, partially offset by higher reinstatement premiums for catastrophe excess of loss business and favorable foreign exchange impact of \$10.2 million. Net written premiums decreased 5.4% to \$355.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$375.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, in line with the decrease in gross written premiums. Premiums earned decreased 1.7% to \$365.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$371.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, consistent with the trend noted for net written premiums.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following tables present the incurred losses and LAE for the Bermuda segment for the periods indicated.

|                           |  | Three Months Ended June 30, |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| (Dollars in millions)     |  | Current                     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior            | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total           | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
|                           |  | Year                        |                       | Years            |                       | Incurred        |                       |
| <u>2011</u>               |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ 122.1                    | 60.2%                 | \$ 1.3           | 0.6%                  | \$ 123.4        | 60.8%                 |
| Catastrophes              |  | 4.5                         | 2.2%                  | (2.9)            | -1.4%                 | 1.6             | 0.8%                  |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.8              | 0.4%                  | 0.8             | 0.4%                  |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 126.6</u>             | <u>62.4%</u>          | <u>\$ (0.8)</u>  | <u>-0.4%</u>          | <u>\$ 125.8</u> | <u>62.0%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ 109.6                    | 58.6%                 | \$ (15.2)        | -8.1%                 | \$ 94.4         | 50.5%                 |
| Catastrophes              |  | (1.4)                       | -0.8%                 | (0.4)            | -0.2%                 | (1.8)           | -1.0%                 |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | 0.0%                  | -                | 0.0%                  | -               | 0.0%                  |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 108.2</u>             | <u>57.9%</u>          | <u>\$ (15.6)</u> | <u>-8.3%</u>          | <u>\$ 92.6</u>  | <u>49.5%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ 12.5                     | 1.6 pts               | \$ 16.5          | 8.7 pts               | \$ 29.0         | 10.3 pts              |
| Catastrophes              |  | 5.9                         | 3.0 pts               | (2.5)            | (1.2) pts             | 3.4             | 1.8 pts               |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | - pts                 | 0.8              | 0.4 pts               | 0.8             | 0.4 pts               |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 18.4</u>              | <u>4.5 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 14.8</u>   | <u>7.9 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 33.2</u>  | <u>12.5 pts</u>       |
|                           |  | Six Months Ended June 30,   |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| (Dollars in millions)     |  | Current                     | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Prior            | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change | Total           | Ratio %/<br>Pt Change |
|                           |  | Year                        |                       | Years            |                       | Incurred        |                       |
| <u>2011</u>               |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ 216.6                    | 59.3%                 | \$ 5.2           | 1.4%                  | \$ 221.8        | 60.7%                 |
| Catastrophes              |  | 114.5                       | 31.3%                 | (7.4)            | -2.0%                 | 107.1           | 29.3%                 |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | 0.0%                  | 0.8              | 0.2%                  | 0.8             | 0.2%                  |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 331.1</u>             | <u>90.6%</u>          | <u>\$ (1.4)</u>  | <u>-0.4%</u>          | <u>\$ 329.7</u> | <u>90.2%</u>          |
| <u>2010</u>               |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ 216.9                    | 58.4%                 | \$ (11.0)        | -3.0%                 | \$ 205.9        | 55.4%                 |
| Catastrophes              |  | 58.6                        | 15.8%                 | (4.2)            | -1.1%                 | 54.4            | 14.6%                 |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | 0.0%                  | -                | 0.0%                  | -               | 0.0%                  |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 275.5</u>             | <u>74.1%</u>          | <u>\$ (15.2)</u> | <u>-4.1%</u>          | <u>\$ 260.3</u> | <u>70.0%</u>          |
| <u>Variance 2011/2010</u> |  |                             |                       |                  |                       |                 |                       |
| Attritional               |  | \$ (0.3)                    | 0.9 pts               | \$ 16.2          | 4.4 pts               | \$ 15.9         | 5.3 pts               |
| Catastrophes              |  | 55.9                        | 15.5 pts              | (3.2)            | (0.9) pts             | 52.7            | 14.7 pts              |
| A&E                       |  | -                           | - pts                 | 0.8              | 0.2 pts               | 0.8             | 0.2 pts               |
| Total segment             |  | <u>\$ 55.6</u>              | <u>16.5 pts</u>       | <u>\$ 13.8</u>   | <u>3.7 pts</u>        | <u>\$ 69.4</u>  | <u>20.2 pts</u>       |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE increased 35.9% to \$125.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$92.6 million for the same period in 2010, representing a 12.5 point increase to the loss ratio, quarter over quarter. The increase was primarily attributable to a swing in prior year development of attritional losses of \$16.5 million (8.7 points); 2010 reflected favorable development of \$15.2 million compared to modest development in the current year quarter and an increase in current year attritional losses due primarily to the increase in premiums earned.

Incurred losses and LAE increased 26.7% to \$329.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$260.3 million for the same period in 2010. The increase was principally due to a \$55.9 million (15.5 points) increase in current year catastrophe losses, primarily for the Japan and New Zealand earthquakes and Australia floods.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage increased 28.6% to \$53.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$41.4 million for the same period in 2010. Commission and brokerage increased 12.6% to \$93.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$83.3 million for the same period in 2010. These variances were due to an increase in commission on a large Bermuda transaction, higher 2010 reinstatement premiums in London, which have no commission expense, and changes in the mix of business.

Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$6.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$6.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$13.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to \$12.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. These increases were primarily the result of expanded operations in Ireland.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION**

Cash and Invested Assets. Aggregate invested assets, including cash and short-term investments, were \$15,836.6 million at June 30, 2011, an increase of \$471.6 million compared to \$15,365.0 million at December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily the result of \$338.7 million of cash flows from operations, \$109.5 million due to fluctuations in foreign currencies, \$100.0 million of unrealized appreciation, \$49.7 million in equity adjustments of our limited partnership investments, \$47.2 million of unsettled securities and \$36.9 million in fair value re-measurements, partially offset by \$63.1 million due to the cost of businesses acquired, \$52.1 million paid out in dividends to shareholders, \$37.6 million paid for share repurchases and \$10.0 million paid out in revolving credit.

Our principal investment objectives are to ensure funds are available to meet our insurance and reinsurance obligations and to maximize after-tax investment income while maintaining a high quality diversified investment portfolio. Considering these objectives, we view our investment portfolio as having two components: 1) the investments needed to satisfy outstanding liabilities (our core fixed maturities portfolio) and 2) investments funded by our shareholders' equity.

For the portion needed to satisfy global outstanding liabilities, we generally invest in taxable and tax-preferenced fixed income securities with an average credit quality of Aa3. For the U.S. portion of this portfolio, our mix of taxable and tax-preferenced investments is adjusted periodically, consistent with our current and projected U.S. operating results, market conditions and our tax position. This global fixed maturity securities portfolio is externally managed by an independent, professional investment manager using portfolio guidelines approved by us.

Over the past few years and particularly in 2010 and 2011, we have expanded the allocation of our investments funded by shareholders' equity to include: 1) a greater percentage of publicly traded equity securities, 2) emerging market fixed maturities through mutual fund structures, 3) high yield fixed maturities, 4) bank loan securities and 5) private equity limited partnership investments. The objective of this portfolio diversification is to enhance the risk-adjusted total return of the investment portfolio by allocating a prudent portion of the portfolio to higher return asset classes, which are also less subject to changes in value with movements in interest rates. We limit our allocation to these asset classes because of 1) the potential for volatility in their values and 2) the impact of these investments on regulatory and rating agency capital adequacy models. We use investment managers experienced in these markets and adjust our allocation to these investments based upon market conditions. At June 30, 2011, the market value of investments in these investment market sectors, carried at both market and fair value, approximated 48% of shareholders' equity.

The Company's limited partnership investments are comprised of limited partnerships that invest in private equities. Generally, the limited partnerships are reported on a quarter lag. All of the limited partnerships are required to report using fair value accounting in accordance with FASB guidance. We receive annual audited financial statements for all of the limited partnerships. For the quarterly reports, the Company's staff performs reviews of the financial reports for any unusual changes in carrying value. If the Company becomes aware of a significant decline in value during the lag reporting period, the loss will be recorded in the period in which the Company identifies the decline.

The tables below summarize the composition and characteristics of our investment portfolio as of the dates indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)           | At June 30, 2011 |        | At December 31, 2010 |        |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Fixed maturities, market value  | \$ 12,456.8      | 78.7%  | \$ 12,450.5          | 81.0%  |
| Fixed maturities, fair value    | 128.3            | 0.8%   | 180.5                | 1.2%   |
| Equity securities, market value | 461.5            | 2.9%   | 363.7                | 2.4%   |
| Equity securities, fair value   | 1,012.2          | 6.4%   | 721.4                | 4.7%   |
| Short-term investments          | 784.7            | 4.9%   | 785.3                | 5.1%   |
| Other invested assets           | 581.6            | 3.7%   | 605.2                | 3.9%   |
| Cash                            | 411.5            | 2.6%   | 258.4                | 1.7%   |
| Total investments and cash      | \$ 15,836.6      | 100.0% | \$ 15,365.0          | 100.0% |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

|   | At<br>June 30, 2011 | At<br>December 31, 2010 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Fixed income portfolio duration (years) | 3.5                 | 3.8                     |
| Fixed income composite credit quality   | Aa3                 | Aa2                     |
| Imbedded end of period yield, pre-tax   | 4.0%                | 3.9%                    |
| Imbedded end of period yield, after-tax | 3.5%                | 3.5%                    |

The following table provides a comparison of our total return by asset class relative to broadly accepted industry benchmarks for the periods indicated.

|   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2011 | Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31, 2010 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Fixed income portfolio total return         | 2.4%                              | 5.3%                                     |
| Barclay's Capital - U.S. aggregate index    | 2.7%                              | 6.5%                                     |
| Common equity portfolio total return        | 5.3%                              | 15.4%                                    |
| S&P 500 index                               | 6.0%                              | 15.1%                                    |
| Other invested asset portfolio total return | 11.9%                             | 18.7%                                    |

**Reinsurance Receivables.** Reinsurance receivables for both paid and recoverable on unpaid losses totaled \$694.0 million at June 30, 2011 and \$684.7 million at December 31, 2010. At June 30, 2011, \$206.8 million, or 29.8%, was receivable from C.V. Starr (Bermuda); \$100.0 million, or 14.4%, was receivable from Continental Insurance Company; \$95.0 million, or 13.7%, was receivable from Transatlantic Reinsurance Company; \$48.2 million, or 6.9%, was receivable from Munich Reinsurance Company and \$43.0 million, or 6.2%, was receivable from Berkley Insurance Company. The receivable from C.V. Starr (Bermuda) is fully collateralized by a trust agreement. The receivable from Continental Insurance Company is collateralized by a funds held arrangement under which we have retained the premiums earned by the retrocessionaire to secure obligations of the retrocessionaire, recorded them as a liability, credited interest on the balances at a stated contractual rate and reduced the liability account as payments became due. No other retrocessionaire accounted for more than 5% of our receivables.

Loss and LAE Reserves. Gross loss and LAE reserves totaled \$10,145.7 million at June 30, 2011 and \$9,340.2 million at December 31, 2010.

The following tables summarize gross outstanding loss and LAE reserves by segment, classified by case reserves and IBNR reserves, for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)  | At June 30, 2011 |            |             |        |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|
|                        | Case             | IBNR       | Total       | % of   |
|                        | Reserves         | Reserves   | Reserves    | Total  |
| U.S. Reinsurance       | \$ 1,199.5       | \$ 1,801.5 | \$ 3,001.1  | 29.6%  |
| Insurance              | 868.7            | 1,211.5    | 2,080.3     | 20.5%  |
| Specialty Underwriting | 240.3            | 196.3      | 436.6       | 4.3%   |
| International          | 1,301.7          | 887.6      | 2,189.3     | 21.6%  |
| Bermuda                | 829.0            | 1,082.8    | 1,911.7     | 18.8%  |
| Total excluding A&E    | 4,439.2          | 5,179.7    | 9,618.9     | 94.8%  |
| A&E                    | 284.8            | 241.9      | 526.7       | 5.2%   |
| Total including A&E    | \$ 4,724.1       | \$ 5,421.6 | \$ 10,145.7 | 100.0% |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

| (Dollars in millions)  | At December 31, 2010 |            |            |        |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|--------|
|                        | Case                 | IBNR       | Total      | % of   |
|                        | Reserves             | Reserves   | Reserves   | Total  |
| U.S. Reinsurance       | \$ 1,293.3           | \$ 1,672.7 | \$ 2,966.0 | 31.8%  |
| Insurance              | 859.6                | 1,142.0    | 2,001.6    | 21.4%  |
| Specialty Underwriting | 237.1                | 193.8      | 430.9      | 4.6%   |
| International          | 945.8                | 711.6      | 1,657.4    | 17.7%  |
| Bermuda                | 788.2                | 941.3      | 1,729.5    | 18.5%  |
| Total excluding A&E    | 4,123.9              | 4,661.5    | 8,785.4    | 94.1%  |
| A&E                    | 290.4                | 264.4      | 554.8      | 5.9%   |
| Total including A&E    | \$ 4,414.4           | \$ 4,925.8 | \$ 9,340.2 | 100.0% |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Changes in premiums earned and business mix, reserve re-estimations, catastrophe losses and changes in catastrophe loss reserves and claim settlement activity all impact loss and LAE reserves by segment and in total.

Our loss and LAE reserves represent our best estimate of our ultimate liability for unpaid claims. We continuously re-evaluate our reserves, including re-estimates of prior period reserves, taking into consideration all available information and, in particular, newly reported loss and claim experience. Changes in reserves resulting from such re-evaluations are reflected in incurred losses in the period when the re-evaluation is made. Our analytical methods and processes operate at multiple levels including individual contracts, groupings of like contracts, classes and lines of business, internal business units, segments, legal entities, and in the aggregate. In order to set appropriate reserves, we make qualitative and quantitative analyses and judgments at these various levels. Additionally, the attribution of reserves, changes in reserves and incurred losses among accident years requires qualitative and quantitative adjustments and allocations at these various levels. We utilize actuarial science, business expertise and management judgment in a manner intended to ensure the accuracy and consistency of our reserving practices. Nevertheless, our reserves are estimates, which are subject to variation, which may be significant.

There can be no assurance that reserves for, and losses from, claim obligations will not increase in the future, possibly by a material amount. However, we believe that our existing reserves and reserving methodologies lessen the probability that any such increase would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In this context, we note that over the past 10 years, our calendar year operations have been affected by effects from prior period reserve re-estimates, ranging from a favorable \$30.9 million in 2010, representing 0.4% of the net prior period reserves for the year in which the adjustment was made, to an unfavorable \$249.4 million in 2004, representing 3.7% of the net prior period reserves for the year in which the adjustment was made.

Asbestos and Environmental Exposures. A&E exposures represent a separate exposure group for monitoring and evaluating reserve adequacy. The following table summarizes incurred losses and outstanding loss reserves with respect to A&E reserves on both a gross and net of retrocessions basis for the periods indicated.

| (Dollars in millions)        | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                 | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                              | 2011                           | 2010            | 2011                         | 2010            |
| <b>Gross Basis:</b>          |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Beginning of period reserves | \$ 535.8                       | \$ 625.2        | \$ 554.8                     | \$ 638.7        |
| Incurred losses              | 0.8                            | -               | 0.8                          | -               |
| Paid losses                  | (9.8)                          | (11.1)          | (28.8)                       | (24.5)          |
| End of period reserves       | <u>\$ 526.7</u>                | <u>\$ 614.1</u> | <u>\$ 526.7</u>              | <u>\$ 614.1</u> |
| <b>Net Basis:</b>            |                                |                 |                              |                 |
| Beginning of period reserves | \$ 514.7                       | \$ 600.2        | \$ 532.9                     | \$ 613.1        |
| Incurred losses              | 0.8                            | -               | 0.8                          | -               |
| Paid losses                  | (9.5)                          | (10.7)          | (27.8)                       | (23.6)          |
| End of period reserves       | <u>\$ 505.9</u>                | <u>\$ 589.5</u> | <u>\$ 505.9</u>              | <u>\$ 589.5</u> |

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

At June 30, 2011, the gross reserves for A&E losses were comprised of \$139.2 million representing case reserves reported by ceding companies, \$108.7 million representing additional case reserves established by us on assumed reinsurance claims, \$36.9 million representing case reserves established by us on direct excess insurance claims, including Mt. McKinley, and \$241.9 million representing IBNR reserves.

With respect to asbestos only, at June 30, 2011, we had gross asbestos loss reserves of \$505.1 million, or 95.9%, of total A&E reserves, of which \$403.1 million was for assumed business and \$102.0 million was for direct business.

Industry analysts use the “survival ratio” to compare the A&E reserves among companies with such liabilities. The survival ratio is typically calculated by dividing a company’s current net reserves by the three year average of annual paid losses. Hence, the survival ratio equals the number of years that it would take to exhaust the current reserves if future loss payments were to continue at historical levels. Using this measurement, our net three year asbestos survival ratio was 5.1 years at June 30, 2011. These metrics can be skewed by individual large settlements occurring in the prior three years and therefore, may not be indicative of the timing of future payments.

Because the survival ratio was developed as a comparative measure of reserve strength and does not indicate absolute reserve adequacy, we consider, but do not rely on, the survival ratio when evaluating our reserves. In particular, we note that year to year loss payment variability can be material. This is due, in part, to our orientation to negotiated settlements, particularly on our Mt. McKinley exposures, which significantly reduces the credibility and utility of this measure as an analytical tool. In the second quarter of 2011, we made asbestos net claim payments of \$0.8 million to Mt McKinley high profile claimants where the claim was either closed or a settlement had been reached. Such payments, which are non-repetitive, distort downward our three year survival ratio. Adjusting for such settlements, recognizing that total settlements are generally considered fully reserved to an agreed settlement, we consider that our adjusted asbestos survival ratio for net unsettled claims is 9.0 years, which is better than prevailing industry norms.

Shareholders’ Equity. Our shareholders’ equity decreased to \$6,152.6 million as of June 30, 2011 from \$6,283.5 million as of December 31, 2010. This decrease was the result of \$184.6 million in net loss, \$52.1 million of shareholder dividends and repurchases of 428,038 common shares for \$37.6 million, partially offset by unrealized appreciation on investments, net of tax, of \$87.1 million, \$39.5 million of foreign currency translation adjustments, share-based compensation transactions of \$15.2 million and \$1.5 million of benefit plan obligation adjustments.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Capital. Our business operations are in part dependent on our financial strength and financial strength ratings, and the market's perception of our financial strength, as measured by shareholders' equity, which was \$6,152.6 million at June 30, 2011 and \$6,283.5 million at December 31, 2010. On March 13, 2009, Everest Re and Everest National, wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of the Company, received notification of a one level ratings downgrade by Standard & Poor's. On April 7, 2010, Standard & Poor's upgraded the Company's debt ratings one level. We continue to possess significant financial flexibility and access to the debt and equity markets as a result of our perceived financial strength, as evidenced by the financial strength ratings as assigned by independent rating agencies.

From time to time, we have used open market share repurchases to adjust our capital position and enhance long term expected returns to our shareholders. On July 21, 2008, our existing authorization to purchase up to 5 million of our shares was amended to authorize the purchase of up to 10 million shares. On February 24, 2010, our existing authorization to purchase up to 10 million of our shares was amended to authorize the purchase of up to 15 million shares. As of June 30, 2011, we had repurchased 12.0 million shares under this authorization.

On December 17, 2008, we renewed our shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as a Well Known Seasoned Issuer. This shelf registration statement can be used by Group to register common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, share purchase contracts and share purchase units; by Holdings to register debt securities and by Everest Re Capital Trust III ("Capital Trust III") to register trust preferred securities.

Liquidity. Our principal investment objectives are to ensure funds are available to meet our insurance and reinsurance obligations and to maximize after-tax investment income while maintaining a high quality diversified investment portfolio. Considering these objectives, we view our investment portfolio as having two components: 1) the investments needed to satisfy outstanding liabilities (our core fixed maturities portfolio) and 2) investments funded by our shareholders' equity.

For the portion needed to satisfy global outstanding liabilities, we generally invest in taxable and tax-preferenced fixed income securities with an average credit quality of Aa3. For the U.S. portion of this portfolio, our mix of taxable and tax-preferenced investments is adjusted periodically, consistent with our current and projected U.S. operating results, market conditions and our tax position. This global fixed maturity securities portfolio is externally managed by an independent, professional investment manager using portfolio guidelines approved by us.

Over the past few years and particularly in 2010 and 2011, we have expanded the allocation of our investments funded by shareholders' equity to include: 1) a greater percentage of publicly traded equity securities, 2) emerging market fixed maturities through mutual fund structures, 3) high yield fixed maturities, 4) bank loan securities and 5) private equity limited partnership investments. The objective of this portfolio diversification is to enhance the risk-adjusted total return of the investment portfolio by allocating a prudent portion of the portfolio to higher return asset classes, which are also less subject to changes in value with movements in interest rates. We limit our allocation to these asset classes because of 1) the potential for volatility in their values and 2) the impact of these investments on regulatory and rating agency capital adequacy models. We use investment managers experienced in these markets and adjust our allocation to these investments based upon market conditions. At June 30, 2011, the market value of investments in these investment market sectors, carried at both market and fair value, approximated 48% of shareholders' equity.

Our liquidity requirements are generally met from positive cash flow from operations. Positive cash flow results from reinsurance and insurance premiums being collected prior to disbursements for claims, which disbursements generally take place over an extended period after the collection of premiums, sometimes a period of many years. Collected premiums are generally invested, prior to their use in such disbursements, and investment income provides additional funding for loss payments. Our net cash flows from operating activities were \$338.7 million and \$492.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Additionally, these cash flows reflected net tax refunds of \$12.5 million and \$35.8 million for

the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively; net catastrophe loss payments of \$186.7 million and \$143.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively; and net A&E payments of \$27.8 million and \$23.6 million for six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

If disbursements for claims and benefits, policy acquisition costs and other operating expenses were to exceed premium inflows, cash flow from reinsurance and insurance operations would be negative. The effect on cash flow from insurance operations would be partially offset by cash flow from investment income. Additionally, cash inflows from investment maturities and dispositions, both short-term investments and longer term maturities are available to supplement other operating cash flows.

As the timing of payments for claims and benefits cannot be predicted with certainty, we maintain portfolios of long term invested assets with varying maturities, along with short-term investments that provide additional liquidity for payment of claims. At June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we held cash and short-term investments of \$1,196.2 million and \$1,043.7 million, respectively. All of our short-term investments are readily marketable and can be converted to cash. In addition to these cash and short-term investments, at June 30, 2011, we had \$566.3 million of available for sale fixed maturity securities maturing within one year or less, \$4,612.3 million maturing within one to five years and \$4,669.6 million maturing after five years. Our \$1,473.7 million of equity securities are comprised primarily of publicly traded securities that can be easily liquidated. We believe that these fixed maturity and equity securities, in conjunction with the short-term investments and positive cash flow from operations, provide ample sources of liquidity for the expected payment of losses in the near future. We do not anticipate selling securities or using available credit facilities to pay losses and LAE but have the ability to do so. Sales of securities might result in realized capital gains or losses. At June 30, 2011 we had \$541.3 million of net pre-tax unrealized appreciation, comprised of \$622.0 million of pre-tax unrealized appreciation and \$80.7 million of pre-tax unrealized depreciation.

Management expects annual positive cash flow from operations, which in general reflects the strength of overall pricing, to persist over the near term, absent any unusual catastrophe activity. Due to the significant catastrophe losses in the first half of 2011, cash flow from operations may be slightly negative in the near term as these losses are paid. In the intermediate and long term, our cash flow from operations will be impacted to the extent by which competitive pressures affect overall pricing in our markets and by which our premium receipts are impacted from our strategy of emphasizing underwriting profitability over premium volume.

Effective July 27, 2007, Group, Bermuda Re and Everest International entered into a five year, \$850.0 million senior credit facility with a syndicate of lenders referred to as the "Group Credit Facility". Wells Fargo Corporation ("Wells Fargo Bank") is the administrative agent for the Group Credit Facility, which consists of two tranches. Tranche one provides up to \$350.0 million of unsecured revolving credit for liquidity and general corporate purposes, and for the issuance of unsecured standby letters of credit. The interest on the revolving loans shall, at the Company's option, be either (1) the Base Rate (as defined below) or (2) an adjusted London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin. The Base Rate is the higher of (a) the prime commercial lending rate established by Wells Fargo Bank or (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% per annum. The amount of margin and the fees payable for the Group Credit Facility depends on Group's senior unsecured debt rating. Tranche two exclusively provides up to \$500.0 million for the issuance of standby letters of credit on a collateralized basis.

The Group Credit Facility requires Group to maintain a debt to capital ratio of not greater than 0.35 to 1 and to maintain a minimum net worth. Minimum net worth is an amount equal to the sum of \$3,575.4 million plus 25% of consolidated net income for each of Group's fiscal quarters, for which statements are available ending on or after January 1, 2007 and for which consolidated net income is positive, plus 25% of any increase in consolidated net worth during such period attributable to the issuance of ordinary and preferred shares, which at June 30, 2011, was \$4,262.8 million. As of June 30, 2011, the Company was in compliance with all Group Credit Facility covenants.

At June 30, 2011, the Group Credit Facility had no outstanding letters of credit under tranche one and \$401.0 million outstanding letters of credit under tranche two. At December 31, 2010, the Group Credit Facility had no outstanding letters of credit under tranche one and \$406.4 million outstanding letters of credit under tranche two.

Effective August 23, 2006, Holdings entered into a five year, \$150.0 million senior revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders referred to as the "Holdings Credit Facility". Citibank N.A. is the administrative agent for the Holdings Credit Facility. The Holdings Credit Facility may be used for liquidity and general corporate purposes. The Holdings Credit Facility provides for the borrowing of up to \$150.0 million with interest at a rate selected by Holdings equal to either, (1) the Base Rate (as defined below) or (2) a periodic fixed rate equal to the Eurodollar Rate plus an applicable margin. The Base Rate means a fluctuating interest rate per annum in effect from time to time to be equal to the higher of (a) the rate of interest publicly announced by Citibank as its prime rate or (b) 0.5% per annum above the Federal Funds Rate, in each case plus the applicable margin. The amount of margin and the fees payable for the Holdings Credit Facility depends upon Holdings' senior unsecured debt rating.

The Holdings Credit Facility requires Holdings to maintain a debt to capital ratio of not greater than 0.35 to 1 and Everest Reinsurance Company ("Everest Re") to maintain its statutory surplus at \$1.5 billion plus 25% of future aggregate net income and 25% of future aggregate capital contributions after December 31, 2005, which at June 30, 2011, was \$2,005.9 million. As of June 30, 2011, Holdings was in compliance with all Holdings Credit Facility covenants.

At June 30, 2011, the Company had outstanding \$40.0 million of short-term borrowings from the Holdings Credit Facility revolving credit line, with a maturity dates ranging from July 6, 2011 to July 28, 2011. These short-term borrowings can be paid either through renewal with a one, two, three or six month term; or out of available liquidity. The highest amount outstanding in short-term borrowings during 2011 and 2010 was \$50.0 million and \$133.0 million for the periods from January 1, 2011 to January 18, 2011 and June 15, 2010 to August 9, 2010, respectively. In addition, at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Holdings Credit Facility had outstanding letters of credit of \$9.5 million.

Prior to August 23, 2011, the Company plans to enter into a new Holdings Credit Facility with terms similar to the expiring facility.

Costs incurred in connection with the Group Credit Facility and the Holdings Credit Facility were \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, and \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

#### **Market Sensitive Instruments.**

The SEC's Financial Reporting Release #48 requires registrants to clarify and expand upon the existing financial statement disclosure requirements for derivative financial instruments, derivative commodity instruments and other financial instruments (collectively, "market sensitive instruments"). We do not generally enter into market sensitive instruments for trading purposes.

Our current investment strategy seeks to maximize after-tax income through a high quality, diversified, taxable and tax-preferenced fixed maturity portfolio, while maintaining an adequate level of liquidity. Our mix of taxable and tax-preferenced investments is adjusted periodically, consistent with our current and projected operating results, market conditions and our tax position. The fixed maturity securities in the investment portfolio are comprised of non-trading available for sale securities. Additionally, we have invested in equity securities. We have also written a small number of equity index put option contracts.

The overall investment strategy considers the scope of present and anticipated Company operations. In particular, estimates of the financial impact resulting from non-investment asset and liability transactions, together with our capital structure and other factors, are used to develop a net liability analysis. This analysis includes estimated payout characteristics for which our investments provide liquidity. This analysis is considered in the development of specific investment strategies for asset allocation, duration and credit quality. The change in overall market sensitive risk exposure principally reflects the asset changes that took place during the period.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Our \$15.8 billion investment portfolio, at June 30, 2011, is principally comprised of fixed maturity securities, which are generally subject to interest rate risk and some foreign currency exchange rate risk, and some equity securities, which are subject to price fluctuations and some foreign exchange rate risk. The impact of the foreign exchange risks on the investment portfolio is partially mitigated by changes in the dollar value of foreign currency denominated liabilities and their associated income statement impact.

Interest rate risk is the potential change in value of the fixed maturity securities portfolio, including short-term investments, from a change in market interest rates. In a declining interest rate environment, it includes prepayment risk on the \$2,417.2 million of mortgage-backed securities in the \$12,585.1 million fixed maturity portfolio. Prepayment risk results from potential accelerated principal payments that shorten the average life and thus the expected yield of the security.

The table below displays the potential impact of market value fluctuations and after-tax unrealized appreciation on our fixed maturity portfolio (including \$784.7 million of short-term investments) for the period indicated based on upward and downward parallel and immediate 100 and 200 basis point shifts in interest rates. For legal entities with a U.S. dollar functional currency, this modeling was performed on each security individually. To generate appropriate price estimates on mortgage-backed securities, changes in prepayment expectations under different interest rate environments were taken into account. For legal entities with a non-U.S. dollar functional currency, the effective duration of the involved portfolio of securities was used as a proxy for the market value change under the various interest rate change scenarios.

|  | Impact of Interest Rate Shift in Basis Points |             |             |             |             |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | At June 30, 2011                              |             |             |             |             |
|  | -200  | -100        | 0           | 100         | 200         |
| (Dollars in millions)                  |   |             |             |             |             |
| Total Market/Fair Value                | \$ 14,227.1                                   | \$ 13,819.7 | \$ 13,369.8 | \$ 12,876.5 | \$ 12,384.4 |
| Market/Fair Value Change from Base (%) | 6.4%  | 3.4%        | 0.0%        | -3.7%       | -7.4%       |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation      |   |             |             |             |             |
| After-tax from Base (\$)               | \$ 709.1                                      | \$ 372.4    | \$ -        | \$ (407.2)  | \$ (814.5)  |

We had \$10,145.7 million and \$9,340.2 million of gross reserves for losses and LAE as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. These amounts are recorded at their nominal value, as opposed to present value, which would reflect a discount adjustment to reflect the time value of money. Since losses are paid out over a period of time, the present value of the reserves is less than the nominal value. As interest rates rise, the present value of the reserves decreases and, conversely, as interest rates decline, the present value increases. These movements are the opposite of the interest rate impacts on the fair value of investments. While the difference between present value and nominal value is not reflected in our financial statements, our financial results will include investment income over time from the investment portfolio until the claims are paid. Our loss and loss reserve obligations have an expected duration of approximately 3.8 years, which is reasonably consistent with our fixed income portfolio. If we were to discount our loss and LAE reserves, net of \$0.7 billion of reinsurance receivables on unpaid losses, the discount would be approximately \$1.5 billion resulting in a discounted reserve balance of approximately \$7.9 billion, representing approximately 59.3% of the market value of the fixed maturity investment portfolio funds.

**Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the potential change in fair and/or market value of the common stock, preferred stock and mutual fund portfolios arising from changing prices. Our equity investments consist of a diversified portfolio of individual securities and mutual funds, which invest principally in high quality common and preferred stocks, that are traded on the major exchanges, and mutual fund investments in emerging market debt. The primary objective of the equity portfolio is to obtain greater total return relative to our core bonds over time through market appreciation and income.

The table below displays the impact on fair/market value and after-tax change in fair/market value of a 10% and 20% change in equity prices up and down for the period indicated.

|   | Impact of Percentage Change in Equity Fair/Market Values |            |            |            |            |
|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | At June 30, 2011   |            |            |            |            |
| (Dollars in millions)                     | -20%   | -10%       | 0%         | 10%        | 20%        |
| Fair/Market Value of the Equity Portfolio | \$ 1,179.0   | \$ 1,326.3 | \$ 1,473.7 | \$ 1,621.1 | \$ 1,768.5 |
| After-tax Change in Fair/Market Value     | (223.0)  | (111.5)    | -          | 111.5      | 223.0      |

**Foreign Currency Risk.** Foreign currency risk is the potential change in value, income and cash flow arising from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Each of our non-U.S./Bermuda (“foreign”) operations maintains capital in the currency of the country of its geographic location consistent with local regulatory guidelines. Each foreign operation may conduct business in its local currency, as well as the currency of other countries in which it operates. The primary foreign currency exposures for these foreign operations are the Canadian Dollar, the British Pound Sterling and the Euro. We mitigate foreign exchange exposure by generally matching the currency and duration of our assets to our corresponding operating liabilities. In accordance with FASB guidance, we translate the assets, liabilities and income of non-U.S. dollar functional currency legal entities to the U.S. dollar. This translation amount is reported as a component of other comprehensive income. As of June 30, 2011 there has been no material change in exposure to foreign exchange rates as compared to December, 31, 2010.

**Equity Index Put Option Contracts.** Although not considered material in the context of our aggregate exposure to market sensitive instruments, we have issued six equity index put option contracts based on the Standard & Poor’s 500 (“S&P 500”) index and one equity index put option contract based on the FTSE 100 index, that are market sensitive and sufficiently unique to warrant supplemental disclosure.

We sold six equity index put option contracts, based on the S&P 500 index, for total consideration, net of commissions, of \$22.5 million. At June 30, 2011, fair value for these equity index put option contracts was \$48.2 million. These equity index put option contracts each have a single exercise date, with maturities ranging from 12 to 30 years and strike prices ranging from \$1,141.21 to \$1,540.63. The S&P 500 index value at June 30, 2011 was \$1,320.64. No amounts will be payable under these equity index put option contracts if the S&P 500 index is at, or above, the strike prices on the exercise dates, which fall between June 2017 and March 2031. If the S&P 500 index is lower than the strike price on the applicable exercise date, the amount due would vary proportionately with the percentage by which the index is below the strike price. Based on historical index volatilities and trends and the June 30, 2011 S&P 500 index value, we estimate the probability that each equity index put option contract of the S&P 500 index falling below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 37%. The theoretical maximum payouts under the equity index put option contracts would occur if on each of the exercise dates the S&P 500 index value were zero. At June 30, 2011, the present value of these theoretical maximum payouts using a 6% discount factor was \$277.1 million.

We sold one equity index put option contract based on the FTSE 100 index for total consideration, net of commissions, of \$6.7 million. At June 30, 2011, fair value for this equity index put option contract was \$6.1 million. This equity index put option contract has an exercise date of July 2020 and a strike price of £5,989.75. The FTSE 100 index value at June 30, 2011 was £5,945.70. No amount will be payable under this equity index put option contract if the FTSE 100 index is at, or above, the strike price on the exercise date. If the FTSE 100 index is lower than the strike price on the exercise date, the amount due will vary proportionately with the percentage by which the index is below the strike price. Based on historical index volatilities and trends and the June 30, 2011 FTSE 100 index value, we estimate the probability that the equity index put option contract of the FTSE 100 index will fall below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 33%. The theoretical maximum payout under the equity index put option contract would occur if on the exercise date the FTSE 100 index value was zero. At June 30, 2011, the present value of the theoretical maximum payout using a 6% discount factor and current exchange rate was \$31.5 million.

Because the equity index put option contracts meet the definition of a derivative, we report the fair value of these instruments in our consolidated balance sheets as a liability and record any changes to fair value in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as a net derivative gain (loss).

Our financial statements reflect fair values for our obligations on these equity index put option contracts at June 30, 2011, of \$54.3 million and at December 31, 2010, of \$58.5 million; even though it may not be likely that the ultimate settlement of these transactions would require a payment that would exceed the initial consideration received, or any payment at all.

As there is no active market for these instruments, the determination of their fair value is based on an industry accepted option pricing model, which requires estimates and assumptions, including those regarding volatility and expected rates of return.

The table below displays the impact of potential movements in interest rates and the equity indices, which are the principal factors affecting fair value of these instruments, looking forward from the fair value for the period indicated. As these are estimates, there can be no assurance regarding future market performance. The asymmetrical results of the interest rate and S&P 500 and FTSE 100 indices shift reflect that the liability cannot fall below zero whereas it can increase to its theoretical maximum.

|  |  | Equity Indices Put Options Obligation – Sensitivity Analysis |                     |           |                  |                  |
|--|--|--|---------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
|  |  | At June 30, 2011   |                     |           |                  |                  |
|  |  | -200   | -100                | 0         | 100              | 200              |
| (Dollars in millions)                              |  |  |                     |           |                  |                  |
| Interest Rate Shift in Basis Points:               |  |  |                     |           |                  |                  |
| Total Fair Value                                   |  | \$ 92.4  | \$ 71.0             | \$ 54.3   | \$ 41.4          | \$ 31.5          |
| Fair Value Change from Base (%)                    |  | -70.0%   | -30.7%              | 0.0%      | 23.8%            | 42.1%            |
| Equity Indices Shift in Points (S&P 500/FTSE 100): |  |  |                     |           |                  |                  |
| Total Fair Value                                   |  | \$ 109.2   | \$ 76.5             | \$ 54.3   | \$ 39.2          | \$ 28.8          |
| Fair Value Change from Base (%)                    |  | -101.1%  | -40.8%              | 0.0%      | 27.8%            | 46.9%            |
| Combined Interest Rate /                           |  |  |                     |           |                  |                  |
| Equity Indices Shift (S&P 500/FTSE 100):           |  | -200/<br>-500/-2000  | -100/<br>-250/-1000 | 0/<br>0/0 | 100/<br>250/1000 | 200/<br>500/2000 |
| Total Fair Value                                   |  | \$ 166.2   | \$ 97.2             | \$ 54.3   | \$ 29.2          | \$ 15.1          |
| Fair Value Change from Base (%)                    |  | -206.0%  | -79.0%              | 0.0%      | 46.3%            | 72.2%            |

#### Safe Harbor Disclosure.

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in the federal securities laws. In some cases, these statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “may”, “will”, “should”, “could”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “expect”, “plan”, “believe”, “predict”, “potential” and “intend”. Forward-looking statements contained in this report include information regarding our reserves for losses and LAE, the adequacy of our provision for uncollectible balances, estimates of our catastrophe exposure, the effects of catastrophic events on our financial statements, the ability of Everest Re, Holdings, Holdings Ireland and Bermuda Re to pay dividends and the settlement costs of our specialized equity index put option contracts. Forward-looking statements only reflect our expectations and are not guarantees of performance. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual events or results may differ materially from our expectations. Important factors that could cause our actual events or results to be materially different from our expectations include those discussed under the caption ITEM 1A, “Risk Factors”. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

**Market Risk Instruments.** See “Liquidity and Capital Resources - Market Sensitive Instruments” in PART I – ITEM 2.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, our management carried out an evaluation, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). Based on their evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms. Our management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, also conducted an evaluation of our internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the quarter covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there has been no such change during the quarter covered by this report.

## **PART II**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In the ordinary course of business, we are involved in lawsuits, arbitrations and other formal and informal dispute resolution procedures, the outcomes of which will determine our rights and obligations under insurance, reinsurance and other contractual agreements. These disputes arise from time to time and are ultimately resolved through both informal and formal means, including negotiated resolution, arbitration and litigation. In all such matters, we believe that our positions are legally and commercially reasonable, and we vigorously seek to preserve, enforce and defend our legal rights under various agreements. The statuses of these proceedings are considered when we determine our reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses. While the final outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not believe that any of these matters, when finally resolved, will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or liquidity. However, an adverse resolution of one or more of these items in any one quarter or fiscal year could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in that period.

There are no known significant pending legal issues not involving insurance or reinsurance business activity.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

No material changes.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

| Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities |   |  |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|                                       | (a)   | (b)                                    | (c)   | (d)  |
| Period                                | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(1)</sup> |
| April 1 - 30, 2011                    | 0   | \$ -                                   | 0   | 2,976,953  |
| May 1 - 31, 2011                      | 403   | \$ 90.3400                             | 0   | 2,976,953  |
| June 1 - 30, 2011                     | 0   | \$ -                                   | 0   | 2,976,953  |
| Total                                 | 403   | \$ -                                   | 0   | 2,976,953  |

(1) On September 21, 2004, the Company's board of directors approved an amended share repurchase program authorizing the Company and/or its subsidiary Holdings to purchase up to an aggregate of 5,000,000 of the Company's common shares through open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions or both. On July 21, 2008, the Company's executive committee of the board of directors approved an amendment to the September 21, 2004 share repurchase program authorizing the Company and/or its subsidiary Holdings to purchase up to an aggregate of 10,000,000 of the Company's common shares (recognizing that the number of shares authorized for repurchase has been reduced by those shares that have already been purchased) in open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions or both. On February 24, 2010, the Company's executive committee of the board of directors approved an amendment to the September 21, 2004, share repurchase program and the July 21, 2008, amendment authorizing the Company and/or its subsidiary Holdings, to purchase up to 15,000,000 of the Company's common shares (recognizing that the number of shares authorized for repurchase has been reduced by those shares that have already been purchased) in open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions or both.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**ITEM 4. RESERVED**

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Index:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 3 (ii)             | Bye-laws of Everest Re Group, Ltd.                                    |
| 31.1               | Section 302 Certification of Joseph V. Taranto                        |
| 31.2               | Section 302 Certification of Dominic J. Addesso                       |
| 32.1               | Section 906 Certification of Joseph V. Taranto and Dominic J. Addesso |
| 101.INS            | XBRL Instance Document  |
| 101.SCH            | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema  |
| 101.CAL            | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase                          |
| 101.DEF            | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase                           |
| 101.LAB            | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase                               |
| 101.PRE            | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase                         |

Everest Re Group, Ltd.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Everest Re Group, Ltd.  
(Registrant)

/S/ DOMINIC J. ADDESSO

Dominic J. Addesso  
President and  
Chief Financial Officer

(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: August 9, 2011