

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

**Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2009.**

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
from _____ to _____
Commission file number 001-13790
HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

76-0336636

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

13403 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas

77040-6094

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(713) 690-7300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (§232.405 of this chapter) 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated
filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting
company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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 registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

On July 31, 2009, there were approximately 112.3 million shares of common stock outstanding.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report on Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created by those laws. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our operations. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or incorporated by reference in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including such things as growth of our business and operations, business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, plans, future capital expenditures and references to future successes may be considered forward-looking statements. Also, when we use words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, probably or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements.

Many risks and uncertainties may have an impact on the matters addressed in these forward-looking statements, which could affect our future financial results and performance, including, among other things:

the effects of catastrophic losses,

the cyclical nature of the insurance business,

inherent uncertainties in the loss estimation process, which can adversely impact the adequacy of loss reserves,

the effects of emerging claim and coverage issues,

the effects of extensive governmental regulation of the insurance industry,

potential credit risk with brokers,

our assessment of underwriting risk,

our retention of risk, which could expose us to potential losses,

the adequacy of reinsurance protection,

the ability or willingness of reinsurers to pay balances due us,

the occurrence of terrorist activities,

our ability to maintain our competitive position,

changes in our assigned financial strength ratings,

our ability to raise capital and funds for liquidity in the future,

attraction and retention of qualified employees,

fluctuations in securities markets, which may reduce the value of our investment assets, reduce investment income or generate realized investment losses,

our ability to successfully expand our business through the acquisition of insurance-related companies,

impairment of goodwill,

*the ability of our insurance company subsidiaries to pay dividends in needed amounts,
fluctuations in foreign exchange rates,*

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failures of our information technology systems,

potential changes in the country's health care delivery system, and

change of control.

We describe these risks and uncertainties in greater detail in Item 1A, Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

These events or factors could cause our results or performance to differ materially from those we express in our forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions, and, therefore, also the forward-looking statements based on these assumptions, could themselves prove to be inaccurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements that are included in this Report, our inclusion of this information is not a representation by us or any other person that our objectives or plans will be achieved.

Our forward-looking statements speak only at the date made, and we will not update these forward-looking statements unless the securities laws require us to do so. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, any forward-looking events discussed in this Report may not occur.

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HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(unaudited, in thousands except per share data)

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 (as adjusted) |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| ASSETS | | |
| Investments: | | |
| Fixed income securities available for sale, at fair value (amortized cost: 2009 \$4,384,009; 2008 \$4,118,539) | \$ 4,456,674 | \$ 4,133,165 |
| Fixed income securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value: 2009 \$107,548; 2008 \$125,561) | 107,145 | 123,553 |
| Short-term investments, at cost, which approximates fair value | 659,021 | 497,477 |
| Other investments | 4,666 | 50,088 |
| Total investments | 5,227,506 | 4,804,283 |
| Cash | 35,614 | 27,347 |
| Restricted cash and cash investments | 206,065 | 174,905 |
| Premium, claims and other receivables | 789,803 | 770,823 |
| Reinsurance recoverables | 1,082,713 | 1,054,950 |
| Ceded unearned premium | 261,801 | 234,375 |
| Ceded life and annuity benefits | 63,129 | 64,235 |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs | 204,026 | 188,652 |
| Goodwill | 847,792 | 858,849 |
| Other assets | 157,812 | 153,581 |
| Total assets | \$ 8,876,261 | \$ 8,332,000 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Loss and loss adjustment expense payable | \$ 3,566,263 | \$ 3,415,230 |
| Life and annuity policy benefits | 63,129 | 64,235 |
| Reinsurance balances payable | 158,222 | 122,189 |
| Unearned premium | 1,062,456 | 977,426 |
| Deferred ceding commissions | 66,606 | 63,123 |
| Premium and claims payable | 375,291 | 405,287 |
| Notes payable | 434,682 | 343,649 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 340,147 | 300,838 |
| Total liabilities | 6,066,796 | 5,691,977 |

SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value; 250.0 million shares authorized (shares issued: 2009 116,992 and 2008 116,457; outstanding: 2009 112,319 and 2008 113,444) | 116,992 | 116,457 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 895,290 | 881,534 |
| Retained earnings | 1,828,795 | 1,677,831 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 67,187 | 27,536 |
| Treasury stock, at cost (shares: 2009 4,673 and 2008 3,013) | (98,799) | (63,335) |
| Total shareholders equity | 2,809,465 | 2,640,023 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ 8,876,261 | \$ 8,332,000 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings
(unaudited, in thousands except per share data)

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 30, |
| | | (as | | 2008 |
| | | adjusted) | | (as |
| | | | | adjusted) |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Net earned premium | \$ 1,004,366 | \$ 1,000,156 | \$ 501,978 | \$ 506,610 |
| Fee and commission income | 56,426 | 61,763 | 26,132 | 30,764 |
| Net investment income | 93,629 | 94,870 | 48,411 | 47,249 |
| Other operating income | 28,419 | 6,001 | 5,523 | 10,947 |
| Net realized investment gain (loss) | 3,988 | 47 | 933 | (121) |
| Other-than-temporary impairment loss: | | | | |
| Total loss | (5,709) | (1,599) | (2,596) | (1,599) |
| Portion recognized in other comprehensive income | 755 | | 755 | |
| Net loss recognized in earnings | (4,954) | (1,599) | (1,841) | (1,599) |
| Total revenue | 1,181,874 | 1,161,238 | 581,136 | 593,850 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Loss and loss adjustment expense, net | 608,136 | 595,927 | 292,570 | 302,901 |
| Policy acquisition costs, net | 178,940 | 188,113 | 90,248 | 95,845 |
| Other operating expense | 130,524 | 116,718 | 61,526 | 57,514 |
| Interest expense | 8,267 | 9,779 | 3,628 | 4,826 |
| Total expense | 925,867 | 910,537 | 447,972 | 461,086 |
| Earnings before income tax expense | 256,007 | 250,701 | 133,164 | 132,764 |
| Income tax expense | 81,252 | 78,571 | 41,579 | 41,089 |
| Net earnings | \$ 174,755 | \$ 172,130 | \$ 91,585 | \$ 91,675 |
| Net earnings per common share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.55 | \$ 1.49 | \$ 0.81 | \$ 0.79 |

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HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
(unaudited, in thousands except per share data)

| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u> | Common stock | Additional paid-in capital | Retained earnings | Accumulated other comprehensive income | Treasury stock | Total shareholders equity |
|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Balance at December 31, 2008 (as previously reported) | \$ 116,457 | \$ 861,867 | \$ 1,696,816 | \$ 27,536 | \$ (63,335) | \$ 2,639,341 |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change (adoption of FSP APB 14-1) | | 19,667 | (18,985) | | | 682 |
| Balance at December 31, 2008 (as adjusted) | 116,457 | 881,534 | 1,677,831 | 27,536 | (63,335) | 2,640,023 |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change (adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and 124-2) | | | 4,301 | (4,301) | | |
| Net earnings | | | 174,755 | | | 174,755 |
| Other comprehensive income: Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax | | | | 38,056 | | 38,056 |
| Other-than-temporary impairment loss, net of tax | | | | (491) | | (491) |
| Other, net of tax | | | | 6,387 | | 6,387 |
| Total other comprehensive income | | | | | | 43,952 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | 218,707 |
| Issuance of 316 shares for exercise of options, including tax effect | 316 | 5,069 | | | | 5,385 |
| Purchase of 1,660 common shares | | | | | (35,464) | (35,464) |
| Stock-based compensation | 219 | 8,687 | | | | 8,906 |
| Cash dividends declared, \$0.25 per share | | | (28,092) | | | (28,092) |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 116,992 | \$ 895,290 | \$ 1,828,795 | \$ 67,187 | \$ (98,799) | \$ 2,809,465 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited, in thousands)

| | Six months ended June 30, | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | | (as adjusted) |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 174,755 | \$ 172,130 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Change in premium, claims and other receivables | (14,383) | (43,624) |
| Change in reinsurance recoverables | (24,117) | (73,812) |
| Change in ceded unearned premium | (25,841) | 9,052 |
| Change in loss and loss adjustment expense payable | 97,956 | 219,858 |
| Change in reinsurance balances payable | 35,985 | (9,945) |
| Change in unearned premium | 67,388 | 55,022 |
| Change in premium and claims payable, net of restricted cash | (59,802) | (73,868) |
| Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 7,090 | (72,911) |
| Change in trading portfolio | | 42,574 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 8,906 | 6,797 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 7,652 | 6,824 |
| Other, net | (13,413) | (7,658) |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 262,176 | 230,439 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Sales of available for sale fixed income securities | 199,744 | 236,878 |
| Maturity or call of available for sale fixed income securities | 160,470 | 182,410 |
| Maturity or call of held to maturity fixed income securities | 85,991 | |
| Cost of available for sale fixed income securities acquired | (570,529) | (900,693) |
| Cost of held to maturity fixed income securities acquired | (59,580) | |
| Cost of other investments acquired | | (25,000) |
| Change in short-term investments | (160,119) | 256,564 |
| Proceeds from sales of strategic and other investments | 97,407 | 53,812 |
| Payments for purchase of businesses, net of cash received | (32,966) | (72,369) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets of business | 5,500 | |
| Other, net | (8,916) | (4,685) |
| Cash used by investing activities | (282,998) | (273,083) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Advances on line of credit | 105,000 | 75,000 |
| Payments on line of credit and notes payable | (15,032) | (30,000) |
| Sale of common stock | 5,385 | 9,868 |
| Purchase of common stock | (35,464) | |
| Dividends paid | (28,204) | (25,340) |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Other, net | (2,596) | 1,110 |
| Cash provided by financing activities | 29,089 | 30,638 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash | 8,267 | (12,006) |
| Cash at beginning of period | 27,347 | 39,135 |
| Cash at end of period | \$ 35,614 | \$ 27,129 |

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HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
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(1) General Information

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, we, us or our) include domestic and foreign property and casualty and life insurance companies, underwriting agencies and a reinsurance broker. We provide specialized property and casualty, surety, and group life, accident and health insurance coverages and related agency and reinsurance brokerage services to commercial customers and individuals. We market our products both directly to customers and through a network of independent brokers, producers, agents and third party administrators. Our lines of business include diversified financial products (which includes directors and officers liability, errors and omissions liability (known as professional indemnity outside the U.S.), employment practices liability, surety, credit, and fidelity coverages); group life, accident and health (which includes medical stop-loss, short-term medical, occupational accident, and other coverages); aviation; our London market account (which includes energy, property, marine, and accident and health coverages); and other specialty lines of insurance (which includes public entity, U.K. liability, event cancellation, contingency, and other coverages). We operate primarily in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, Bermuda and Ireland, although some of our operations have a broader international scope.

Basis of Presentation

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) and include the accounts of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries. We have made all adjustments that, in our opinion, are necessary for a fair statement of results of the interim periods, and all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our annual audited consolidated financial statements and related notes. The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2008 (as adjusted) was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Management must make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in our condensed consolidated financial statements and in disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Ultimate results could differ from those estimates. We have reclassified certain amounts in our 2008 condensed consolidated financial statements to conform to the 2009 presentation. None of our reclassifications had an effect on our consolidated net earnings, shareholders equity or cash flows.

We have evaluated subsequent events through August 7, 2009, which is the date these financial statements were issued.

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009

FSP No. FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, became effective January 1, 2009. FSP FAS 157-2 requires prospective application of SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, such as goodwill. Our adoption of FSP FAS 157-2 had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007) (SFAS 141(R)), *Business Combinations*, and SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51*, became effective January 1, 2009. SFAS 141(R) changes certain accounting treatment for business combinations and impacts presentation of financial statements on the acquisition date and accounting for acquisitions in subsequent periods. SFAS 160 changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which are now recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and classified as a component of shareholders equity. Since January 1, 2009, we have recorded all new acquisitions under the guidance of SFAS 141(R). Our adoption of SFAS 160 had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*, became effective January 1, 2009. SFAS 161 expands the required disclosures about a company's derivative and hedging activities. Our adoption had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

FSP No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions are Participating Securities*, became effective January 1, 2009 and required retrospective application to prior periods. FSP EITF 03-6-1 clarifies

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whether instruments granted in share-based payments, such as restricted stock, are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, must be included in the earnings allocation in calculating earnings per share under the two-class method described in SFAS No. 128, *Earnings per Share*. Under FSP EITF 03-6-1, unvested share-based payments that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend-equivalents are treated as participating securities. Our adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 had no material impact on our consolidated earnings per share in any period due to immateriality of our restricted stock awards that have such terms.

FSP No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)*, became effective January 1, 2009, required retrospective application to prior financial statements and did not permit early adoption. FSP APB 14-1 clarifies that convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion are not totally debt and requires issuers to bifurcate and separately account for the liability and equity components. In our condensed consolidated financial statements, we adopted FSP APB 14-1 for our 1.30% Convertible Notes and 2.00% Convertible Notes and retrospectively adjusted our consolidated financial statements for all periods prior to 2009. The effective interest rate on our 1.30% and 2.00% Convertible Notes increased to 4.80% and 3.86%, respectively, which resulted in the recognition of a \$22.6 million and \$8.3 million discount, respectively, with the offsetting after-tax impact recorded in additional paid-in capital. The following line items in our 2008 condensed consolidated financial statements were affected by this change in accounting principle:

| | Six months ended June 30, 2008 | | | Three months ended June 30, 2008 | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change |
| Interest expense | \$ 7,767 | \$ 9,779 | \$ 2,012 | \$ 3,808 | \$ 4,826 | \$ 1,018 |
| Earnings before income tax expense | 252,713 | 250,701 | (2,012) | 133,782 | 132,764 | (1,018) |
| Income tax expense | 79,275 | 78,571 | (704) | 41,445 | 41,089 | (356) |
| Net earnings | 173,438 | 172,130 | (1,308) | 92,337 | 91,675 | (662) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.49 | \$ 1.48 | \$ (0.01) | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.79 | \$ (0.01) |

| | December 31, 2008 | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change |
| Other assets (debt issuance costs and deferred tax asset) | \$ 153,964 | \$ 153,581 | \$ (383) |
| Notes payable | 344,714 | 343,649 | (1,065) |
| Additional paid-in capital | 861,867 | 881,534 | 19,667 |
| Retained earnings | 1,696,816 | 1,677,831 | (18,985) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 2,639,341 | 2,640,023 | 682 |

The reduction in retained earnings and the increase in additional paid-in capital resulted from amortization of the implied discount as interest expense through the first contractual put date of the 2.00% Convertible Notes at September 1, 2007 and the 1.30% Convertible Notes at April 1, 2009. The 2.00% Convertible Notes were submitted for conversion during September and October 2007. The implied discount on the 1.30% Convertible Notes was fully amortized in the first quarter of 2009. At June 30, 2009, there was no remaining equity component and the liability component was \$124.7 million. At December 31, 2008, the 1.30% Convertible Notes had an equity component of \$1.1 million and a liability component of \$123.6 million, consisting of a principal amount of \$124.7 million less a discount of \$1.1 million. The effective interest rate on our 1.30% Convertible Notes was 3.05% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 4.80% for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The contractual interest expense was

\$0.8 million in the first six months of 2009 and 2008. Interest expense resulting from amortization of the implied discount was \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million in the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The adoption of FSP APB 14-1 did not impact our past or current consolidated cash flows.

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FSP FAS 157-4, *Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions that Are Not Orderly*; FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, *Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*; and FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, *Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments*, became effective prospectively on April 1, 2009. FSP FAS 157-4 and FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1 modify the accounting guidance for determining fair value of financial instruments under distressed market conditions and expand the related disclosures. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 revises the recognition and measurement requirements for other-than-temporary impairment losses on debt securities and expands the related disclosures. Our adoption of these FSPs did not have a material effect on our 2009 condensed consolidated financial statements. See Footnote 3 for additional discussion of our adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2.

The FASB has issued SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events*, which establishes standards to account for and disclose events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or available to be issued. We adopted SFAS 165 as of June 30, 2009 and included the required disclosures in our condensed consolidated financial statements.

The FASB has issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles – A Replacement of FASB Statement No. 162*. SFAS 168 specifies that, effective July 1, 2009, the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) became the single authoritative source of U.S. GAAP. SEC rules and interpretive releases are the only other source of U.S. GAAP for SEC registrants. Although Codification renames and renumbers all previous accounting literature, it does not change current U.S. GAAP. We do not expect our future usage of Codification to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Net Earned Premium, Policy Acquisition Costs and Ceding Commissions

Substantially all of the property and casualty, surety, and accident and health policies written by our insurance companies qualify as short-duration contracts. We recognize in current earned income the portion of the premium that provides insurance protection in the period. For the majority of our insurance policies, we recognize premium, net of reinsurance, on a pro rata basis over the term of the related contract. For certain directors and officers liability tail policies, surety bonds and energy construction contracts, we recognize premium, net of reinsurance, over the period of risk in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided. Unearned premium represents the portion of premium written that relates to the unexpired term of coverage. Premium for commercial title insurance and group life policies is recognized in earnings when the premium is due. When the limit under a specific excess of loss reinsurance layer has been exhausted, we effectively expense the remaining premium for that limit and defer and amortize the reinstatement premium over the remaining period of risk.

Income Tax

For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the income tax provision was calculated based on an estimated effective tax rate for each fiscal year. Our effective tax rate differs from the United States Federal statutory rate primarily due to tax-exempt municipal bond interest.

Notes Payable

Notes payable at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are shown in the table below. The estimated fair value of our Convertible Notes (\$137.2 million at June 30, 2009 and \$149.8 million at December 31, 2008) is based on quoted market prices. The estimated fair value of our Revolving Loan Facility is based on current borrowing rates offered to us and approximates the carrying value at both balance sheet dates.

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.30% Convertible Notes | \$ 124,682 | \$ 123,649 |
| \$575.0 million Revolving Loan Facility | 310,000 | 220,000 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total notes payable | \$ 434,682 | \$ 343,649 |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|

Our 1.30% Convertible Notes are due in 2023. We pay interest semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. Each one thousand dollar principal amount of notes is convertible into 44.1501 shares of our common stock, which represents an initial conversion price of \$22.65 per share. The initial conversion price is subject to standard anti-dilution provisions designed to maintain the value of the conversion option in the event we take certain actions with respect to our common stock, such as stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends and extraordinary dividends, that affect all of the holders of our common stock equally and that could have a dilutive effect on the value of the conversion rights of the holders of the notes or that confer a benefit upon our current shareholders not otherwise available to the 1.30% Convertible Notes. Holders may surrender notes for conversion if, as of the last day of the preceding calendar quarter, the closing sale price of our common stock for at least 20 consecutive trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of that quarter is more than 130% (\$29.45 per share) of the conversion price per share of our common stock. This condition was not met at June 30, 2009. While the notes are not convertible during the third quarter of 2009, the convertible value of the notes, if converted, at June 30, 2009 was \$132.2 million, which exceeds the principal amount by \$7.5 million. We must settle any conversions by paying cash for the principal amount of the notes and issuing our common stock for the value of the conversion premium. We can redeem the notes for cash at any time. Holders may require us to repurchase the notes on April 1, 2014 or 2019. The repurchase price to settle any such put by the holders will equal the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and will be paid in cash.

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Stock-Based Compensation

In the first six months of 2009, we granted the following shares of common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock options for the purchase of shares of our common stock. The fair value of the common stock was expensed on the grant date. The fair value of the restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock options will be expensed over the vesting period.

| | Number of shares | Weighted-average grant date fair value | Aggregate fair value | Vesting period |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Common stock | 75 | \$ 23.84 | \$1,778 | 3-4 years |
| Restricted stock | 144 | 23.84 | 3,446 | 4 years |
| Restricted stock units | 21 | 23.90 | 509 | 3-5 years |
| Stock options | 295 | 5.29 | 1,561 | years |

Acquisition and Disposition

On February 27, 2009, we acquired Surety Company of the Pacific, which writes license and permit bonds for California contractors. We included the results of operations of the acquired company in our condensed consolidated financial statements beginning on March 1, 2009. We valued all identifiable assets and liabilities at fair value and allocated \$4.0 million to goodwill in our purchase price allocation through June 30, 2009. We are waiting for completion of an independent audit of the seller's financial statements to complete the valuation of certain liabilities required for our final purchase price allocation. The goodwill is not deductible for United States Federal income tax purposes.

On June 30, 2009, we sold the assets and licensed the intangibles related to our commercial marine agency business. We entered into a five year managing general underwriter's agreement that allows the purchaser to write that same business utilizing policies issued by one of our insurance companies. We reduced goodwill by the amount assigned to this reporting unit and recognized an immaterial gain on the transaction.

Goodwill

When we complete a business combination, goodwill is either allocated to the reporting unit in which the acquired business is included or, if there are synergies with our other businesses, allocated to the different reporting units based on their respective share of the estimated future cash flows. In our insurance company segment, we have five reporting units, which are either individual subsidiaries or groups of subsidiaries that share common licensing and other characteristics. In our agency segment, we have six reporting units, which are individual subsidiaries.

An indicator of impairment of goodwill exists when the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. We assess our goodwill for impairment annually, or sooner if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. We conducted our 2009 goodwill impairment test as of June 30, 2009, which is consistent with the timeframe for our annual assessment in prior years. Based on our latest impairment test, the fair value of each of our reporting units exceeded its carrying amount. No events have occurred that indicate there is an impairment in our goodwill as of June 30, 2009.

For our 2009 impairment test, we incorporated new accounting guidance, which required us to consider three valuation approaches (market, income and cost) to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We utilized the market and income approaches, and based our assumptions and inputs on market participant data, rather than our own data. For the income approach, we estimated the present value of expected cash flows to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We utilized estimated future cash flows, probabilities as to occurrence of these cash flows, a risk-free rate of interest, and a risk premium for uncertainty in the cash flows. We weighted the results of the market

and income approaches to determine the calculated fair value of each reporting unit. Prior to 2009, we used the expected cash flow approach with assumptions and inputs based on our own internal data to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. In all years, we utilized our budgets and projection of future operations based on historical and expected industry trends to estimate our future cash flows and their probability of occurring as projected.

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During 2009, we transferred \$21.9 million of goodwill from two reporting units in our agency segment to a reporting unit in our insurance company segment, based on a reorganization that created a permanent change in cash flows. We also reduced goodwill related to the disposition of our commercial marine agency business discussed above. The changes in goodwill were as follows:

| | Insurance Company | Agency | Other Operations | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2008 | \$ 646,527 | \$ 211,999 | \$ 323 | \$ 858,849 |
| Additions: | | | | |
| Acquisitions | 5,669 | 804 | | 6,473 |
| Earnouts | 510 | 90 | | 600 |
| Disposition | | (18,048) | | (18,048) |
| Transfer and other | 21,854 | (21,936) | | (82) |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 674,560 | \$ 172,909 | \$ 323 | \$ 847,792 |

(2) Fair Value

We value financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. In determining fair value, we generally apply the market approach, which uses prices and other relevant data based on market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. We classify our financial instruments into the following three-level hierarchy:

Level 1 Inputs are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments.

Level 2 Inputs are based on observable market data (other than quoted prices), or are derived from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable and not corroborated by market data.

Our Level 1 investments are primarily U.S. Treasuries, for which we use quoted prices for identical instruments to measure fair value.

Our Level 2 investments include most of our fixed income securities, which consist of U.S. government agency securities, municipal bonds, certain corporate debt securities, and certain mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. Our Level 2 instruments also include our interest rate swap agreements, which were reflected as liabilities in our condensed consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2009. We measure fair value for the majority of our Level 2 investments using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics. The remaining investments are valued using pricing models or matrix pricing. The fair value measurements consider observable assumptions, including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, default rates, loss severity and other economic measures.

We use independent pricing services to assist us in determining fair value for over 99% of our Level 1 and Level 2 investments. The pricing services provide a single price or quote per security. We use data provided by our third party investment managers to value the remaining Level 2 investments. To validate that these quoted and modeled prices are reasonable estimates of fair value, we perform various quantitative and qualitative procedures, including: 1) evaluation of the underlying methodologies, 2) analysis of recent sales activity, 3) analytical review of our fair values against current market prices, and 4) comparison of the pricing services' fair value to other pricing services' fair value for the same investment. Based on these procedures, we did not adjust the prices or quotes provided by our independent pricing services or third party investment managers as of June 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008. The FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, *Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset when the Market for That Asset Is Not*

Active, in 2008 and FSP FAS 157-4 (discussed in Footnote 1 above) in 2009. We did not apply the criteria of FSP FAS 157-3 as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, or the criteria of FSP FAS 157-4 as of June 30, 2009, since no markets for our investments were judged to be inactive as of those balance sheet dates.

Our Level 3 financial instruments include certain fixed income securities and two insurance contracts that we account for as derivatives. We determine fair value based on internally developed models that use assumptions or other data that are not readily observable from objective sources. Because we use the lowest level significant input to determine our hierarchy classifications, a financial instrument may be classified in Level 3 even though there may be significant readily-observable inputs.

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We excluded from our fair value disclosures certain strategic investments in insurance-related companies, since we account for them using the equity method of accounting and have not elected to measure them at fair value. These assets had a recorded value of \$15.0 million at June 30, 2009. We also excluded our \$107.1 million held to maturity investment portfolio and an investment valued at \$4.1 million at June 30, 2009, which are measured at amortized cost and at cost, respectively. Our held to maturity portfolio had a fair value of \$107.5 million at June 30, 2009.

The following table presents our assets and interest rate swap liabilities that were measured at fair value.

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <u>June 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 172,436 | \$ 4,278,256 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 4,456,674 |
| Other investments | 14 | | | 14 |
| Other assets | | | 19,757 | 19,757 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 172,450 | \$ 4,278,256 | \$ 25,739 | \$ 4,476,445 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ | \$ (5,256) | \$ | \$ (5,256) |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ (5,256) | \$ | \$ (5,256) |
| <u>December 31, 2008</u> | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 87,678 | \$ 4,038,972 | \$ 6,515 | \$ 4,133,165 |
| Other investments | 16 | | | 16 |
| Other assets | | 1,125 | 16,100 | 17,225 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 87,694 | \$ 4,040,097 | \$ 22,615 | \$ 4,150,406 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ | \$ (8,031) | \$ | \$ (8,031) |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ (8,031) | \$ | \$ (8,031) |

The following table presents the changes in fair value of our Level 3 category during the first six months and the second quarter of 2009.

| | Fixed income securities | Other assets | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2008 | \$ 6,515 | \$ 16,100 | \$ 22,615 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net redemptions | (1,263) | | (1,263) |
| Gains and (losses) unrealized | 531 | 3,657 | 4,188 |
| Gains and (losses) realized | 30 | | 30 |
| Net transfers in (out) of Level 3 | 169 | | 169 |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 19,757 | \$ 25,739 |
| Balance at March 31, 2009 | \$ 5,085 | \$ 16,463 | \$ 21,548 |
| Net redemptions | (982) | | (982) |
| Gains and (losses) unrealized | (36) | 3,294 | 3,258 |
| Net transfers in (out) of Level 3 | 1,915 | | 1,915 |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 19,757 | \$ 25,739 |

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Unrealized gains and losses on our Level 3 fixed income securities are reported in other comprehensive income within shareholders' equity, and unrealized gains and losses on our Level 3 other assets are reported in other operating income. During the first quarter of 2009, we transferred investments from Level 3 to Level 2 because we were able to determine their fair value using inputs based on observable market data. In the second quarter of 2009, we transferred an investment from Level 2 to Level 3 due to our inability to obtain a fair value using inputs based on observable market data.

(3) Investments

Substantially all of our fixed income securities are investment grade and 97% are rated A or better. The cost or amortized cost, gross unrealized gain or loss, and fair value of investments in fixed income securities that are classified as available for sale were as follows:

| | Cost or amortized cost | Gross unrealized gain | Gross unrealized loss | Fair value |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>June 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| U.S. government and government agency securities | \$ 306,062 | \$ 6,739 | \$ (426) | \$ 312,375 |
| Fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 1,013,169 | 31,512 | (6,340) | 1,038,341 |
| Special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 1,027,887 | 26,728 | (5,669) | 1,048,946 |
| Corporate fixed income securities | 579,190 | 14,741 | (3,628) | 590,303 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 868,420 | 34,210 | (10,231) | 892,399 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 164,357 | 294 | (22,931) | 141,720 |
| Asset-backed securities | 63,689 | 1,064 | (4,088) | 60,665 |
| Foreign government securities | 243,301 | 7,044 | (730) | 249,615 |
| Foreign non-government securities | 117,934 | 4,769 | (393) | 122,310 |
| Total available for sale fixed income securities | \$ 4,384,009 | \$ 127,101 | \$ (54,436) | \$ 4,456,674 |

December 31, 2008

| | | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| U.S. government and government agency securities | \$ 196,856 | \$ 9,447 | \$ (15) | \$ 206,288 |
| Fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 1,082,855 | 23,948 | (14,900) | 1,091,903 |
| Special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 899,466 | 16,249 | (16,083) | 899,632 |
| Corporate fixed income securities | 517,794 | 5,308 | (11,464) | 511,638 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 796,522 | 40,229 | (13,673) | 823,078 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 179,479 | 42 | (27,685) | 151,836 |
| Asset-backed securities | 72,646 | 78 | (6,772) | 65,952 |
| Foreign government securities | 230,829 | 7,699 | (431) | 238,097 |

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|---|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Foreign non-government securities | 142,092 | 2,877 | (228) | 144,741 |
| Total available for sale fixed income securities | \$ 4,118,539 | \$ 105,877 | \$ (91,251) | \$ 4,133,165 |

The amortized cost and fair value of investments in fixed income securities that are classified as held to maturity were as follows:

| | Amortized cost | Fair value |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>June 30, 2009</u> | | |
| U.S. government securities | \$ 15,003 | \$ 15,227 |
| Foreign government securities | 84,227 | 84,369 |
| Foreign non-government securities | 7,915 | 7,952 |
| Total held to maturity fixed income securities | \$ 107,145 | \$ 107,548 |

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| | Amortized cost | Fair value |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>December 31, 2008</u> | | |
| U.S. government securities | \$ 21,319 | \$ 21,823 |
| Foreign government securities | 95,268 | 96,661 |
| Foreign non-government securities | 6,966 | 7,077 |
| Total held to maturity fixed income securities | \$ 123,553 | \$ 125,561 |

All fixed income securities were income producing during 2009 and 2008, except for one security valued at \$0.1 million at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. The following table displays the gross unrealized losses and fair value of all available for sale fixed income securities that were in a continuous unrealized loss position for the periods indicated:

| | Less than 12 Months Unrealized | | 12 Months or More Unrealized | | Total Unrealized | |
|--|---|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Fair value | losses | Fair value | losses | Fair value | losses |
| <u>June 30, 2009</u> | | | | | | |
| U.S. government and government agency securities | \$ 119,544 | \$ (426) | \$ | \$ | \$ 119,544 | \$ (426) |
| Fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 130,274 | (1,473) | 94,355 | (4,867) | 224,629 | (6,340) |
| Special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 141,644 | (1,423) | 148,345 | (4,246) | 289,989 | (5,669) |
| Corporate fixed income securities | 28,134 | (931) | 48,378 | (2,697) | 76,512 | (3,628) |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 133,880 | (1,404) | 48,339 | (8,827) | 182,219 | (10,231) |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 17,038 | (494) | 108,149 | (22,437) | 125,187 | (22,931) |
| Asset-backed securities | 1,055 | (909) | 15,915 | (3,179) | 16,970 | (4,088) |
| Foreign government securities | 23,786 | (315) | 15,172 | (415) | 38,958 | (730) |
| Foreign non-government securities | 7,024 | (393) | | | 7,024 | (393) |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total | \$ 602,379 | \$ (7,768) | \$ 478,653 | \$ (46,668) | \$ 1,081,032 | \$ (54,436) |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|

December 31, 2008

| | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| U.S. government and government agency securities | \$ 13,240 | \$ (10) | \$ 590 | \$ (5) | \$ 13,830 | \$ (15) |
| Fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 294,887 | (7,819) | 98,682 | (7,081) | 393,569 | (14,900) |
| Special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 289,204 | (9,055) | 98,743 | (7,028) | 387,947 | (16,083) |
| Corporate fixed income securities | 298,464 | (7,217) | 18,753 | (4,247) | 317,217 | (11,464) |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 63,640 | (8,805) | 16,409 | (4,868) | 80,049 | (13,673) |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 77,252 | (10,028) | 72,642 | (17,657) | 149,894 | (27,685) |
| Asset-backed securities | 54,798 | (4,062) | 7,401 | (2,710) | 62,199 | (6,772) |
| Foreign government securities | | | 25,613 | (431) | 25,613 | (431) |
| Foreign non-government securities | 20,620 | (211) | 6,381 | (17) | 27,001 | (228) |
| Total | \$ 1,112,105 | \$ (47,207) | \$ 345,214 | \$ (44,044) | \$ 1,457,319 | \$ (91,251) |

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A security has an impairment loss when its fair value is less than its cost or amortized cost at the balance sheet date. We evaluate the securities in our fixed income securities portfolio for possible other-than-temporary impairment losses at each quarter end. We adopted FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, which specifies new criteria for identification and recognition of other-than-temporary impairment losses, as of April 1, 2009. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 requires us to determine, for each impaired fixed income security, that (a) we do not intend to sell the security and (b) it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If we cannot assert either of these, the impairment is recorded as an other-than-temporary loss through earnings in the current period. For all other impaired securities, the impairment is considered an other-than-temporary loss if the net present value of the cash flows expected to be collected from the security is less than its amortized cost basis. Such a shortfall in cash flows is referred to as a credit loss. For any such security, the impairment loss is separated into (a) the credit loss and (b) the amount related to all other factors, such as interest rate changes, market conditions, etc. (the non-credit loss). The credit loss is charged to current period earnings and the non-credit loss is charged to other comprehensive income, within shareholders' equity, on an after-tax basis. A security's cost basis is permanently reduced by the amount of an other-than-temporary loss recorded through earnings.

To adopt FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, we reviewed all securities with a previous other-than-temporary impairment loss that we still held at April 1, 2009. For each, we determined the credit and non-credit component as of the adoption date. We calculated the net present value of each security by discounting our best estimate of projected future cash flows at the effective interest rate implicit in the security prior to impairment. For our mortgage-backed securities, the estimated cash flows included prepayment assumptions and other assumptions regarding the underlying collateral including default rates, recoveries and changes in value. We recorded a cumulative adjustment of \$4.3 million after-tax to reclassify the non-credit portion of the loss from retained earnings to accumulated other comprehensive income as of the adoption date.

We review our impaired securities and assess whether any impairments are other-than-temporary at each quarter end, based on all relevant facts and circumstances for each impaired security. During 2009 and 2008, our reviews covered all impaired securities where the loss exceeded \$0.5 million and the loss either exceeded 10% of cost or the security had been in a loss position for longer than twelve consecutive months. Our review in the second quarter of 2009 covered 77% of the total unrealized losses in the portfolio.

The determination that a security has incurred an other-than-temporary decline in value and the amount of any current loss recognition requires management judgment and a continual review of market conditions and our investment portfolio. In the second quarter of 2009, we changed our criteria for determining if an impaired security has an other-than-temporary impairment to comply with FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2. Our evaluation now considers various factors including:

amount by which the security's fair value is less than its cost,

length of time the security has been impaired,

the security's credit rating and any recent downgrades,

whether the impairment is due to an issuer-specific event,

whether we intend to sell the security,

if it is more likely than not that we will have to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, and

stress testing of expected cash flows for mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities under various scenarios.

To assist us in our evaluation, our outside investment advisors also perform detailed credit evaluations of all of our fixed income securities on an ongoing basis.

FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 also changed the earnings recognition criteria for other-than-temporary impairment losses. Prior to our adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, when we concluded that a decline in a security's fair value was other-than-temporary, we recognized the impairment as a realized investment loss in our consolidated statements of earnings. Beginning in the second quarter of 2009, we recognize an other-than-temporary impairment loss in earnings in the period that we determine: 1) we intend to sell the security, 2) it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, or 3) the security has a credit loss.

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We identified and recognized pretax other-than-temporary impairment losses as follows:

| | Six months ended June | | Three months ended June | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | 30, | | 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Total other-than-temporary impairment loss | \$ (5,709) | \$ (1,599) | \$ (2,596) | \$ (1,599) |
| Portion recognized in other comprehensive income | 755 | | 755 | |
| Net other-than-temporary impairment loss recognized in earnings | \$ (4,954) | \$ (1,599) | \$ (1,841) | \$ (1,599) |

At June 30, 2009, we had \$4.8 million after-tax of other-than-temporary impairments, primarily related to mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

The rollforward of the credit-related portion of our pretax other-than-temporary impairment loss recognized in earnings during the second quarter of 2009, for which a portion of the other-than-temporary loss was recognized in other comprehensive income, was as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Balance at March 31, 2009 | \$ |
| Credit losses in retained earnings related to adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 | 2,723 |
| Credit losses recognized in earnings: | |
| Securities previously impaired | 350 |
| Securities not previously impaired | 300 |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 3,373 |

Significant price deterioration in our fixed income securities occurred in the second half of 2008, principally due to the effects of the recent credit crisis, changes in market interest rates and widening of credit spreads. We did not consider the \$91.3 million of gross unrealized losses in our available for sale fixed income securities to be other-than-temporary impairments at December 31, 2008 because: 1) we received all contractual interest and principal payments on these securities as of year-end 2008, 2) based on our fourth quarter 2008 review, we believed it was probable that we would continue to collect all such cash payments due in the future, and 3) as of December 31, 2008, we had the intent and ability to hold these securities until maturity or for a period of time sufficient to allow recovery of the impaired security's fair value. Based on the new guidance of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, we do not consider the \$54.4 million of gross unrealized losses in our portfolio to be other-than-temporary impairments at June 30, 2009 because: 1) we received all contractual interest and principal payments on these securities as of June 30, 2009, 2) we do not intend to sell the securities, 3) it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell the securities before recovery of their amortized cost bases, and 4) for those securities with a credit loss at June 30, 2009, the unrealized loss relates to non-credit factors.

The change in our unrealized pretax net gains (losses) on investments during each period was as follows:

| | Six months ended June | | Three months ended June | |
|--|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| | 30, | | 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |

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| | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Available for sale fixed income securities | \$ 58,039 | \$ (59,115) | \$ 12,688 | \$ (60,229) |
| Strategic and other investments | (2) | (1,237) | | (410) |
| Net unrealized investment gains (losses) | \$ 58,037 | \$ (60,352) | \$ 12,688 | \$ (60,639) |

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The amortized cost and fair value of our fixed income securities at June 30, 2009, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. The weighted-average life of our mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities at June 30, 2009 was 4.7 years.

| | Available for sale | | Held to maturity | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | Cost or amortized cost | Fair value | Amortized cost | Fair value |
| Due in 1 year or less | \$ 198,090 | \$ 200,086 | \$ 29,128 | \$ 29,207 |
| Due after 1 year through 5 years | 1,193,126 | 1,232,370 | 70,391 | 70,811 |
| Due after 5 years through 10 years | 748,694 | 771,929 | 7,626 | 7,530 |
| Due after 10 years through 15 years | 573,876 | 583,170 | | |
| Due after 15 years | 573,757 | 574,335 | | |
| Securities with fixed maturities | 3,287,543 | 3,361,890 | 107,145 | 107,548 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 868,420 | 892,399 | | |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 164,357 | 141,720 | | |
| Asset-backed securities | 63,689 | 60,665 | | |
| Total fixed income securities | \$ 4,384,009 | \$ 4,456,674 | \$ 107,145 | \$ 107,548 |

The sources of net investment income were as follows:

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 92,912 | \$ 85,296 | \$ 47,474 | \$ 44,372 |
| Short-term investments | 3,479 | 13,571 | 1,685 | 4,979 |
| Other investments | (958) | (1,916) | 4 | (978) |
| Total investment income | 95,433 | 96,951 | 49,163 | 48,373 |
| Investment expense | (1,804) | (2,081) | (752) | (1,124) |
| Net investment income | \$ 93,629 | \$ 94,870 | \$ 48,411 | \$ 47,249 |

Realized pretax gains (losses) on the sale of investments, which exclude other-than-temporary impairment losses, were as follows:

| | Gains | Losses | Net |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 5,633 | \$ (2,167) | \$ 3,466 |
| Other investments | 683 | (161) | 522 |

| | | | |
|---|----------|------------|----------|
| Realized gain (loss) | \$ 6,316 | \$ (2,328) | \$ 3,988 |
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 2,560 | \$ (2,307) | \$ 253 |
| Other investments | 546 | (752) | (206) |
| Realized gain (loss) | \$ 3,106 | \$ (3,059) | \$ 47 |

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| | Gains | Losses | Net |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 1,967 | \$ (1,020) | \$ 947 |
| Other investments | | (14) | (14) |
| Realized gain (loss) | \$ 1,967 | \$ (1,034) | \$ 933 |
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 866 | \$ (816) | \$ 50 |
| Other investments | 546 | (717) | (171) |
| Realized gain (loss) | \$ 1,412 | \$ (1,533) | \$ (121) |

(4) Earnings Per Share

The following table details the numerator and denominator used in our earnings per share calculations.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| | | (as adjusted) | | (as adjusted) |
| Net earnings | \$ 174,755 | \$ 172,130 | \$ 91,585 | \$ 91,675 |
| Less: net earnings attributable to unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units | (899) | (32) | (503) | (30) |
| Net earnings attributable to common stock | \$ 173,856 | \$ 172,098 | \$ 91,082 | \$ 91,645 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding | 112,286 | 115,345 | 111,776 | 115,457 |
| Dilutive effect of outstanding options (determined using treasury stock method) | 259 | 445 | 277 | 375 |
| Dilutive effect of convertible debt (determined using treasury stock method) | 365 | 409 | 467 | 208 |
| Weighted-average common shares and potential common shares outstanding | 112,910 | 116,199 | 112,520 | 116,040 |
| | 6,336 | 5,851 | 5,734 | 6,152 |

Anti-dilutive stock options not included in
treasury stock method computation

(5) Segment And Geographic Data

The performance of each segment is evaluated by our management based on net earnings. Net earnings is calculated after corporate expense allocations, interest expense on debt incurred for acquired companies, and intercompany eliminations have been charged or credited to our individual segments. All stock-based compensation is included in the corporate segment because it is not included in management's evaluation of the other segments. All contractual and discretionary bonuses are expensed in the respective employee's segment in the year the bonuses are earned. Any such bonuses that will be paid by restricted stock awards, which will be granted by the Compensation Committee in the following year, are reversed in the corporate segment, which, in turn, will record the appropriate stock-based compensation expense as the awards vest in future years.

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The following tables show information by business segment and geographic location. Geographic location is determined by physical location of our offices and does not represent the location of insureds or reinsureds from whom the business was generated.

| | Insurance Company | Agency | Other Operations | Corporate | Total |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 924,553 | \$ 30,989 | \$ 4,737 | \$ 1,521 | \$ 961,800 |
| Foreign | 207,800 | 12,274 | | | 220,074 |
| Inter-segment | | 50,803 | 487 | | 51,290 |
| Total segment revenue | \$ 1,132,353 | \$ 94,066 | \$ 5,224 | \$ 1,521 | 1,233,164 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (51,290) |
| Consolidated total revenue | | | | | \$ 1,181,874 |
| Net earnings (loss): | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 138,925 | \$ 7,379 | \$ 2,161 | \$ (13,664) | \$ 134,801 |
| Foreign | 38,257 | 1,134 | | | 39,391 |
| Total segment net earnings (loss) | \$ 177,182 | \$ 8,513 | \$ 2,161 | \$ (13,664) | 174,192 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | 563 |
| Consolidated net earnings | | | | | \$ 174,755 |
| Other items: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 91,727 | \$ 334 | \$ 7 | \$ 1,561 | \$ 93,629 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,576 | 3,669 | 44 | 1,363 | 7,652 |
| Interest expense (benefit) | 537 | 7,343 | (13) | 400 | 8,267 |
| Capital expenditures | 2,156 | 3,686 | 13 | 3,061 | 8,916 |
| Tax expense: | | | | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 77,614 | \$ 6,739 | \$ 1,148 | \$ (4,454) | \$ 81,047 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | 205 |

Consolidated income tax expense

\$ 81,252

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| | Insurance Company | Agency | Other Operations | Corporate | Total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2008 (as adjusted)</u> | | | | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 925,070 | \$ 26,274 | \$ 3,709 | \$ 453 | \$ 955,506 |
| Foreign | 186,417 | 19,315 | | | 205,732 |
| Inter-segment | | 39,785 | | | 39,785 |
| Total segment revenue | \$ 1,111,487 | \$ 85,374 | \$ 3,709 | \$ 453 | 1,201,023 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (39,785) |
| Consolidated total revenue | | | | | \$ 1,161,238 |
| Net earnings (loss): | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 127,785 | \$ 9,938 | \$ 949 | \$ (13,081) | \$ 125,591 |
| Foreign | 46,529 | 226 | | | 46,755 |
| Total segment net earnings (loss) | \$ 174,314 | \$ 10,164 | \$ 949 | \$ (13,081) | 172,346 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (216) |
| Consolidated net earnings | | | | | \$ 172,130 |
| Other items: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 91,699 | \$ 2,758 | \$ 31 | \$ 382 | \$ 94,870 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,367 | 2,996 | 65 | 1,396 | 6,824 |
| Interest expense (benefit) | 404 | 7,729 | (51) | 1,697 | 9,779 |
| Capital expenditures | 1,789 | 2,371 | 69 | 1,446 | 5,675 |
| Tax expense: | | | | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 76,585 | \$ 7,988 | \$ (492) | \$ (5,353) | \$ 78,728 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (157) |

Consolidated income tax expense

\$ 78,571

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| | Insurance Company | Agency | Other Operations | Corporate | Total |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 454,167 | \$ 12,979 | \$ 2,459 | \$ 869 | \$ 470,474 |
| Foreign | 104,697 | 5,965 | | | 110,662 |
| Inter-segment | | 27,056 | 233 | | 27,289 |
| Total segment revenue | \$ 558,864 | \$ 46,000 | \$ 2,692 | \$ 869 | 608,425 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (27,289) |
| Consolidated total revenue | | | | | \$ 581,136 |
| Net earnings (loss): | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 69,012 | \$ 4,218 | \$ 1,148 | \$ (6,058) | \$ 68,320 |
| Foreign | 22,255 | 919 | | | 23,174 |
| Total segment net earnings (loss) | \$ 91,267 | \$ 5,137 | \$ 1,148 | \$ (6,058) | 91,494 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | 91 |
| Consolidated net earnings | | | | | \$ 91,585 |
| Other items: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 47,507 | \$ 124 | \$ 3 | \$ 777 | \$ 48,411 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,450 | 1,922 | 22 | 679 | 4,073 |
| Interest expense (benefit) | 258 | 3,609 | (6) | (233) | 3,628 |
| Capital expenditures | 1,660 | 1,598 | 3 | 2,173 | 5,434 |
| Tax expense: | | | | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 39,378 | \$ 3,363 | \$ 559 | \$ (1,975) | \$ 41,325 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | 254 |
| Consolidated income tax expense | | | | | \$ 41,579 |

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| | Insurance Company | Agency | Other Operations | Corporate | Total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2008 (as adjusted)</u> | | | | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 468,142 | \$ 12,323 | \$ 9,954 | \$ 121 | \$ 490,540 |
| Foreign | 93,720 | 9,590 | | | 103,310 |
| Inter-segment | | 22,676 | | | 22,676 |
| Total segment revenue | \$ 561,862 | \$ 44,589 | \$ 9,954 | \$ 121 | 616,526 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (22,676) |
| Consolidated total revenue | | | | | \$ 593,850 |
| Net earnings (loss): | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 61,055 | \$ 5,253 | \$ 6,029 | \$ (4,768) | \$ 67,569 |
| Foreign | 25,673 | (195) | | | 25,478 |
| Total segment net earnings (loss) | \$ 86,728 | \$ 5,058 | \$ 6,029 | \$ (4,768) | 93,047 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (1,372) |
| Consolidated net earnings | | | | | \$ 91,675 |
| Other items: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 45,943 | \$ 1,205 | \$ 14 | \$ 87 | \$ 47,249 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,186 | 1,505 | 30 | 713 | 3,434 |
| Interest expense (benefit) | 273 | 5,223 | (25) | (645) | 4,826 |
| Capital expenditures | 1,138 | 1,143 | 67 | 667 | 3,015 |
| Tax expense: | | | | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 38,015 | \$ 4,443 | \$ 3,219 | \$ (3,725) | \$ 41,952 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | | | | | (863) |

Consolidated income tax expense \$ 41,089

The following tables present selected revenue items by line of business.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 30, | 2008 |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 433,915 | \$ 390,083 | \$ 219,831 | \$ 197,906 |
| Group life, accident and health | 398,171 | 387,800 | 197,083 | 195,354 |
| Aviation | 65,461 | 69,712 | 32,647 | 34,719 |
| London market account | 49,379 | 53,395 | 25,705 | 26,305 |
| Other specialty lines | 57,450 | 94,426 | 26,726 | 47,580 |
| Discontinued lines | (10) | 4,740 | (14) | 4,746 |
| Net earned premium | \$ 1,004,366 | \$ 1,000,156 | \$ 501,978 | \$ 506,610 |
| Property and casualty | \$ 45,697 | \$ 50,722 | \$ 21,279 | \$ 25,468 |
| Accident and health | 10,729 | 11,041 | 4,853 | 5,296 |
| Fee and commission income | \$ 56,426 | \$ 61,763 | \$ 26,132 | \$ 30,764 |

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(6) Reinsurance

In the normal course of business, our insurance companies cede a portion of their premium to domestic and foreign reinsurers through treaty and facultative reinsurance agreements. Although ceding for reinsurance purposes does not discharge the direct insurer from liability to its policyholder, our insurance companies participate in such agreements in order to limit their loss exposure, protect them against catastrophic loss and diversify their business. The following table presents the effect of such reinsurance transactions on our premium and loss and loss adjustment expense.

| | Written premium | Earned premium | Loss and loss adjustment expense |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | |
| Direct business | \$ 1,150,471 | \$ 1,105,248 | \$ 696,623 |
| Reinsurance assumed | 133,233 | 124,963 | 65,003 |
| Reinsurance ceded | (249,102) | (225,845) | (153,490) |
| Net amounts | \$ 1,034,602 | \$ 1,004,366 | \$ 608,136 |
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | |
| Direct business | \$ 1,055,842 | \$ 1,028,684 | \$ 606,097 |
| Reinsurance assumed | 218,750 | 196,243 | 186,290 |
| Reinsurance ceded | (213,795) | (224,771) | (196,460) |
| Net amounts | \$ 1,060,797 | \$ 1,000,156 | \$ 595,927 |
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | |
| Direct business | \$ 618,439 | \$ 556,211 | \$ 334,354 |
| Reinsurance assumed | 62,878 | 60,823 | 28,338 |
| Reinsurance ceded | (137,965) | (115,056) | (70,122) |
| Net amounts | \$ 543,352 | \$ 501,978 | \$ 292,570 |
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | |
| Direct business | \$ 572,696 | \$ 517,061 | \$ 313,286 |
| Reinsurance assumed | 118,897 | 103,173 | 117,018 |
| Reinsurance ceded | (124,443) | (113,624) | (127,403) |

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net amounts | \$ 567,150 | \$ 506,610 | \$ 302,901 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|

Ceding commissions netted against policy acquisition costs in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings were \$25.4 million and \$25.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The comparable amounts were \$12.9 million and \$13.4 million for the second quarter of 2009 and 2008, respectively.

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The table below shows the components of reinsurance recoverables in our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses | \$ 82,591 | \$ 64,419 |
| Reinsurance recoverable on outstanding losses | 524,886 | 535,563 |
| Reinsurance recoverable on incurred but not reported losses | 478,181 | 463,396 |
| Reserve for uncollectible reinsurance | (2,945) | (8,428) |
| Total reinsurance recoverables | \$ 1,082,713 | \$ 1,054,950 |

The tables below present the calculation of net reserves, net unearned premium and net deferred policy acquisition costs.

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Loss and loss adjustment expense payable | \$ 3,566,263 | \$ 3,415,230 |
| Reinsurance recoverable on outstanding losses | (524,886) | (535,563) |
| Reinsurance recoverable on incurred but not reported losses | (478,181) | (463,396) |
| Net reserves | \$ 2,563,196 | \$ 2,416,271 |
| Unearned premium | \$ 1,062,456 | \$ 977,426 |
| Ceded unearned premium | (261,801) | (234,375) |
| Net unearned premium | \$ 800,655 | \$ 743,051 |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs | \$ 204,026 | \$ 188,652 |
| Deferred ceding commissions | (66,606) | (63,123) |
| Net deferred policy acquisition costs | \$ 137,420 | \$ 125,529 |

(7) Supplemental Information

Supplemental information was as follows:

| Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 30, 2008 |
| | (as adjusted) | | (as adjusted) |

| | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Income taxes paid | \$ 88,816 | \$ 89,796 | \$ 68,602 | \$ 73,685 |
| Interest paid | 6,249 | 7,136 | 2,807 | 3,045 |
| Comprehensive income | 218,707 | 134,067 | 111,171 | 47,660 |
| Proceeds from sales of available for sale fixed income securities | 199,744 | 236,878 | 80,652 | 116,803 |

(8) Commitments and ContingenciesLitigation

We are a party to lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings that arise in the normal course of our business. Many of such lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings involve claims under policies that we underwrite as an insurer or reinsurer, the liabilities for which, we believe, have been adequately included in our loss reserves. Also, from time to time, we are a party to lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings that relate to disputes with third parties, or that involve alleged errors and omissions on the part of our subsidiaries. We have provided accruals for these items to the extent we deem the losses probable and reasonably estimable. Although the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time, based on present information, the availability of insurance coverage and advice received from our outside legal counsel, we believe the resolution of any such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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Indemnifications

In conjunction with the sales of business assets and subsidiaries, we have provided indemnifications to the buyers. Certain indemnifications cover typical representations and warranties related to our responsibilities to perform under the sales contracts. Under other indemnifications, we agree to reimburse the purchasers for taxes or ERISA-related amounts, if any, assessed after the sale date but related to pre-sale activities. We cannot quantify the maximum potential exposure covered by all of our indemnifications because the indemnifications cover a variety of matters, operations and scenarios. Certain of these indemnifications have no time limit. For those with a time limit, the longest such indemnification expires on June 30, 2012. We accrue a loss when a valid claim is made by a purchaser and we believe we have potential exposure. At June 30, 2009, we have recorded a liability of \$14.3 million and have provided \$6.7 million of letters of credit to cover our obligations or anticipated payments under these indemnifications.

(9) Subsequent Event

On July 16, 2009, we commuted certain case and incurred but not reported loss reserves for a payment of \$43.9 million. The reserves relate to excess workers compensation business that is in runoff. The commutation will be recorded in the third quarter of 2009 and will have no material effect on net earnings.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes thereto.

Overview

We are a specialty insurance group with operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, Bermuda and Ireland, transacting business in approximately 150 countries. Our group consists of insurance companies, participations in two Lloyd's of London syndicates that we manage, underwriting agencies and a London-based reinsurance broker. Our shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and closed at \$24.01 on June 30, 2009. We had a market capitalization of \$2.8 billion at July 31, 2009.

We had shareholders' equity of \$2.8 billion at June 30, 2009. Our book value per share increased 7.5% in the first six months of 2009 to \$25.01 at June 30, 2009, up from \$23.27 per share at December 31, 2008. We had net earnings of \$174.8 million, or \$1.54 per diluted share, and generated \$262.2 million of cash flow from operations in the first six months of 2009. We declared dividends of \$0.25 per share in the first six months of 2009, compared to \$0.22 per share in the first six months of 2008, and paid \$28.2 million of dividends in 2009. We repurchased 1.7 million shares of our common stock for \$35.5 million, at an average cost of \$21.36 per share in 2009. We currently have \$4.6 billion of fixed income securities with an average rating of AA+ that are available to fund claims and other liabilities. We maintain a \$575.0 million Revolving Loan Facility that allows us to borrow up to the maximum on a revolving basis, under which we have \$255.0 million of additional capacity at July 31, 2009. The facility expires in December 2011. We are rated AA (Very Strong) by Standard & Poor's Corporation and AA (Very Strong) by Fitch Ratings. Our major domestic insurance companies are rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, Inc.

We earned \$174.8 million, or \$1.54 per diluted share in the first six months of 2009, compared to \$172.1 million, or \$1.48 per diluted share, in the first six months of 2008. Our second quarter earnings were \$91.6 million, or \$0.81 per diluted share in 2009, compared to \$91.7 million, or \$0.79 per diluted share, in 2008. Our 2009 year-to-date earnings included a \$15.6 million pretax impact due to a \$25.0 million termination payment we received in the first quarter to commute a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting. Year-to-date, our losses and operating expenses have been higher in 2009 than in 2008. Our combined ratio for the first six months of 2009 was 85.5%, compared to 83.9% for the same period of 2008. During the first six months of 2009, we had \$11.3 million of positive reserve development, compared to \$14.4 million in the first six months of 2008. Profitability from our underwriting operations remains at acceptable levels. Investment income was relatively flat year-over-year. Investment income on our fixed income securities grew \$7.6 million year-to-date, but declined \$10.1 million on our short-term investments. Our 2008 year-to-date results also included an \$11.7 million loss related to trading securities, which we sold later in 2008. See the Results of Operations section below for additional discussion.

We underwrite a variety of specialty lines of business identified as diversified financial products; group life, accident and health; aviation; London market account; and other specialty lines of business. Products in each line are marketed by our insurance companies and agencies, through a network of independent agents and brokers, directly to customers or through third party administrators. The majority of our business is low limit or small premium business that has less intense price competition, as well as lower catastrophe and volatility risk. We reinsure a significant portion of our catastrophic exposure to hurricanes and earthquakes to minimize the potential impact on our net earnings and shareholders' equity.

We generate our revenue from six primary sources:

- risk-bearing earned premium produced by our insurance companies' operations,
- non-risk-bearing fee and commission income received by our underwriting agencies and reinsurance broker,
- ceding commissions in excess of policy acquisition costs earned by our insurance companies,
- investment income earned by all of our operations,

realized investment gains and losses, and other-than-temporary impairment losses, related to our fixed income securities portfolio, and

other operating income and losses, mainly from strategic investments and events that do not occur each year.

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We produced \$1.2 billion of revenue in the first six months of 2009, an increase of 2% compared to the first six months of 2008. This increase principally resulted from a combined \$20.0 million of other operating income and \$5.0 million of fee and commission income related to the commutation of a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting, as well as \$11.7 million of losses on trading securities in the first six months of 2008.

During the past several years, we substantially increased our shareholders' equity by retaining most of our earnings. With this additional equity, we increased the underwriting capacity of our insurance companies and made strategic acquisitions, adding new lines of business or expanding those with favorable underwriting characteristics. Since January 2008, we have acquired an insurance business and five underwriting agencies for total consideration of \$84.0 million. Net earnings and cash flows from each acquired entity are included in our operations beginning on the effective date of each transaction.

The following section discusses our key operating results. Amounts in the following tables are in thousands, except for earnings per share, percentages, ratios and number of employees. Comparisons refer to the first six months of 2009 compared to the same period of 2008, unless otherwise noted. Certain 2008 amounts have been adjusted to reflect our adoption of a new accounting standard as of January 1, 2009. See the Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009 section below for additional information.

Results of Operations

Net earnings were \$174.8 million (\$1.54 per diluted share) in the first half of 2009, compared to \$172.1 million (\$1.48 per diluted share) in the same period of 2008 and \$91.6 million (\$0.81 per diluted share) in the second quarter of 2009, compared to \$91.7 million (\$0.79 per diluted share) in the same period of 2008. The year-to-date increase in net earnings primarily resulted from the commutation of a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting and the net effect of other items described below. Net earnings were flat quarter-over-quarter and included a higher amount of positive development in 2009, offset by the effect of a gain from the sale of a strategic investment in 2008. Diluted earnings per share in both periods of 2009 benefited from the repurchase of 4.7 million shares of our common stock in 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. The share repurchases reduced our diluted weighted-average shares outstanding, which were 112.9 million and 116.2 million in the first six months of 2009 and 2008, respectively, and 112.5 million and 116.0 million in the second quarter of 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The following items affected pretax earnings in 2009 compared to 2008:

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Pretax earnings (loss) from: | | | | |
| Commutation of reinsurance contract, net of related costs | \$ 15,600 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prior years' positive reserve development | 11,272 | 14,398 | 15,999 | 9,271 |
| Other-than-temporary impairments of fixed income securities | (4,954) | (1,599) | (1,841) | (1,599) |
| Trading securities | | (11,727) | | (2,699) |
| Sale of strategic investments | | 9,158 | | 9,158 |

In 2009, we commuted all liability loss-free under a contract to provide reinsurance coverage for certain residential mortgage guaranty contracts. We had been recording revenue under this contract using the deposit method of accounting because we determined the contract did not transfer significant underwriting risk. We received a cash termination payment of \$25.0 million in the first quarter. The termination increased other operating income by \$20.5 million and fee and commission income by \$5.0 million. This revenue was offset by \$9.9 million of expenses for reinsurance and other direct costs, which were recorded in other operating expense.

In 2009, we had positive development of our prior years' net loss reserves of \$11.3 million, primarily from favorable reserve adjustments related to our aviation and U.K. professional indemnity businesses and the 2005

hurricanes, which was partially offset by reserve increases in certain of our group life, accident and health businesses. We had favorable development of \$14.4 million in 2008 primarily from favorable reserve adjustments related to our property and U.K. professional indemnity businesses.

We recognized other-than-temporary impairment losses of \$5.0 million in 2009 and \$1.6 million in 2008 on securities in our available for sale fixed income securities portfolio.

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Our trading portfolio, which we liquidated during 2008, had losses of \$11.7 million in the first six months of 2008. These losses are reported in other operating income.

We sold a strategic investment in an insurance-related company in 2008 and realized a \$9.2 million gain, which is reported in other operating income.

The following table sets forth the relationships of certain income statement items as a percent of total revenue.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net earned premium | 85.0% | 86.1% | 86.4% | 85.3% |
| Fee and commission income | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 |
| Net investment income | 7.9 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| Other operating income | 2.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Net realized investment and OTTI gain (loss) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.3) |
| Total revenue | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Loss and loss adjustment expense, net | 51.5 | 51.3 | 50.4 | 51.0 |
| Policy acquisition costs, net | 15.1 | 16.2 | 15.5 | 16.1 |
| Other operating expense | 11.0 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 9.7 |
| Interest expense | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Earnings before income tax expense | 21.7 | 21.6 | 22.9 | 22.4 |
| Income tax expense | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Net earnings | 14.8% | 14.8% | 15.8% | 15.4% |

Gross written premium, net written premium and net earned premium are detailed below. Gross written premium reflects growth in our diversified financial products and London market account lines of business and our 2008 acquisitions. The 2009 periods also reflect reductions due to the discontinuance of an assumed quota share agreement and our U.K. motor business in 2008. See the Insurance Company Segment section below for further discussion of the relationship and changes in premium revenue.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Gross written premium | \$1,283,704 | \$1,274,592 | \$681,317 | \$691,593 |
| Net written premium | 1,034,602 | 1,060,797 | 543,352 | 567,150 |
| Net earned premium | 1,004,366 | 1,000,156 | 501,978 | 506,610 |

The table below shows the source of our fee and commission income. Fee and commission income decreased 9% and 15% year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter, respectively. The decrease in 2009 primarily related to lower third party agency and broker commissions and lower income from reinsurance overrides on quota share treaties, partially offset by the \$5.0 million termination payment for commutation of a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting in the first quarter of 2009.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Agency | \$44,033 | \$43,818 | \$19,457 | \$21,534 |
| Insurance companies | 12,393 | 17,945 | 6,675 | 9,230 |

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|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fee and commission income | \$ 56,426 | \$ 61,763 | \$ 26,132 | \$ 30,764 |
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The sources of net investment income are detailed below.

| | Six months ended June | | Three months ended June | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Fixed income securities | | | | |
| Taxable | \$ 52,099 | \$ 47,322 | \$ 26,994 | \$ 24,870 |
| Exempt from U.S. income taxes | 40,813 | 37,974 | 20,480 | 19,502 |
| Total fixed income securities | 92,912 | 85,296 | 47,474 | 44,372 |
| Short-term investments | 3,479 | 13,571 | 1,685 | 4,979 |
| Alternative investments | (958) | (2,414) | 4 | (1,209) |
| Other investments | | 498 | | 231 |
| Total investment income | 95,433 | 96,951 | 49,163 | 48,373 |
| Investment expense | (1,804) | (2,081) | (752) | (1,124) |
| Net investment income | \$ 93,629 | \$ 94,870 | \$ 48,411 | \$ 47,249 |

Net investment income decreased 1% in the first six months of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, primarily due to our earning significantly lower market interest rates on short-term investments. This decrease was partially offset by a 9% increase in income on our fixed income securities, which was generated from higher invested balances. Our fixed income securities portfolio increased from \$4.1 billion at June 30, 2008 to \$4.6 billion at June 30, 2009. The growth in fixed income securities resulted primarily from cash flow from operations and liquidation of our alternative investments in late 2008 and 2009. Net investment income increased 2% quarter-over-quarter due to the same reasons, with less of an impact in 2009 from the decrease in market interest rates.

Our loss from alternative investments, which were primarily fund-of-fund hedge fund investments, was \$1.0 million in the first six months of 2009 compared to \$2.4 million in the same period of 2008. We reduced our exposure to these funds by redeeming \$52.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the remaining \$44.3 million in 2009. We have collected substantially all of these redeemed funds through June 30, 2009.

Other operating income was \$28.4 million in the first half of 2009, compared to \$6.0 million in the first half of 2008 and \$5.5 million in the second quarter of 2009, compared to \$10.9 million in the second quarter of 2008. The first half of 2009 included the \$20.0 million termination payment to commute a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting. The 2008 gain included \$9.2 million from the sale of a strategic investment, partially offset by losses related to our trading security portfolio that was sold in 2008. Period to period comparisons in this category may vary substantially, depending on acquisition of new investments, income or loss related to changes in the market values of certain investments, and gains or losses related to any disposition. The following table details the components of our other operating income.

| | Six months ended June | | Three months ended June | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Strategic investments | \$ 1,855 | \$ 12,164 | \$ 1,105 | \$ 11,251 |
| Trading securities | | (11,727) | | (2,699) |
| Financial instruments | 3,657 | 2,782 | 3,294 | 1,446 |
| Contract using deposit accounting | 20,532 | 302 | | 302 |
| Other | 2,375 | 2,480 | 1,124 | 647 |
| Other operating income | \$ 28,419 | \$ 6,001 | \$ 5,523 | \$ 10,947 |

We recognized, as a reduction of earnings, \$5.0 million and \$1.6 million of other-than-temporary impairment losses in the first six months of 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$1.8 million and \$1.6 million in the second quarter of 2009 and 2008, respectively. Gains on the sale of fixed income securities substantially offset the impairment losses in the first six months of 2009.

Loss and loss adjustment expense in the first six months of 2009 increased 2% compared to the first six months of 2008, due to the increase in net earned premium and the effect of less positive reserve development in 2009 than in 2008. Loss and loss adjustment expense decreased 3% quarter-over-quarter due to the decrease in net earned premium and the effect of higher positive reserve development in the 2009 quarter. Policy acquisition costs decreased 5% year-over year and 6% quarter-over-quarter, principally due to lower commission rates on certain lines of business and a change in the mix of business. See the Insurance Company Segment section below for further discussion of the changes in loss and loss adjustment expense and policy acquisition costs.

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Other operating expense, which includes compensation expense, increased 12% in year-to-date 2009 and 7% in the second quarter of 2009 compared to the same 2008 periods. The 2009 increase included compensation and other operating expenses of subsidiaries acquired in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. We had 1,922 employees at June 30, 2009 compared to 1,771 a year earlier, with the increase primarily due to acquisitions. In addition, 2009 other operating expense included \$9.9 million of expenses for costs directly related to commuting the reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting in the first quarter of 2009. Other operating expense includes \$7.1 million and \$6.1 million in the first six months of 2009 and 2008, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense, after the effect of the deferral and amortization of policy acquisition costs related to stock-based compensation for our underwriters. At June 30, 2009, there was approximately \$28.4 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested options and restricted stock awards and units that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.4 years.

Our effective income tax rate was 31.7% for the six-month period of 2009, compared to 31.3% for the six-month period of 2008. The higher effective rate in 2009 primarily relates to a slight increase in non-deductible expenses. At June 30, 2009, book value per share was \$25.01, up from \$23.27 at December 31, 2008. Total assets were \$8.9 billion and shareholders' equity was \$2.8 billion, compared to \$8.3 billion and \$2.6 billion, respectively, at December 31, 2008. We repurchased 1.7 million shares of our common stock in the first quarter of 2009, which increased book value per share by \$0.05.

Segments**Insurance Company Segment**

Net earnings of our insurance company segment increased \$2.9 million, or 2%, and \$4.5 million, or 5%, in the six-month and second quarter periods of 2009 compared to the same periods in 2008. The effects from increased earned premium and the net impact of the commutation of a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting more than offset an increased loss ratio and lower investment income in the first half of each year. Both higher investment income and positive reserve development increased net earnings in the second quarter of 2009. Even though there is pricing competition in certain of our markets, our margins remain at an acceptable level of profitability.

Premium

Gross written premium was 1% higher in the first half of 2009, due to growth in our diversified financial products and London market account lines of business and our recent acquisitions, partially offset by discontinuance of an assumed quota share contract and our U.K. motor business in 2008. Gross written premium was 1% lower quarter-over-quarter due to the impact of foreign exchange rates and writing less aviation business in 2009. The overall percentage of retained premium, as measured by the percent of net written premium to gross written premium, decreased to 81% in 2009 from 83% in 2008.

The following tables provide premium information by line of business.

| | Gross written premium | Net written premium | NWP as % of GWP | Net earned premium |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 541,062 | \$ 440,862 | 81% | \$ 433,915 |
| Group life, accident and health | 425,329 | 394,671 | 93 | 398,171 |
| Aviation | 83,751 | 60,876 | 73 | 65,461 |
| London market account | 134,221 | 80,541 | 60 | 49,379 |
| Other specialty lines | 99,351 | 57,662 | 58 | 57,450 |
| Discontinued lines | (10) | (10) | nm | (10) |
| Totals | \$ 1,283,704 | \$ 1,034,602 | 81% | \$ 1,004,366 |

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| | Gross written premium | Net written premium | NWP as % of GWP | Net earned premium |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Six months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | | |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 483,306 | \$ 407,146 | 84% | \$ 390,083 |
| Group life, accident and health | 418,284 | 399,829 | 96 | 387,800 |
| Aviation | 96,629 | 69,880 | 72 | 69,712 |
| London market account | 122,798 | 80,096 | 65 | 53,395 |
| Other specialty lines | 148,936 | 99,161 | 67 | 94,426 |
| Discontinued lines | 4,639 | 4,685 | nm | 4,740 |
| Totals | \$ 1,274,592 | \$ 1,060,797 | 83% | \$ 1,000,156 |
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 295,950 | \$ 237,499 | 80% | \$ 219,831 |
| Group life, accident and health | 208,336 | 195,615 | 94 | 197,083 |
| Aviation | 41,799 | 30,265 | 72 | 32,647 |
| London market account | 89,472 | 54,147 | 61 | 25,705 |
| Other specialty lines | 45,774 | 25,840 | 56 | 26,726 |
| Discontinued lines | (14) | (14) | nm | (14) |
| Totals | \$ 681,317 | \$ 543,352 | 80% | \$ 501,978 |
| <u>Three months ended June 30, 2008</u> | | | | |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 271,942 | \$ 226,645 | 83% | \$ 197,906 |
| Group life, accident and health | 207,750 | 197,454 | 95 | 195,354 |
| Aviation | 51,801 | 37,534 | 72 | 34,719 |
| London market account | 81,862 | 51,068 | 62 | 26,305 |
| Other specialty lines | 73,593 | 49,758 | 68 | 47,580 |
| Discontinued lines | 4,645 | 4,691 | nm | 4,746 |
| Totals | \$ 691,593 | \$ 567,150 | 82% | \$ 506,610 |

nm Not meaningful

The changes in year-to-date premium volume and retention levels between periods resulted principally from the following factors:

Diversified financial products Gross and net written premium increased because we wrote more domestic directors and officers liability business at higher prices in 2009 and generated additional premium from

residual value insurance and new lines of business. Premium volume in our other major products in this group was stable, although pricing for certain of these products is down slightly. Earned premium increased in 2009 primarily due to the higher volume of directors and officers liability business written in the last half of 2008. Our retention rate was lower because we are reinsuring more directors and officers liability business in 2009. Group life, accident and health The increase in gross written premium was due to writing more sports disability business, which is substantially reinsured. The premium increase from a medical stop-loss company acquired in late 2008 was offset by lower premium in our organic lines of business. The increase in net earned premium was due to our acquisition of HCC Medical Insurance Services (formerly MultiNational Underwriters) in the first quarter of 2008.

Aviation Our aviation premium decreased due to continuing competition on U.S. business and lack of growth in the aviation industry. Pricing on this line remains competitive, although we have seen price increases on the international portion of this business.

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London market account Gross written premium and net written premium increased due to an increase in our energy business in the second quarter of 2009. Net written premium increased at a lower rate due to increased spending on reinsurance. Net earned premium was lower in 2009 due to a reduction in written premium in recent quarters compared to the prior year and because we wrote a smaller portion of our annual Gulf of Mexico energy policies in the first quarter of 2009 than in the same period of 2008.

Other specialty lines Premium decreased due to expiration of an assumed quota share contract in the second quarter of 2008 and discontinuance of our U.K. motor business in mid-2008 that was written through one of our Lloyd's syndicates. Our premium from public risk increased due to recent acquisitions in this line of business. The decrease in the retention rate was due to the change in mix of business in this line.

Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

Our net redundant development relating to prior year losses included in net incurred loss and loss adjustment expense was \$11.3 million in the first six months of 2009, compared to \$14.4 million in the first six months of 2008 and \$16.0 million in the second quarter of 2009, compared to \$9.3 million in the second quarter of 2008. The redundant development in 2009 primarily resulted from our review and reduction of loss reserves for the 2005 hurricanes, our U.K. professional indemnity business for the 2004-2006 underwriting years, and our aviation business for the 2001-2006 underwriting years, partially offset by the re-estimation of our net claims exposure for certain products, primarily in the life, accident and health line of business in 2009 and the London market line of business in 2008. The redundant development in 2008 primarily resulted from reserve reductions in our U.K. professional indemnity business for the 2004 and 2005 underwriting years and in our London Market account for 2005 and prior accident years. Deficiencies and redundancies in reserves occur as we review our loss reserves with our actuaries, increasing or reducing loss reserves as a result of such reviews and as losses are finally settled or claims exposures change.

We write directors' and officers' liability, errors and omissions liability and fiduciary liability coverage for public and private companies and not-for-profit organizations and continue to closely monitor our exposure to subprime and credit related issues. We provide coverage for certain financial institutions, which have potential exposure to shareholders' lawsuits. At June 30, 2009, we had 17 Side A only and 68 non-Side A only directors' and officers' liability, errors and omissions liability and fiduciary liability claims related to subprime issues. Based on our present knowledge, we believe our ultimate losses from these coverages will be contained within our current overall loss reserves for these lines of business.

We have no material exposure to environmental or asbestos losses.

We believe we have provided for all material net incurred losses as of June 30, 2009.

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Our gross loss ratio was 61.9% and 64.7% in the first half of 2009 and 2008, respectively, and 58.8% and 69.4% in the second quarter of 2009 and 2008, respectively. The higher gross loss ratios in 2008 primarily related to losses in our London market account and our discontinued lines, both of which were substantially reinsured. The following table provides comparative net loss ratios by line of business.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | | | Three months ended June 30, | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2008 | |
| | Net earned premium | Net loss ratio | Net earned premium | Net loss ratio | Net earned premium | Net loss ratio | Net earned premium | Net loss ratio |
| Diversified financial products | \$ 433,915 | 51.0% | \$ 390,083 | 45.8% | \$ 219,831 | 50.3% | \$ 197,906 | 45.4% |
| Group life, accident and health | 398,171 | 73.8 | 387,800 | 74.2 | 197,083 | 72.9 | 195,354 | 73.9 |
| Aviation | 65,461 | 57.0 | 69,712 | 62.2 | 32,647 | 52.7 | 34,719 | 66.9 |
| London market account | 49,379 | 26.7 | 53,395 | 35.5 | 25,705 | 13.4 | 26,305 | 37.8 |
| Other specialty lines | 57,450 | 74.0 | 94,426 | 67.7 | 26,726 | 65.9 | 47,580 | 68.5 |
| Discontinued lines | (10) | nm | 4,740 | nm | (14) | nm | 4,746 | nm |
| Totals | \$ 1,004,366 | 60.5% | \$ 1,000,156 | 59.6% | \$ 501,978 | 58.3% | \$ 506,610 | 59.8% |
| Expense ratio | | 25.0 | | 24.3 | | 25.5 | | 24.3 |
| Combined ratio | | 85.5% | | 83.9% | | 83.8% | | 84.1% |

nm Not meaningful comparison

The changes in net loss ratios between periods resulted principally from the following factors:

Diversified financial products The higher net loss ratios in 2009 resulted from our increased estimation of losses on certain lines of business, particularly for our directors and officers liability and credit businesses. Both years included positive development on our U.K. professional indemnity business during the second quarter.

Group life, accident and health While remaining relatively flat compared to 2008, the 2009 net loss ratios reflect lower losses on our medical stop-loss business, offset by adverse development and higher losses on short-term medical and other coverages.

Aviation The lower net loss ratios in 2009 primarily related to redundant development on prior accident years reserves during the second quarter of 2009.

London market account The 2009 net loss ratios included redundant reserve development on 2005 hurricane losses associated with our energy and property businesses, which reduced the loss ratio 17.9 percentage points year-to-date and 30.3 percentage points in the second quarter. The 2008 net loss ratio included redundant reserve development in the first and second quarters related to our property and energy businesses, which decreased the year-to-date loss ratio 18.4 percentage points.

Other specialty lines We incurred losses on our film completion and film production businesses in the first quarter of 2009.

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The table below provides a reconciliation of our reserves for loss and loss adjustment expense payable, net of reinsurance ceded, the amount of our paid claims and our net paid loss ratios.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net reserves for loss and loss adjustment expense payable at beginning of period | \$ 2,416,271 | \$ 2,342,800 | \$ 2,472,475 | \$ 2,429,355 |
| Net reserve additions from acquired businesses | 34,922 | 29,053 | 4,713 | |
| Foreign currency adjustment | 29,355 | 15,884 | 47,627 | (216) |
| Incurred loss and loss adjustment expense | 608,137 | 595,927 | 292,571 | 302,901 |
| Loss and loss adjustment expense payments | (525,489) | (507,413) | (254,190) | (255,789) |
| Net reserves for loss and loss adjustment expense payable at end of period | \$ 2,563,196 | \$ 2,476,251 | \$ 2,563,196 | \$ 2,476,251 |
| Net paid loss ratio | 52.3% | 50.7% | 50.6% | 50.5% |

The net paid loss ratio is the percentage of losses paid, net of reinsurance, divided by net earned premium for the period. The net paid loss ratio was higher in the first six months of 2009, primarily due to higher claims payments in our diversified financial products line of business. In addition, we currently are paying claims on an expired quota share contract for which premium was earned in prior years. In July 2009, we commuted certain loss reserves for \$43.9 million. The reserves relate to excess workers compensation business that is in runoff. The commutation will be recorded in the third quarter of 2009 and will have no material effect on net earnings. However, the payment will increase our paid loss ratio in the third quarter of 2009 and for full year 2009.

Policy Acquisition Costs

Policy acquisition costs (which are reported net of the related portion of commissions on reinsurance ceded) as a percentage of net earned premium decreased to 17.8% in the first half of 2009 from 18.8% in the first half of 2008, principally due to lower commission rates on certain lines of business and a change in the mix of business. The GAAP expense ratio of 25.0% in the first half of 2009 exceeded the ratio of 24.3% in the first half of 2008 as the lower policy acquisition costs were offset by the negative effect of lower income from reinsurance overrides on quota share treaties.

Agency Segment

Revenue from our agency segment increased to \$94.1 million in the first six months of 2009 from \$85.4 million in the first six months of 2008, primarily due to underwriting agencies acquired in 2008 and \$5.0 million of fee and commission income related to terminating a reinsurance contract in 2009. Segment net earnings decreased to \$8.5 million in 2009 from \$10.2 million in 2008. Operating expenses, including those resulting from the commutation of the reinsurance contract, were higher in 2009, resulting in a decrease in the margin.

Other Operations Segment

Revenue and net earnings from our other operations segment were \$5.2 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, in the first six months of 2009 compared to \$3.7 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, in the first six months of 2008. The lower results in 2008 reflect gains on the sale of strategic investments, offset by losses on trading securities, which we liquidated later in 2008. Results of this segment may vary substantially period to period depending on our investment in or disposition of strategic investments.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

During 2008, there were significant disruptions in the world-wide and U.S. financial markets. A number of large financial institutions failed, received substantial capital infusions and loans from the U.S. and various other governments, or were merged into other companies. The market disruptions have resulted in a tightening of available sources of credit, increases in the cost of credit and significant liquidity concerns for many companies. We believe we have sufficient sources of liquidity at a reasonable cost at the present time, based on the following:

We held \$694.6 million of cash and liquid short-term investments at June 30, 2009 compared to \$524.8 million at December 31, 2008. We have generated an annual average \$588.2 million in cash from our operating activities, excluding cash from commutations, in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008. During the first six months of 2009, we generated \$262.2 million of cash from operating activities.

Our available for sale bond portfolio had a fair value of \$4.5 billion at June 30, 2009, compared to \$4.1 billion at December 31, 2008, and has an average rating of AA+. We intend to hold these securities until their maturity, but we would be able to sell some of these securities to generate cash if the need arises; however, should we sell certain securities in the portfolio before their maturity to generate cash, given the current credit market volatility, it is possible we might not recoup the full reported fair value of the securities sold.

Our insurance companies have sufficient resources to pay potential claims in 2009, before consideration of expected cash flow from the insurance companies 2009 operations. As of December 31, 2008, we projected they will pay approximately \$1.2 billion of claims and collect approximately \$369.0 million of reinsurance in 2009. At December 31, 2008, they had approximately \$1.0 billion of cash, short-term investments, maturing bonds, and principal payments from mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities available in 2009 to pay these claims. There has been no significant change in our expectations of their ability to pay claims as of June 30, 2009.

We have a committed line of credit, led by Wells Fargo, through a syndicate group of large domestic banks and one large foreign bank. Our Revolving Loan Facility provides borrowing capacity to \$575.0 million through December 2011. At July 31, 2009, we had \$255.0 million of unused capacity, which we can draw against at any time at our request. We believe that the banks will be able and willing to perform on their commitments to us. The facility agreement contains two restrictive financial covenants, with which we were in compliance at June 30, 2009.

During 2009, there have been no significant changes in either our Standby Letter of Credit Facility or our Subsidiary Lines of Credit, both of which are more fully described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

We may redeem all \$124.7 million of our 1.30% Convertible Notes at any time. The notes are subject to conversion by the note holders should our stock price exceed a set market price. Our available capacity on the Revolving Loan Facility is sufficient to cover the \$124.7 million of notes outstanding at June 30, 2009 that would be due if we redeem the notes or if they are converted. Holders may next require us to repurchase the notes on April 1, 2014.

Our domestic insurance subsidiaries have the ability to pay \$199.2 million in dividends in 2009 to our holding company without obtaining special permission from state regulatory authorities. Our underwriting agencies have no restrictions on the amount of dividends that can be paid to our holding company. The holding company can utilize these dividends to pay down debt, pay dividends to shareholders, fund acquisitions, repurchase common stock and pay operating expenses. Cash flow available to the holding company in 2009 is expected to be more than ample to cover the holding company's required cash disbursements.

Our debt to total capital ratio was 13.4% at June 30, 2009 and 11.5% at December 31, 2008. We have a Universal Shelf registration statement, which was filed and became effective in March 2009 and expires in March 2012. The shelf registration statement provides for the issuance of an aggregate of \$1.0 billion of securities. These securities may be debt securities, equity securities, trust preferred securities, or a combination thereof. Although due to pricing we may not wish to issue securities in the current financial market, the shelf registration statement provides us the means to access the debt and equity markets relatively quickly.

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We receive substantial cash from premiums, reinsurance recoverables, outward commutations, fee and commission income, proceeds from sales and redemptions of investments and investment income. Our principal cash outflows are for the payment of claims and loss adjustment expenses, premium payments to reinsurers, inward commutations, purchases of investments, debt service, policy acquisition costs, operating expenses, taxes and dividends.

Cash provided by operating activities can fluctuate due to timing differences in the collection of premiums and reinsurance recoverables and the payment of losses and premium and reinsurance balances payable and the completion of commutations. Our operating cash flow also exceeds our net earnings due to expansion of our diversified financial products line of business, where we retain premium for a longer duration and pay claims later than for our short-tailed business.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$262.2 million and \$230.4 million in the first six months of 2009 and 2008, respectively. The majority of the increase was due to the timing of the collection of receivables and the payment of payables, including the collection and payment of funds held. In 2009, increased cash flow generated by the commutation of a reinsurance contract that had been accounted for using the deposit method of accounting was offset by increased net loss payments. During 2008, we had positive cash flow from the liquidation of our remaining trading portfolio. The components of our net operating cash flows are summarized in the following table.

| | Six months ended June 30, | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | | (as adjusted) |
| Net earnings | \$ 174,755 | \$ 172,130 |
| Change in premium, claims and other receivables, net of reinsurance, other payables and restricted cash | (38,200) | (127,437) |
| Change in unearned premium, net | 41,547 | 64,074 |
| Change in loss and loss adjustment expense payable, net of reinsurance recoverables | 73,839 | 146,046 |
| Change in trading portfolio | | 42,574 |
| Other, net | 10,235 | (66,948) |
| Cash provided by operating activities | \$ 262,176 | \$ 230,439 |

Our combined cash and investment portfolio increased \$431.5 million during 2009 to a total of \$5.3 billion at June 30, 2009. We maintain a substantial level of cash and liquid short-term investments to meet anticipated payment obligations. In July 2009, we commuted certain loss reserves for \$43.9 million of cash, which will reduce our cash provided by operating activities in the third quarter of 2009. We utilized cash and liquidated certain of our short-term investments to make this cash payment.

Investments

At June 30, 2009, we had \$5.2 billion of investment assets, an increase of \$423.2 million from December 31, 2008. This table summarizes our investments by type, substantially all of which are reported at fair value, at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

| | June 30, 2009 | | December 31, 2008 | |
|--|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| Short-term investments | \$ 659,021 | 13% | \$ 497,477 | 10% |
| U.S. government and government agency securities | 327,378 | 6 | 227,607 | 5 |
| Fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | 1,038,341 | 20 | 1,091,903 | 23 |
| | 1,048,946 | 20 | 899,632 | 19 |

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|--|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions | | | | |
| Corporate fixed income securities | 590,303 | 11 | 511,638 | 11 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 892,399 | 17 | 823,078 | 17 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 141,720 | 3 | 151,836 | 3 |
| Asset-backed securities | 60,665 | 1 | 65,952 | 1 |
| Foreign government securities | 333,842 | 6 | 333,365 | 7 |
| Foreign non-government securities | 130,225 | 3 | 151,707 | 3 |
| Other investments | 4,666 | | 50,088 | 1 |
| Total investments | \$ 5,227,506 | 100% | \$ 4,804,283 | 100% |

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The overall rating of our municipal bonds (consisting of our fixed income securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions and our special purpose revenue bonds of states, municipalities and political subdivisions) was AA+ at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. Our portfolio of special purpose revenue bonds at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 included \$130.6 million and \$150.9 million, respectively, of pre-refunded bonds that are supported by U.S. government debt obligations. The remaining special purpose bonds are secured by revenue sources specific to each security, such as water, sewer and utility fees; highway tolls; airport usage fees; property, sales and fuel taxes; college tuition and services fees; and lease income.

The table below summarizes our special purpose revenue bonds by revenue source:

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Water and sewer | 27% | 26% |
| Pre-refunded | 12 | 17 |
| Transportation | 13 | 14 |
| Special tax | 13 | 13 |
| Education | 14 | 11 |
| Leasing | 9 | 9 |
| Other | 12 | 10 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

Many of our special purpose revenue bonds are insured by mono-line insurance companies or supported by credit enhancement programs of various states and municipalities. We view bond insurance as credit enhancement and not credit substitution. We base our investment decision on the strength of the issuer. A credit review is performed on each issuer and the sustainability of the revenue source before we acquire a special purpose revenue bond and periodically on an ongoing basis thereafter. The underlying average credit rating of our special purpose revenue bond issuers, excluding any bond insurance, was AA+ at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. Although recent economic conditions in the United States may reduce the source of revenue for certain of these securities, the majority are supported by revenue from essential sources, such as water and sewer, education and transportation fees, which we believe generate a stable source of revenue.

At June 30, 2009, we held a corporate bond portfolio with a fair value of \$590.3 million, an overall rating of A+, and a weighted-average life of approximately 3.4 years. We also held a portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities (MBSs) and collateralized mortgage-obligations (CMOs) with a fair value of \$892.4 million. Within our residential MBS/CMO portfolio, \$838.7 million of securities were issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), which are backed by the U.S. government. In addition, \$55.9 million, \$5.7 million and \$1.5 million of bonds are collateralized by prime, Alt A and subprime mortgages, respectively. All of these securities were current as to principal and interest. The average rating and approximate weighted-average life of these securities at June 30, 2009 were as follows:

| | Average rating | Weighted-average life |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Prime | AA | 2.5 years |
| Alt A | A | 3.0 years |
| Subprime | AA- | 6.9 years |

At June 30, 2009, we held a commercial MBS securities portfolio with a fair value of \$141.7 million, an average rating of AAA, an average loan-to-value ratio of 68%, and a weighted-average life of approximately 4.8 years. We owned no collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) or collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), and we have never been

counterparty to any credit default swap transactions.

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This table shows a profile of our fixed income securities and short-term investments portfolio, including the average amount of investments, income earned and the related yield.

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Average investments, at cost | \$4,968,017 | \$4,739,084 | \$5,057,270 | \$4,785,077 |
| Net investment income * | 93,629 | 94,870 | 48,411 | 47,249 |
| Average short-term yield * | 1.2% | 4.1% | 1.0% | 3.4% |
| Average long-term yield * | 4.2% | 4.4% | 4.3% | 4.4% |
| Average long-term tax equivalent yield * | 5.1% | 5.3% | 5.2% | 5.3% |
| Weighted-average combined tax equivalent yield * | 4.5% | 4.8% | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| Weighted-average maturity of fixed income securities | 6.7 years | 7.0 years | | |
| Weighted-average duration of fixed income securities | 5.0 years | 5.0 years | | |
| Weighted-average combined duration | 4.4 years | 4.5 years | | |
| Average rating | AA+ | AA+ | | |

* Excluding realized and unrealized gains and losses.

This table summarizes, by rating, our investments in fixed income securities at June 30, 2009.

| | Available for sale at fair value | | Held to maturity at amortized cost | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| AAA | \$ 2,168,125 | 49% | \$ 107,145 | 100% |
| AA | 1,502,176 | 34 | | |
| A | 638,652 | 14 | | |
| BBB | 120,700 | 3 | | |
| BB and below | 27,021 | | | |
| Total fixed income securities | \$ 4,456,674 | 100% | \$ 107,145 | 100% |

A security has an impairment loss when its fair value is less than its cost or amortized cost at the balance sheet date. We evaluate the securities in our fixed income securities portfolio for possible other-than-temporary impairment losses at each quarter end. We adopted FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, which specifies new criteria for identification and recognition of other-than-temporary impairment losses, as of April 1, 2009. See the Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009 section below for additional information. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 requires us to determine, for each impaired fixed income security, that (a) we do not intend to sell the security and (b) it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If we cannot assert either of these, the impairment is recorded as an other-than-temporary loss through earnings in the current period. For all other impaired securities, the impairment is considered an other-than-temporary loss if the net present value of the cash flows expected to be collected from the security is less than its amortized cost basis. Such a shortfall in cash flows is referred to as a credit loss. For any such security, the impairment loss is separated into (a) the credit loss and (b) the amount related to all other factors, such as interest rate changes, market conditions, etc. (the non-credit loss). The

credit loss is charged to current period earnings and the non-credit loss is charged to other comprehensive income, within shareholders' equity, on an after-tax basis. A security's cost basis is permanently reduced by the amount of an other-than-temporary loss recorded through earnings.

To adopt FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, we reviewed all securities with a previous other-than-temporary impairment loss that we still held at April 1, 2009. For each, we determined the credit and non-credit component as of the adoption date. We calculated the net present value of each security by discounting our best estimate of projected future cash flows at the effective interest rate implicit in the security prior to impairment. For our mortgage-backed securities, the estimated cash flows included prepayment assumptions and other assumptions regarding the underlying collateral including default rates, recoveries and changes in value. We recorded a cumulative adjustment of \$4.3 million after-tax to reclassify the non-credit portion of the loss from retained earnings to accumulated other comprehensive income as of the adoption date.

We review our impaired securities and assess whether any impairments are other-than-temporary at each quarter end, based on all relevant facts and circumstances for each impaired security. During 2009 and 2008, our reviews covered all impaired securities where the loss exceeded \$0.5 million and the loss either exceeded 10% of cost or the security had been in a loss position for longer than twelve consecutive months. Our review in the second quarter of 2009 covered 77% of the total gross unrealized losses in the portfolio.

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The determination that a security has incurred an other-than-temporary decline in value and the amount of any current loss recognition requires management judgment and a continual review of market conditions and our investment portfolio. In the second quarter of 2009, we changed our criteria for determining if an impaired security has an other-than-temporary impairment to comply with FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2. Our evaluation now considers various factors including:

amount by which the security's fair value is less than its cost,

length of time the security has been impaired,

the security's credit rating and any recent downgrades,

whether the impairment is due to an issuer-specific event,

whether we intend to sell the security,

if it is more likely than not that we will have to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, and

stress testing of expected cash flows for mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities under various scenarios.

To assist us in our evaluation, our outside investment advisors also perform detailed credit evaluations of all of our fixed income securities on an ongoing basis.

FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 also changed the earnings recognition criteria for other-than-temporary impairment losses. Prior to our adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, when we concluded that a decline in a security's fair value was other-than-temporary, we recognized the impairment as a realized investment loss in our consolidated statements of earnings. Beginning in the second quarter of 2009, we recognize an other-than-temporary impairment loss in earnings in the period that we determine: 1) we intend to sell the security, 2) it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, or 3) the security has a credit loss. We identified and recognized pretax other-than-temporary impairment losses as follows:

| | Six months ended June 30, | | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Total other-than-temporary impairment loss | \$ (5,709) | \$ (1,599) | \$ (2,596) | \$ (1,599) |
| Portion recognized in other comprehensive income | 755 | | 755 | |
| Net other-than-temporary impairment loss recognized in earnings | \$ (4,954) | \$ (1,599) | \$ (1,841) | \$ (1,599) |

At June 30, 2009, we had \$4.8 million after-tax of other-than-temporary impairments, primarily related to mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, included in accumulated other comprehensive income, primarily related to mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities.

The rollforward of the credit-related portion of our pretax other-than-temporary impairment loss recognized in earnings during the second quarter of 2009, for which a portion of the other-than-temporary loss was recognized in other comprehensive income, was as follows:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Balance at March 31, 2009 | \$ |
| Credit losses in retained earnings related to adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 | 2,723 |

Credit losses recognized in earnings:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Securities previously impaired | 350 |
| Securities not previously impaired | 300 |

Balance at June 30, 2009 **\$ 3,373**

At June 30, 2009, the net unrealized gain on our fixed income securities portfolio was \$72.7 million, compared to \$60.0 million at March 31, 2009 and \$14.6 million at December 31, 2008. The change in the net unrealized gain or loss, net of the related income tax effect, is recorded in other comprehensive income and fluctuates with changes in market interest rates. Our general policy has been to hold our fixed income securities, which are classified as available for sale, through periods of fluctuating interest rates and to not realize significant gains or losses from their sale. The net unrealized gain on our fixed income securities portfolio at July 31, 2009 was approximately \$117.0 million.

Table of Contents***Fair Value***

We value financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. In determining fair value, we generally apply the market approach, which uses prices and other relevant data based on market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. We classify our financial instruments into the following three-level hierarchy established:

Level 1 Inputs are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments.

Level 2 Inputs are based on observable market data (other than quoted prices), or are derived from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable and not corroborated by market data.

Our Level 1 investments are primarily U.S. Treasuries, for which we use quoted prices for identical instruments to measure fair value.

Our Level 2 investments include most of our fixed income securities, which consist of U.S. government agency securities, municipal bonds, certain corporate debt securities, and certain mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. Our Level 2 instruments also include our interest rate swap agreements, which were reflected as liabilities in our condensed consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2009. We measure fair value for the majority of our Level 2 investments using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics. The remaining investments are valued using pricing models or matrix pricing. The fair value measurements consider observable assumptions, including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, default rates, loss severity and other economic measures.

We use independent pricing services to assist us in determining fair value for over 99% of our Level 1 and Level 2 investments. The pricing services provide a single price or quote per security. We use data provided by our third party investment managers to value the remaining Level 2 investments. To validate that these quoted and modeled prices are reasonable estimates of fair value, we perform various quantitative and qualitative procedures, including: 1) evaluation of the underlying methodologies, 2) analysis of recent sales activity, 3) analytical review of our fair values against current market prices, and 4) comparison of the pricing services' fair value to other pricing services' fair value for the same investment. Based on these procedures, we did not adjust the prices or quotes provided by our independent pricing services or third party investment managers as of June 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008. The FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, *Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset when the Market for That Asset Is Not Active*, in 2008 and FSP FAS 157-4 in 2009. We did not apply the criteria of FSP FAS 157-3 as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, or the criteria of FSP FAS 157-4 as of June 30, 2009, since no markets for our investments were judged to be inactive as of those balance sheet dates.

Our Level 3 financial instruments include certain fixed income securities and two insurance contracts that we account for as derivatives. We determine fair value based on internally developed models that use assumptions or other data that are not readily observable from objective sources. Because we use the lowest level significant input to determine our hierarchy classifications, a financial instrument may be classified in Level 3 even though there may be significant readily-observable inputs.

We excluded from our fair value disclosures certain strategic investments in insurance-related companies, since we account for them using the equity method of accounting and have not elected to measure them at fair value. These assets had a recorded value of \$15.0 million at June 30, 2009. We also excluded our held to maturity investment portfolio valued at \$107.1 million and an investment valued at \$4.1 million at June 30, 2009, which are measured at amortized cost and at cost, respectively. Our held to maturity portfolio had a fair value of \$107.5 million at June 30, 2009.

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The following table presents our assets and interest rate swap liabilities that were measured at fair value.

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <u>June 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 172,436 | \$ 4,278,256 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 4,456,674 |
| Other investments | 14 | | | 14 |
| Other assets | | | 19,757 | 19,757 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 172,450 | \$ 4,278,256 | \$ 25,739 | \$ 4,476,445 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ | \$ (5,256) | \$ | \$ (5,256) |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ (5,256) | \$ | \$ (5,256) |
| <u>December 31, 2008</u> | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 87,678 | \$ 4,038,972 | \$ 6,515 | \$ 4,133,165 |
| Other investments | 16 | | | 16 |
| Other assets | | 1,125 | 16,100 | 17,225 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 87,694 | \$ 4,040,097 | \$ 22,615 | \$ 4,150,406 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ | \$ (8,031) | \$ | \$ (8,031) |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ (8,031) | \$ | \$ (8,031) |

The following table presents the changes in fair value of our Level 3 category during the first six months and the second quarter of 2009.

| | Fixed income securities | Other assets | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2008 | \$ 6,515 | \$ 16,100 | \$ 22,615 |
| Net redemptions | (1,263) | | (1,263) |
| Gains and (losses) unrealized | 531 | 3,657 | 4,188 |
| Gains and (losses) realized | 30 | | 30 |
| Net transfers in (out) of Level 3 | 169 | | 169 |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 19,757 | \$ 25,739 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance at March 31, 2009 | \$ 5,085 | \$ 16,463 | \$ 21,548 |
| Net redemptions | (982) | | (982) |
| Gains and (losses) unrealized | (36) | 3,294 | 3,258 |
| Net transfers in (out) of Level 3 | 1,915 | | 1,915 |
| Balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 5,982 | \$ 19,757 | \$ 25,739 |

Unrealized gains and losses on our Level 3 fixed income securities are reported in other comprehensive income within shareholders' equity, and unrealized gains and losses on our Level 3 other assets are reported in other operating income. During the first quarter of 2009, we transferred investments from Level 3 to Level 2 because we were able to determine their fair value using inputs based on observable market data. In the second quarter of 2009, we transferred an investment from Level 2 to Level 3 due to our inability to obtain a fair value using inputs based on observable market data.

Table of Contents**Valuation of Goodwill**

When we complete a business combination, goodwill is either allocated to the reporting unit in which the acquired business is included or, if there are synergies with our other businesses, allocated to the different reporting units based on their respective share of the estimated future cash flows. In our insurance company segment, we have five reporting units, which are either individual subsidiaries or groups of subsidiaries that share common licensing and other characteristics. In our agency segment, we have six reporting units, which are individual subsidiaries.

An indicator of impairment of goodwill exists when the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. We assess our goodwill for impairment annually, or sooner if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. We conducted our 2009 goodwill impairment test as of June 30, 2009, which is consistent with the timeframe for our annual assessment in prior years. Based on our latest impairment test, the fair value of each of our reporting units exceeded its carrying amount. No events have occurred that indicate there is an impairment in our goodwill as of June 30, 2009.

For our 2009 impairment test, we incorporated new accounting guidance, which required us to consider three valuation approaches (market, income and cost) to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We utilized the market and income approaches, and based our assumptions and inputs on market participant data, rather than our own data. For the income approach, we estimated the present value of expected cash flows to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We utilized estimated future cash flows, probabilities as to occurrence of these cash flows, a risk-free rate of interest, and a risk premium for uncertainty in the cash flows. We weighted the results of the market and income approaches to determine the calculated fair value of each reporting unit. Prior to 2009, we used the expected cash flow approach with assumptions and inputs based on our own internal data to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. In all years, we utilized our budgets and projection of future operations based on historical and expected industry trends to estimate our future cash flows and their probability of occurring as projected.

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009

FSP No. FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, became effective January 1, 2009. FSP FAS 157-2 requires prospective application of SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, such as goodwill. Our adoption of FSP FAS 157-2 had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007) (SFAS 141(R)), *Business Combinations*, and SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51*, became effective January 1, 2009. SFAS 141(R) changes certain accounting treatment for business combinations and impacts presentation of financial statements on the acquisition date and accounting for acquisitions in subsequent periods. SFAS 160 changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which are now recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and classified as a component of shareholders' equity. Since January 1, 2009, we have recorded all new acquisitions under the guidance of SFAS 141(R). Our adoption of SFAS 160 had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*, became effective January 1, 2009. SFAS 161 expands the required disclosures about a company's derivative and hedging activities. Our adoption had no impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

FSP No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions are Participating Securities*, became effective January 1, 2009 and required retrospective application to prior periods. FSP EITF 03-6-1 clarifies whether instruments granted in share-based payments, such as restricted stock, are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, must be included in the earnings allocation in calculating earnings per share under the two-class method described in SFAS No. 128, *Earnings per Share*. Under FSP EITF 03-6-1, unvested share-based payments that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend-equivalents are treated as participating securities. Our adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 had no material impact on our consolidated earnings per share in any period due to immateriality of our restricted stock awards that have such terms.

FSP No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)* became effective January 1, 2009, required retrospective application to prior financial statements and did not permit early adoption. FSP APB 14-1 clarifies that convertible debt instruments that

may be settled in cash upon conversion are not totally debt and requires issuers to bifurcate and separately account for the liability and equity components. In our condensed consolidated

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financial statements, we adopted FSP APB 14-1 for our 1.30% Convertible Notes and 2.00% Convertible Notes and retrospectively adjusted our consolidated financial statements for all periods prior to 2009. The effective interest rate on our 1.0% and 2.00% Convertible Notes increased to 4.80% and 3.86%, respectively, which resulted in the recognition of a \$22.6 million and \$8.3 million discount, respectively, with the offsetting after-tax impact recorded in additional paid-in capital. The following line items in our 2008 condensed consolidated financial statements were affected by this change in accounting principle:

| | Six months ended June 30, 2008 | | | Three months ended June 30, 2008 | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change |
| Interest expense | \$ 7,767 | \$ 9,779 | \$ 2,012 | \$ 3,808 | \$ 4,826 | \$ 1,018 |
| Earnings before income tax expense | 252,713 | 250,701 | (2,012) | 133,782 | 132,764 | (1,018) |
| Income tax expense | 79,275 | 78,571 | (704) | 41,445 | 41,089 | (356) |
| Net earnings | 173,438 | 172,130 | (1,308) | 92,337 | 91,675 | (662) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.49 | \$ 1.48 | \$ (0.01) | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.79 | \$ (0.01) |

| | December 31, 2008 | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | As originally reported | As adjusted | Change |
| Other assets (debt issuance costs and deferred tax asset) | \$ 153,964 | \$ 153,581 | \$ (383) |
| Notes payable | 344,714 | 343,649 | (1,065) |
| Additional paid-in capital | 861,867 | 881,534 | 19,667 |
| Retained earnings | 1,696,816 | 1,677,831 | (18,985) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 2,639,341 | 2,640,023 | 682 |

The reduction in retained earnings and the increase in additional paid-in capital resulted from amortization of the implied discount as interest expense through the first contractual put date of the 2.00% Convertible Notes at September 1, 2007 and the 1.30% Convertible Notes at April 1, 2009. The 2.00% Convertible Notes were submitted for conversion during September and October 2007. The implied discount on the 1.30% Convertible Notes was fully amortized in the first quarter of 2009. At June 30, 2009, there was no remaining equity component and the liability component was \$124.7 million. At December 31, 2008, the 1.30% Convertible Notes had an equity component of \$1.1 million and a liability component of \$123.6 million, consisting of a principal amount of \$124.7 million less a discount of \$1.1 million. The effective interest rate on our 1.30% Convertible Notes was 3.05% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 4.80% for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The contractual interest expense was \$0.8 million in the first six months of 2009 and 2008. Interest expense resulting from amortization of the implied discount was \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million in the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The adoption of FSP APB 14-1 did not impact our past or current consolidated cash flows.

Our 1.30% Convertible Notes are due in 2023. We pay interest semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. Each one thousand dollar principal amount of notes is convertible into 44.1501 shares of our common stock, which represents an initial conversion price of \$22.65 per share. The initial conversion price is subject to standard anti-dilution provisions designed to maintain the value of the conversion option in the event we take certain actions with respect to our common stock, such as stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends and extraordinary dividends, that affect all of the holders of our common stock equally and that could have a dilutive effect on the value of the conversion rights of the holders of the notes or that confer a benefit upon our current shareholders not otherwise available to the 1.30% Convertible Notes. Holders may surrender notes for conversion if, as of the last day of the preceding calendar quarter, the closing sale price of our common stock for at least 20 consecutive trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of that quarter is more than 130% (\$29.45 per share) of the conversion price per share of our common stock. This condition was not met at June 30, 2009. While the notes are not

convertible during the third quarter of 2009, the convertible value of the notes, if converted, at June 30, 2009 was \$132.2 million, which exceeds the principal amount by \$7.5 million. We must settle any conversions by paying cash for the principal amount of the notes and issuing our common stock for the value of the conversion premium. We can redeem the notes for cash at any time. Holders may require us to repurchase the notes on April 1, 2014 or 2019. The repurchase price to settle any such put by the holders will equal the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and will be paid in cash.

FSP FAS 157-4, *Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions that Are Not Orderly*; FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, *Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*; and FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, *Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments*, became effective prospectively on April 1, 2009. FSP FAS 157-4 and FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1 modify the accounting guidance for determining fair value of financial instruments under distressed market conditions and expand the related disclosures. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2

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revises the recognition and measurement requirements for other-than-temporary impairment losses on debt securities and expands the related disclosures. Our adoption of these FSPs did not have a material effect on our 2009 condensed consolidated financial statements. See the Investments section above for additional discussion of our adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2.

The FASB has issued Statement No. 165, *Subsequent Events*, which establishes standards to account for and disclose events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or available to be issued. We adopted SFAS 165 as of June 30, 2009 and included the required disclosures in our condensed consolidated financial statements.

The FASB has issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles - A Replacement of FASB Statement No. 162*. SFAS 168 specifies that, effective July 1, 2009, the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) became the single authoritative source of U.S. GAAP. SEC rules and interpretive releases are the only other source of U.S. GAAP for SEC registrants. Although Codification renames and renumbers all previous accounting literature, it does not change current U.S. GAAP. We do not expect our future usage of Codification to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Policies

We have made no changes in our methods of application of our critical accounting policies from the information provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, except as described above in the sections Investments and Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009 as they relate to other-than-temporary impairments on investments and in the sections Valuation of Goodwill and Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2009 as they relate to valuation of goodwill.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in market risk from the information provided in Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Act)) that are designed to ensure that required information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required timeframe, as specified in rules set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Our management, with the participation of our CEO and CFO, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2009. Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2009.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the second quarter of 2009, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**Part II Other Information****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are a party to lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings that arise in the normal course of our business. Many of such lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings involve claims under policies that we underwrite as an insurer or reinsurer, the liabilities for which, we believe, have been adequately included in our loss reserves. Also, from time to time, we are a party to lawsuits, arbitrations and other proceedings that relate to disputes with third parties, or that involve alleged errors and omissions on the part of our subsidiaries. We have provided accruals for these items to the extent we deem the losses probable and reasonably estimable. Although the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time, based on present information, the availability of insurance coverage and advice received from our outside legal counsel, we believe the resolution of any such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes in our risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 21, 2009, we held our 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. At such time, the following items were submitted to a vote of shareholders through the solicitation of proxies.

a. Election of Directors

The following persons were elected to serve on the Board of Directors until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The Directors received the votes next to their respective names.

| Name | For | Votes withheld |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Frank J. Bramanti | 103,411,067 | 778,831 |
| Walter M. Duer | 102,557,518 | 1,632,380 |
| Edward H. Ellis, Jr. | 97,671,666 | 6,518,232 |
| James C. Flagg, Ph.D. | 101,528,456 | 2,661,442 |
| Thomas M. Hamilton | 98,235,997 | 5,953,901 |
| John N. Molbeck, Jr. | 103,142,790 | 1,047,108 |
| James E. Oesterreicher | 98,851,068 | 5,338,830 |
| Robert A. Rosholt | 102,472,690 | 1,717,208 |
| Christopher Williams | 98,856,329 | 5,333,569 |
| Scott W. Wise | 102,437,309 | 1,752,589 |

b. Ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Shareholders were requested to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2009. Such appointment was approved by the shareholders, who voted as follows: 103,317,227 shares in favor, 838,935 against, and 33,738 abstained.

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Item 6. Exhibits

a. Exhibits

- A3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 23, 1996 and May 21, 1998, respectively.
- B3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., as amended.
- C10.1 Employment Agreement between William T. Whamond and HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., effective May 1, 2009.
- D10.2 Separation Agreement between Frank J. Bramanti and HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., effective May 5, 2009.
- D10.3 Employment Agreement between John N. Molbeck, Jr. and HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., effective May 5, 2009.
- E10.4 Form of Amendment to Non-Employee Director Stock Option Agreement dated effective as of May 21, 2009.
- E10.5 Amendment to Stock Option Agreements dated effective as of May 20, 2009 by and between HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and Frank J. Bramanti.
- E10.6 HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan for John N. Molbeck, Jr., effective May 5, 2009.
- 10.7 Form of Indemnification Agreement between HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and each Director and Executive Officer of the Company.
- 31.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer.
- 32 Certification with Respect to Quarterly Report
- A Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-61687) filed August 17, 1998.
- B Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. s Form 8-K filed April 3, 2008.
- C Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. s Form 8-K filed April 29, 2009.
- D Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. s Form 8-K filed May 6, 2009.
- E Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. s Form 8-K filed May 26, 2009.

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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.

HCC Insurance Holdings,
Inc.

(Registrant)

August 7,
2009

/s/ John N. Molbeck, Jr.

(Date)

John N. Molbeck, Jr.,
President and Chief
Executive Officer

August 7,
2009

/s/ Pamela J. Penny

(Date)

Pamela J. Penny,
Executive Vice President
and
Chief Accounting Officer

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