

**THE LONDON AND OVERSEAS INSURANCE  
COMPANY LIMITED**  
(in Scheme of Arrangement)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended 31 December 2006**

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# **The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited**

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## **Directors and advisers**

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# **The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited**

## **(in Scheme of Arrangement)**

### **Directors' report**

#### **for the year ended 31 December 2006**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006.

### **Principal activities and significant events**

The Company wrote Marine and Aviation insurance. It ceased underwriting activities on 30 September 1992, but continues to run-off its insurance operation.

As a consequence of deterioration on claims reserves, the Company's intermediate parent company provided funding for claims payments from 15 December 1993 until 21 October 1994, when the Company and its immediate parent company, OIC Run-Off Limited (formerly the Orion Insurance Company PLC) (collectively "the OIC Group") were placed under the control of Joint Provisional Liquidators.

As described in note 13(c), on 30 June 1995 the OIC Group entered into an arrangement with Nationale – Nederlanden Overseas Finance and Investment Company Unlimited ("NNOFIC") whereby certain claims payments have been made in full. As at the balance sheet date, total claims paid under this arrangement amounted to US\$13,725,000.

As described in note 20, the OIC Group entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with effect from 7 March 1997. On 15 September 1997 an Initial Payment Percentage of 15% of creditors' Established Liabilities was approved by the Creditors' Committee. Subsequent increases in the Payment Percentage have been approved by the Creditors' Committee on a regular basis, with the current level of 45% being approved on 26 January 2006.

As part of running off its insurance operations, the Company continues to carry on investment activities in relation to the assets under its control.

### **Future prospects of the Company**

Due to the nature of some of the risks underwritten, the ultimate liability of the Group remains subject to uncertainty. However, proposals are being prepared for an amending Scheme of Arrangement to be issued to the creditors. This will seek to provide a once and for all cut-off of the liabilities of the Group. In the meantime the Group will continue to run-off the business.

### **Financial risk**

The Company is exposed to financial risk, through its financial assets and technical provisions. The key financial risk is that proceeds from financial assets are not sufficient to fund current and future claims.

The most important components of these risks are; timing and valuation risk in relation to technical provisions, and interest rate, currency, credit and liquidity risk in relation to financial assets. The Company manages these risks by:

- Appointing specialist claims handlers who perform the day-to-day monitoring of its insurance liabilities and reinsurance assets.
- Regularly reviewing the credit worthiness of its re-insurers.
- Appointing external actuaries to assess adequacy of reserves.

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## **Directors' report (continued)**

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### **Financial risk (continued)**

- Reviewing cash flow requirements to ensure its liquidity needs are met.
- Matching foreign currency liabilities with corresponding currency assets to minimise the impact of movements in foreign exchange rates.
- Appointing third party investment managers with a view to ensuring the best possible returns on investments and minimising impact of movements in interest

### **Directors and directors' interests in shares of the Company**

The names of the directors of the Company are shown on page 1 and, unless otherwise indicated, these directors held office throughout the year.

Neither of the directors (or their families) have any interests in the shares of the Company.

No director is recorded in the register required to be kept pursuant to Section 325 of the Companies Act 1985 as having any interest in the share capital of the Company's holding company or of any of the Company's fellow subsidiary companies.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements. The directors have chosen to prepare the accounts for the Company in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare such financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period and comply with UK GAAP and the Companies Act 1985. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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## **Directors' report (continued)**

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### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the directors of the Company holding office at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

- 1) so far as each of the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- 2) so far as each of the directors are aware they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of S.234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

### **Auditors**

Pursuant to a members' resolution, the Company is not obliged to reappoint auditors and Deloitte & Touche LLP will therefore continue in office.

### **By order of the board**



P. A. B. Evans  
Director

# **Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited**

## **(in Scheme of Arrangement)**

We have audited the financial statements of The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement) for the year ended 31 December 2006, which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 20. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

# **Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement) (continued)**

## **Qualified opinion arising from omission of disclosures**

As explained in note 5, the financial statements do not provide the disclosure required by The Companies Act 1985 (Insurance Companies Accounts) Regulations 1993 in respect of the analysis of debtors and creditors between reinsurance and direct business. In addition, under Financial Reporting Standard 5 "Reporting the Substance of Transactions" the Company is required to report their broker balances on a gross basis, according to the principal involved. The Company has not complied fully with this disclosure requirement. In respect of these matters the Company has not complied with Section 221 of The Companies Act 1985.

Except for the Company's partial non-disclosure of broker balances on a gross basis, by principal and the omission of analysis of debtors and creditors between reinsurance and direct business as outlined in note 5, in our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

## **Emphasis of matter - significant uncertainties**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to the disclosures made in note 15 of the financial statements concerning the significant uncertainties regarding the outcome of the following:

- the ultimate cost of claims, including North American liability claims, such as environmental pollution and asbestos claims, which have been included in the Company's technical provisions and new sources or types of claims which might emerge; and
- the ultimate amount recoverable by the Company from reinsurers in respect of gross claims.

These matters, taken together or individually, give rise to significant uncertainty and their resolution may result in material, but presently unquantifiable, adjustments to the financial statements as presented.

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*

Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
London

Date: 4 October 2007

**The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited**  
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**Profit and loss account**  
**Technical account - general business**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2006**

**Discontinued operations**

	Note	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
<b>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</b>			
Gross premiums written		28	17
Outwards reinsurance premiums		(781)	(22)
<b>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</b>		<u>( 753)</u>	<u>( 5)</u>
<b>Claims incurred, net of reinsurance</b>			
Gross claims paid		(1,319)	(2,211)
Change in outstanding claims agreed		(19,190)	(4,357)
Gross claims agreed		(20,509)	(6,568)
Reinsurance recoverable		85,437	1,315
<b>Net claims agreed</b>		<u>64,928</u>	<u>(5,253)</u>
<b>Change in technical provisions</b>			
Gross amount		30,347	(5,526)
Reinsurers' share		(84,374)	8,133
<b>Change in net technical provisions</b>		<u>(54,027)</u>	<u>2,607</u>
<b>Claims incurred, net of reinsurance</b>		<u>10,901</u>	<u>(2,646)</u>
<b>Net operating expenses</b>	9	<u>(26,201)</u>	<u>3,514</u>
<b>Balance on the technical account – general business</b>		<u>(16,053)</u>	<u>863</u>

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**Profit and loss account**  
**Non-technical account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2006**

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Balance on the technical account - general business	(16,053)	863
Investment income	9,658	5,127
Other income	209	-
Foreign currency exchange differences	(10,830)	12,606
	(17,016)	18,596
Movement in provision for policyholder liabilities assumed under an intra-group guarantee	88,303	(1,412)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before and after taxation and profit for the year</b>	<b><u>71,287</u></b>	<b><u>17,184</u></b>

A statement of movements on reserves is given in note 17.

The Company ceased underwriting activities on 30 September 1992. Although the Company continues to trade, all of the results of the operations arise from discontinued activities.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses for the current and preceding year other than those which are included in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses are presented.

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**Balance sheet**  
at 31 December 2006

	Notes	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Investments	12	233,561	162,751
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	14	128,218	237,957
<b>Debtors</b>			
Debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations	5	32,238	28,158
Other debtors		-	-
		<u>32,238</u>	<u>28,158</u>
<b>Other assets</b>			
Cash at bank		1,316	1,022
<b>Accrued income</b>		<u>1,299</u>	<u>927</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>396,632</u>	<u>430,815</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	16	10,850	10,850
Accumulated losses	17	(1,517,932)	(1,589,219)
<b>Equity shareholders' deficit</b>		<u>(1,507,082)</u>	<u>(1,578,369)</u>
<b>Technical provisions</b>	14	1,219,787	1,350,124
<b>Creditors</b>			
Creditors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations (including claims agreed)	5	482,270	474,173
Deposits received from reinsurers		337	170
Amounts due to group companies	13(a)	201,291	184,707
		<u>683,898</u>	<u>659,050</u>
<b>Accrued expenses</b>		<u>29</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>396,632</u>	<u>430,815</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 21 were approved by the board of directors on 3 October 2007 and signed on their behalf by



P. A. B. Evans  
Director

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## **Notes to the accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2006

### **1. Financial statements reporting currency**

The financial statements have been presented in US Dollars, which is the functional currency in which transactions are undertaken. The relevant US Dollar - Sterling exchange rates are as follows:

	Year-end rate
31 December 2006	1.9573
31 December 2005	1.7168

### **2. Principal accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies applied by the Company are set out below and are consistent with those applied in the previous year.

#### **(a) Disclosure requirements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom, except for the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard 5 regarding the presentation of broker balances on a gross basis as explained in note 5. Except as outlined in note 5, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 255A and Schedule 9A of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business issued in December 2005 by the Association of British Insurers (The ABI SORP).

The financial statements have been prepared on a basis appropriate for a company in run-off and are subject to a number of significant uncertainties which are set out in note 15.

#### **(b) Run-off of the business**

The Company is in run-off having ceased all underwriting activities on 30 September 1992. The Company was placed into provisional liquidation on 21 October 1994 and entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with effect from 7 March 1997. The Company's policy is to provide for the administrative and claims handling costs of running off the business to the extent that they are expected to exceed future investment income. Meaningful segmental analysis is not available due to the run-off nature of the business.

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## **Notes to the accounts (continued)**

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### **2. Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(c) Basis of accounting for insurance business**

As a company in run-off, the financial statements have been prepared after accruing for all future premiums, claims and reinsurance recoveries.

#### **(d) Premiums**

Written premiums are stated gross of commissions payable to intermediaries and exclusive of taxes and duties levied on premiums.

Outward reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting period as the premiums for the related direct or inwards reinsurance business.

#### **(e) Claims incurred**

Claims incurred comprise claims agreed, claims payments and external settlement expense payments made in the financial year and the movement in the provisions for outstanding claims and settlement expenses, including claims incurred but not reported, net of salvage and subrogation recoveries.

Outwards reinsurance recoveries are accounted for in the same accounting period as the claims for the related direct or inwards reinsurance business being reinsured.

#### **(f) Claims outstanding**

Provision is made for outstanding claims and settlement expenses incurred at the balance sheet date including an estimate for the ultimate cost of claims incurred but not reported at that date. Included in the provision is an estimate of the external costs of handling the outstanding claims.

#### **(g) Investments**

Listed investments are shown at market value.

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## **Notes to the accounts (continued)**

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### **2. Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(h) Investment income**

All investment income is recognised in the non-technical account.

Investment income comprises interest and dividends, exclusive of tax credit, net rents, realised gains and losses on investments and the amortisation of fixed interest securities. Interest and net rents are dealt with on an accruals basis and dividends are included on an ex-dividend basis.

Realised gains or losses represent the difference between the net sale proceeds and purchase price.

Interest payable and expenses incurred in the management of investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Unrealised gains or losses represent the difference between the valuation of investments at the balance sheet date and their purchase price. The movement in unrealised investment gains and losses therefore includes the reversal of previously recognised unrealised gains and losses on investments disposed of in the current period.

#### **(i) Foreign currency**

Transactions in currencies other than US Dollars and monetary assets and liabilities are translated to US Dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences are taken to the non technical account in the year in which they arise.

#### **(j) Taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax. The exception to this is that deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### **(k) Cash flow statement**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of OIC Run-Off Limited and the cash flows of the Company are included in that company's consolidated cash flow statement. Consequently the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) "Cash Flow Statements" from producing a cash flow statement.

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### **3. Basis of reserving**

As stated in note 2(f), the Company sets its provision for claims outstanding based on the estimated ultimate cost of all claims notified but not settled by the balance sheet date, together with the provision for related claims handling costs and net of salvage and subrogation recoveries. The provision also includes the estimated cost of claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) at the balance sheet date based on statistical methods.

The adequacy of the claims outstanding provisions is assessed by reference to actuarial projections of the ultimate development of claims in respect of each accident year.

Asbestos and pollution IBNR claims have been calculated using exposure models. The ultimate claims, defined as the total payments from each loss until final settlement of the liability, have been estimated. The IBNR reserves are then calculated as the difference between ultimate claims and the total of paid claims to date and booked outstanding claims. Non – APH IBNR claims are calculated using net of reinsurance statistics, as in some cases gross statistics are not available. The gross IBNR has been calculated by applying the ratio of gross to net notified outstanding claims to the net projected IBNR claims, in the absence of gross IBNR statistics.

The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly.

Whilst the directors consider that the gross provision for claims and the related recoveries are fairly stated on the basis of the information currently available to them, there is inherent uncertainty in relation to the insurance industry by its nature. Significant delays might occur in the notification of certain claims and a substantial measure of experience and judgement is involved in assessing outstanding liabilities, the ultimate cost of which cannot be known with certainty at the balance sheet date. In particular, estimates of technical provisions inevitably contain inherent significant uncertainties because extensive periods of time may elapse between the occurrence of an insured loss, the claim triggering the insurance under a claims-made coverage, the reporting of that claim to the Company and the Company's payment of the claim and the receipt of reinsurance recoveries. This uncertainty is such that the ultimate liability, which will vary as a result of subsequent information and events, may result in adjustments to the amount provided. Adjustments to the amount of the provisions are reflected in the financial statements for the period in which the adjustments are made.

In addition, the Company is exposed to significant issues causing uncertainties which are greater than normal, as explained in note 15.

### **4. Prior years' claims provisions**

Material over/(under) provisions for claims at the beginning of the year as compared with net payments and provisions at the end of the year in respect of prior years' claims are as follows:

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Environmental pollution and asbestos	3,012	(4,502)
Other direct and reinsurance risks	7,888	1,856
	<u>10,900</u>	<u>(2,646)</u>

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### **Notes to the accounts (continued)**

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#### **5. Debtors and creditors**

Before the Company entered provisional liquidation, it derived its business from underwriting both direct and inwards reinsurance. Under the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 (Insurance Companies Accounts) Regulations 1993, the Company is required to disclose amounts due to and from policyholders, intermediaries and reinsurers analysed between those arising from direct and reinsurance business.

In the past the Company has not maintained its accounting records in such a way as to make extraction of this information readily available, although this would be possible if sufficient time and resource were made available. As the Company is now in a Scheme of Arrangement, the directors do not consider these disclosures to be fundamental to the financial statements, and have not given them on the grounds of the additional resource required to extract this information.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 5 "Reporting the Substance of Transactions" the Company is required to report its transactions with brokers, including debtor and creditor balances, on a gross basis, according to the principal involved. In May 1997 a principal to principal ledger was put in place and is now receiving data from the broker-based system for this purpose. However, it will take time to populate fully the principal to principal ledger. Accordingly, only a proportion of the Company's debtor and creditor balances as at 31 December 2006 are stated on a gross basis.

#### **6. Staff costs**

The Company incurs no staff costs, as all staff dealing with the affairs of the Company are employed by Whittington Insurance Services Limited, which is remunerated by a management fee.

#### **7. Directors' remuneration**

The current directors Messrs. P.A.B. Evans and D.Y. Schwarzmenn were both partners in PricewaterhouseCoopers as at 31 December 2006, and receive no remuneration from the Company. PricewaterhouseCoopers are in receipt of fees for the provision of services to the Scheme Administrators.

#### **8. Provision against balances due from immediate parent company OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)**

Full provision has been made against balances due from OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement), the Company's immediate parent company, following the appointment of Joint Provisional Liquidators. This year there was no movement in the provision (2005: no movement in the provision).

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**9. Net operating expenses**

Operating expenses have been charged directly to the technical account - general business.

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Net operating expenses	26,201	(3,514)

Included in the charge for management expenses are the following expenses, exclusive of VAT:

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	82	70

The bad debt provision as at 31 December 2006 was US\$62,861,000 (2005: US\$38,134,000). Of this amount US\$26,790,000 (2005: US\$28,159,000) was provided within debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations, and US\$36,071,000 (2005: US\$9,975,000) was provided within technical provisions. Of the amounts provided within debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations, US\$25,633,000 (2005: US\$25,289,000) is a specific provision and US\$1,157,000 (2005: US\$2,870,000) is a general provision. Of the amounts provided within technical provisions US\$3,756,000 (2005: US\$1,041,000) is a specific provision and US\$32,315,000 (2005: US\$8,934,000) is a general provision.

No staff costs are incurred by the Company, because no staff are employed directly by the Company.

**10. Run-off expenses and claims handling expenses**

The estimated costs of running off the business, including claims handling costs have been considered for the period to 31 December 2015. It is anticipated that, over this period, investment income will exceed such costs. Accordingly, no provision has been made for run-off costs.

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### 11. Taxation

(a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
The charge based on the profit for the year comprises:		
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
<b>Tax on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	71,287	17,184
Tax thereon at 30%	21,386	5,155
Other permanent differences	(21,386)	(5,155)
<b>Total current tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### (c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

Tax losses, estimated at the standard UK rate of tax of 30%, of US\$73,300,000 (2005: US\$74,400,000) are available to offset against the Company's taxable profits in future periods. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of these losses as, due to the uncertainty of future profits, it is not known if and when these losses will reverse. There are no deferred tax liabilities. Following an agreement with the Inland Revenue, the company is taxed on the basis of 25% of the OIC group consolidated profits.

### 12. Investments

	2006 Market value US\$'000	2006 Cost US\$'000	2005 Market value US\$'000	2005 Cost US\$'000
Deposits with credit institutions	233,561	233,561	162,751	162,751

Included in deposit accounts with credit institutions are deposits of US\$389,000 (2005: US\$396,000) supporting letters of credit providing security for certain overseas reinsureds.

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## Notes to the accounts (continued)

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### 13. Group balances

(a)	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
<b>Amounts due to group companies</b>		
Intermediate parent company		
NNOFIC	180,824	163,752
OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)	20,467	20,955
	<u>201,291</u>	<u>184,707</u>

- (b) As a result of continuing deterioration in claims reserves Internationale-Nederlanden Verzekeringen NV ('INV') provided funding for gross claims payments made from 15 December 1993, with effect from 1 February 1994. The value of this funding, which was in the form of an unsecured interest free intercompany loan from Nationale-Nederlanden Overseas Finance and Investment Company Unlimited ('NNOFIC'), a subsidiary of INV, and intermediate parent of the Company, amounted to US\$35,423,000. The funding ceased on 21 October 1994, and the Company and its immediate parent company, OIC Run-Off Limited, were placed into provisional liquidation.

An amount of US\$4,691,000 due to OIM Limited (a fellow subsidiary company) at 31 December 1995 was assigned by this company to NNOFIC during 1996.

The above amounts totalling US\$40,114,000, currently included in amounts due to NNOFIC, have been subordinated to the Established Liabilities of all other Scheme Creditors, as defined in the Proposal document for the Scheme of Arrangement. This subordination became effective on 7 March 1997, the effective date of the Scheme of Arrangement.

- (c) On 30 June 1995, the Company and its immediate parent company entered an arrangement with The Institute of London Underwriters ('ILU'), now the International Underwriters Association, and NNOFIC, in respect of certain liabilities included in technical provisions arising on policies signed and issued by the members of ILU and incepting on or after 20th March 1969 in respect of the Company and on or after 28 August 1970 in respect of its immediate parent company. Certain claims payments have been made by the Company and its immediate parent company since 30 June 1995 using funds loaned to the Company and its immediate parent company by NNOFIC. As at the balance sheet date, total claims paid by the Company were US\$13,725,000, the claims paid by NNOFIC under this arrangement amounted to US\$191,272,000 of which US\$10,755,000 is the Company's portion, and the balance of US\$180,518,000 comprises the funding provided to its immediate parent company OIC Run-Off Limited. Under the agreement, the loan from NNOFIC ranks as a policyholder liability and falls under the intra-group guarantee (see note 14).

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**14. Technical provisions**

	<b>Gross US\$'000</b>	<b>Reinsurance US\$'000</b>	<b>Net US\$'000</b>
<b>At 31 December 2006</b>			
Notified outstanding claims	48,888	40,774	8,114
Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims	189,660	123,515	66,145
Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance	-	(36,071)	36,071
	<u>238,548</u>	<u>128,218</u>	<u>110,330</u>
Additional provision for immediate parent company's policyholder liabilities assumed under an intra-group guarantee	981,239	-	981,239
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>1,219,787</b></u>	<u><b>128,218</b></u>	<u><b>1,091,569</b></u>
<b>At 31 December 2005</b>			
Notified outstanding claims	68,601	65,424	3,177
Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims	198,415	182,508	15,907
Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance	-	(9,975)	9,975
	<u>267,016</u>	<u>237,957</u>	<u>29,059</u>
Additional provision for immediate parent company's policyholder liabilities assumed under an intra-group guarantee	1,083,108	-	1,083,108
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>1,350,124</b></u>	<u><b>237,957</b></u>	<u><b>1,112,167</b></u>

The Company has given a guarantee in favour of the policyholder liabilities of its immediate parent company, OIC Run-Off Limited. Under this guarantee, any amounts paid by the Company in respect of its immediate parent company's liabilities are recoverable only after all policyholder liabilities have been met.

Following the provisional liquidation of OIC Run-Off Limited, the directors consider that this guarantee has crystallised. The technical provisions of the Company therefore include the Company's own policyholder liabilities and provision for the total liabilities of its immediate parent company before taking account of the available assets of the immediate parent company.

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### **15. Significant uncertainties**

The financial statements of the Company reflect the following significant uncertainties:

#### **a) Ultimate gross technical provisions**

There is considerable uncertainty surrounding the ultimate cost of claims including environmental pollution and asbestos claims, most of which are subject to litigation and are being resisted by the Company. The Company is also vulnerable to new sources or types of claims. The ultimate cost of these claims cannot be known with certainty.

Technical provisions include the following amounts in respect of environmental pollution and asbestos claims:

- (i) all known outstanding environmental pollution and asbestos claims based on lawyers' advices and lawyers' reserve potentials. The net amount included in technical provisions at 31 December 2006 in respect of such environmental pollution and asbestos claims, after reinsurance recoveries of US\$36,330,000 (2005: US\$57,402,000) is US\$240,959,000 (2005: US\$278,302,000);
- (ii) a provision for incurred but not reported ('IBNR') claims of US\$768,619,000 (2005: US\$757,615,000) net of reinsurance, and US\$892,114,000 (2005: US\$939,925,000) gross of reinsurance, based on professional advice and a broad projection of observed developments to date; and
- (iii) a provision of US\$35,091,000 (2005: US\$9,645,000) for potential irrecoverable reinsurance.

In total, the net amount included in respect of environmental pollution and asbestos claims in technical provisions is US\$1,044,669,000 (2005: US\$1,045,562,000). This figure includes US\$938,477,000 (2005: US\$1,019,128,000) in respect of the policyholder liabilities of the immediate parent company assumed under an intra-group guarantee (see note 14).

#### **b) Reinsurance recoveries and bad debt provision**

The directors have recognised recoveries due from claims on the Company's reinsurers. Amounts of US\$128,218,000 (2005: US\$237,957,000) are included in reinsurers' share of technical provisions and US\$32,238,000 (2005: US\$28,158,000) are included in debtors. These amounts are net of provisions against amounts due from reinsurers whose solvency may be in doubt and who may ultimately be unable to pay in full of US\$36,071,000 (2005: US\$9,975,000) and US\$26,790,000 (2005: US\$28,159,000) respectively.

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**15. Significant uncertainties (continued)**

**b) Reinsurance recoveries and bad debt provision (continued)**

The reinsurance recoveries figures above are affected by the following significant uncertainties:

- (i) as a result of the insolvency of certain of the Company's reinsurers, and because the Company are currently unable to fully identify reinsurance offsets, there remains material uncertainty as to the amount which will be recovered from these reinsurers; and
- (ii) the Company has a complex reinsurance programme, the recoveries under which depend on a number of factors including the size of individual claims. Until these gross claims amounts are known with certainty, the Company are unable to identify the extent to which there is possible exhaustion of vertical and horizontal reinsurance covers.

**16. Called up share capital**

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000
Ordinary shares of 25p each:		
Authorised: 100,000,000 (2005: 100,000,000)	38,750	38,750
Called up, allotted and fully paid: 28,000,000 (2005: 28,000,000)	10,850	10,850

**17. Statement of movements on reserves**

	Accumulated losses US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2006	(1,589,219)
Profit for the year	71,287
Balance at 31 December 2006	(1,517,932)

**18. FSA Returns**

The FSA has issued to the Company in March 2003 a waiver under section 148 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 providing that Rule 9.3 of the Interim Prudential Sourcebook for insurers should be modified in its application to the Company so that the requirements under Rule 9.3 shall be satisfied by the Company preparing audited statutory accounts in accordance with part 1 of the Schedule 9A to the Companies Act 1985.

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### **19. Related party transactions**

- (a) The Company's immediate parent company, OIC Run-Off Limited, acts as a collecting agent for part of the Company's brokers' ledger.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed by FRS 8 not to disclose related party transactions with OIC Run-Off Limited.

- (b) The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of OIC Run-Off Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. ING Groep NV, a company incorporated in The Netherlands, is the ultimate holding company. The results of the Company have not been consolidated in the ultimate parent company's financial statements.
- (c) The Company and its immediate parent company were placed under the control of Joint Provisional Liquidators P. A. B. Evans and R. Boys-Stones on 21 October 1994. Mr. Evans and Mr. Boys-Stones were partners in PricewaterhouseCoopers, the firm which provided the services relating to the provisional liquidation of the Company and its immediate parent company.
- (d) With effect from 7 March 1997, the Joint Provisional Liquidator ceased to act and the Company and its immediate parent company entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with their creditors. P. A. B. Evans and D.Y. Schwarzmahn are the Joint Scheme Administrators of the Company and its immediate parent company. The Scheme provides that the Scheme Administrators shall, in relation to the Company and its immediate parent company, manage the run-off of their business, realise their assets and apply them for the benefit of its creditors, supervise and ensure the carrying out of the Scheme, and gives them the power in the name and on behalf of the Company and its immediate parent company to manage their affairs, business and property. During the year ended 31 December 2006, PricewaterhouseCoopers' fees for services provided to the Company amounted to US\$202,000 (2005: US\$154,000) excluding VAT.
- (e) As explained in note 13(c), certain claims are paid by the Company using funds loaned by NNOFIC, a subsidiary of the Company's ultimate holding company. The amount paid during the year under this agreement was US\$726,000 (2005: US\$1,217,000).

### **20. Scheme of Arrangement**

The Company and its immediate parent company entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with effect from 7 March 1997. Details of the Scheme of Arrangement were sent to creditors and shareholders in a Proposal document dated 20 November 1996. This document should be referred to by creditors of the Company and its immediate parent company. On 15 September 1997 an Initial Payment Percentage of 15% of creditors' Established Liabilities was approved by the Creditors' Committee. Subsequent increases in the Payment Percentage have been approved by the Creditors' Committee on a regular basis, with the current level of 45% being approved on 26 January 2006.