Registered No: 256100

OIC RUN-OFF LIMITED (in Scheme of Arrangement)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2004

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Pages
Directors and advisers	1
Directors' report	2 - 3
Report of the independent auditors	4 - 5
Consolidated profit and loss account - Technical account	6
Consolidated profit and loss account - Non-technical account	7
Consolidated balance sheet	8 - 9
Balance sheet of the Company	10
Consolidated cashflow statement	11
Notes to the accounts	12 - 27

and its subsidiary company

Directors and advisers

Directors P. A. B. Evans

D. Y. Schwarzmann

Secretary and registered office D. Y. Schwarzmann

PricewaterhouseCoopers

12 Plumtree Court

London EC4A 4HT

Registered Auditors Deloitte & Touche LLP

London

Scheme Administrators P. A. B. Evans and D. Y. Schwarzmann

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Plumtree Court

London EC4A 4HT

Solicitors Lovells

Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct

London EC1A 2FG

Bankers Barclays Bank PLC

54 Lombard Street

London EC3V 9EX

and its subsidiary company

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2004

The directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Principal activities and significant events

OIC Run-Off Limited and its subsidiary company, The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited ("the Group") wrote non-life insurance and reinsurance business predominantly in the UK market. 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 Group's parent company provided funding for claims payments from 15 December 1993 until 21 October 1994, when the Group was placed under the control of Joint Provisional Liquidators.

As described in note 12(c), on 30 June 1995 the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary entered an arrangement with 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\$192,581,000.

As described in note 22, the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary 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 an annual basis, with the current level of 45% being approved on 26 January 2005.

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

Future prospects of the Group

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.

and its subsidiary company

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

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 or of the Company's subsidiary.

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 ultimate holding company or of any of the Company's fellow subsidiary companies.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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 the Group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the Group's system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of Group, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

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

By order of the board

P. A. B. Evans Director

Report of the independent auditors to the members of OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)

We have audited the financial statements of OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement) for the year ended 31 December 2004, which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 22. 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 that 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

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

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 if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if 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 transactions with the Company and other members of the Group is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards 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 judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's and the Group'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.

Basis of preparation

We draw your attention to note 2(a) which explains that the financial statements have been prepared on a basis appropriate for a Group in run-off.

Report of the independent auditors to the members of OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)

Fundamental uncertainties

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 14 to the financial statements concerning the fundamental uncertainties regarding the outcome of the following:

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

Our opinion is not qualified in respect of the above matters.

Qualified opinion arising from omission of disclosures

As explained in note 11, 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 the Group and Company are required to report their broker balances on a gross basis, according to the principal involved. The Group and Company have not complied fully with this disclosure requirement. In respect of these matters the Group and Company have not complied with Section 221 of The Companies Act 1985.

Except for the Group's and Company's partial non-disclosure of broker balances on a gross basis, by principal, as explained in note 11, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Company at 31 December 2004 and of the Group's loss, for the year then ended and, except for the omission of analysis of debtors and creditors between reinsurance and direct business as outlined in note 11, have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London

Date: 25 Ochse 2005

Consolidated profit and loss account Technical account - general business for the year ended 31 December 2004

Discontinued operations

	Notes	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance Gross premiums written Outward reinsurance premiums		328 (882)	702 (375)
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance		(554)	327
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance Gross claims paid Change in outstanding claims agreed Gross claims agreed		(20,952) (21,087) ————————————————————————————————————	(132,004) 93,220 (38,784)
Reinsurance recoverable		32,793	(61,300)
Net claims agreed		(9,246)	(100,084)
Change in technical provisions Gross amount Reinsurers' share		106,530 (76,009)	215,700 (151,909)
Change in net technical provisions		30,521	63,791
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance		21,275	(36,293)
Net operating expenses	7	(66,466)	(37,964)
Balance on the technical account - general business		(45,745)	(73,930)

Consolidated profit and loss account Non-technical account for the year ended 31 December 2004

		2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Balance on the technical account - general business Investment income Profit on realisation of investments Net unrealised profit/(loss) on investments Other income Other charges Foreign currency revaluation		(45,745) 34,265 549 7,732 506 17 1,232	(73,930) 15,761 28,341 (21,281) 612 (2,234) 4,673
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,444)	(48 ,O 58)
Group relief recovery	9	12,064	
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		10,620	(48, O 58)

A statement of movements on reserves is given in note 16.

The Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary ceased all underwriting activities on 30 September 1992. Although these companies continue to trade, all of the results of the operations arise from discontinued activities.

The Group have 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 is presented.

and its subsidiary company

Consolidated balance sheet

at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
ASSETS	110100	004 000	000
Investments Other financial investments	10(a)	707,554	651,643
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	13(a)	381,633	497,687
Debtors Debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations Deposits with ceding undertakings Other debtors	11	109,110 509 22,692 132,311	116,730 449 11,531 128,710
Other assets Cash at bank		4,551	7,386
Accrued income		5,777	4,399
Total assets		1,231,826	1,289,825

Consolidated balance sheet (continued) at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
LIABILITIES		·	
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Share premium Non-distributable reserves Accumulated losses	15 16 16 16	85,250 46,500 1,938 (1,032,259)	85,250 46,500 1,938 (1,042,879)
Equity shareholders' deficit		(898,571)	(909,191)
Technical provisions	3,13(a)	1,386,923	1,487,084
Creditors Creditors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations (including claims agreed) Deposits received from reinsurers	11	467,562 240	445,234 213
Amounts due to group companies Other creditors including taxation and social security	12(a)	273,036 945	264,563 881
		741,783	710,891
Accrued expenses		1,691	1,041
Total liabilities		1,231,826	1,289,825

The financial statements on pages 6 to 27 were approved by the board of directors on ${\it L}$ October 2005 and signed on their behalf by

P. A. B. Evans

Director

and its subsidiary company

Balance sheet of the Company

at 1	21	Do	cem	ho	r	20	N 4
ai .	7 I	110				ZU	\cdots

at 31 December 2004		2004	2003
	Notes	US\$'000	US\$'000
ASSETS			
Investments	40(-)	547 504	400, 400
Other financial investments	10(a)	547,581	498,469
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	13(b)	153,033	236,378
Debtors			
Debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance	11	79,097	91,973
operations Deposits with ceding undertakings	11	79,097 509	449
Other debtors		22,692	11,515
		102,298	103,937
Other assets			
Cash at bank		3,615	6,475
Accrued income		5,016	3,918
Total assets		811,543	849,177
LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	15	85,250	85,250
Share premium	16 16	46,500 (1,410,581)	46,500
Accumulated losses	16	(1,410,581)	(1,441,876)
Equity shareholders' deficit		(1,278,831)	(1,310,126)
Technical provisions	13(b)	1,386,923	1,487,084
Creditors			
Creditors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance	4.4	407.500	445.004
operations (including claims agreed)	11	467,562	445,234
Deposits received from reinsurers	12(a)	240 233,013	213 224,850
Amounts due to group companies Other creditors including taxation and social security	12(a)	945	881
		701,760	671,178
Accrued expenses		1,691	1,041
Total liabilities		811,543	849,177

The financial statements on pages 6 to 27 were approved by the board of directors on $\pmb{\varkappa}$ October 2005 and signed on their behalf by

P. A. B. Evans Director

Consolidated cashflow statement

for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	17	19,027	8,325
Taxation Group relief		12,064	-
Financing Funding provided by parent company		4,580	27,222
Cash available for investment		35,671	35,547
Cash flows were invested as follows :			
Decrease in cash holdings Increase in other financial investments	18 18	(2,770) 38,441	(3,898) 39,445
Net cash flows		35,671	35,547

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2004

1. Financial statements reporting currency

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

Y	ea	r-e	nd	rat	6
	u		ııu.	101	

31 December 2004	1.9199
31 December 2003	1.7901

2. Principal accounting policies

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

(a) Disclosure requirements

The consolidated 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 11. Except as outlined in note 11, the consolidated 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 November 2003 by the Association of British Insurers (The ABI SORP).

The financial statements have been prepared on a basis appropriate for a group in run-off and are subject to a number of fundamental uncertainties which are set out in note 14.

(b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated profit and loss account, balance sheet and cashflow statement include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking.

(c) Run-off of the business

The Group is in run-off having ceased all underwriting activities on 30 September 1992. The Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary were placed into provisional liquidation on 21 October 1994, and entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with effect from 7 March 1997. The Group'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.

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

2. Principal accounting policies (continued)

(d) Basis of accounting for insurance business

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

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) Claims outstanding

Provision is made for outstanding claims and settlement expenses incurred at the balance sheet date including an estimate for the 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.

(h) Investments

Listed investments are shown at market value.

(i) Investments – subsidiary undertaking

In the parent company's accounts, shares in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provisions for any impairment in value.

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

2. Principal accounting policies (continued)

(i) 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.

(k) 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.

(I) 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.

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

3. Basis of reserving

As stated in note 2, 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 Group is exposed to significant issues causing uncertainties which are greater than normal, as explained in note 14.

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:

	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Environmental pollution and asbestos Other Direct and Reinsurance Risks	(9,081) 30,356	(56,884) 20,591
	21,275	(36,293)

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

5. Staff costs

No staff costs are incurred by the Group, as all staff dealing with the affairs of the Group are employed by Omni Whittington Insurance Services Limited, which is remunerated by a management fee.

6. Directors' remuneration

The current directors Messrs. P.A.B. Evans and D.Y. Schwarzmann were both partners in PricewaterhouseCoopers as at 31 December 2004, and receive no remuneration from the Group. PricewaterhouseCoopers are in receipt of fees for the provision of services to the Scheme Administrators.

7. Net operating expenses

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

	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Management expenses Increase in bad debt provision	31,758 34,708	24,099 13,865
Net operating expenses	66,466	37,964

Management fees amounting to US\$16,902,000 (2003: US\$14,775,000) were paid to Omni Whittington Insurance Services Limited for providing run-off services to the Group.

The bad debt provision as at 31 December 2004 was US\$469,201,000 (2003: US\$434,493,000). Of this amount US\$109,618,000 (2003: US\$118,247,000) was provided within debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations, and US\$359,582,000 (2003: US\$316,246,000) was provided within technical provisions. Of the amounts provided within debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations, US\$99,885,000 (2003: US\$102,733,000) is a specific provision and US\$9,733,000 (2003: US\$15,514,000) is a general provision. Of the amounts provided within technical provisions US\$55,514,000 (2003: US\$59,743,000) is a specific provision and US\$304,069,000 (2003: US\$256,503,000) is a general provision.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

7. Net operating expenses (continued)

Included in management expenses are audit fees, excluding VAT, of:

	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
OIC Run-Off Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)	155	166
The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)	66	67

Remuneration of the Company's auditors for provision of non-audit services to the Company and its subsidiary undertakings was US\$nil (2003: US\$nil).

8. 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.

9. Taxation

(a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
The charge based on the profit for the year comprises: Current tax Group Relief Recovered Deferred tax	- (12,064) -	- - -
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(12,064)	-
(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(1,444)	(48,058)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax at 30% thereon Timing differences Other differences relating to general bad debt provision Utilisation of tax losses brought forward Unrecognised tax losses carried forward	(433) (5) 438	(14,417) (5) (18,646) - 33,068
Total current tax	-	_

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

9. Taxation (continued)

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

Tax losses, estimated at the standard UK rate of tax of 30%, of US\$277,300,000 (2003: US\$169,300,000) are available to offset against the group'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.

10. Investments

(a) Other financial investments

Group	2004 Market Value	2004 Cost	2003 Market value	2003 Cost
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Listed fixed interest securities	419,559	378,201	323,410	290,288
Deposits with credit institutions	287,995	287,995	328,233	328,233
	707,554	666,196	651,643	618,521
Company				
Listed fixed interest securities	419,559	378,201	323,410	290,288
Deposits with credit institutions	128,022	128,022	175,059	175,059
	547,581	506,223	498,469	465,347

Included in deposit accounts with credit institutions are deposits of US\$3,745,000 (2003: US\$6,229,000) supporting letters of credit providing security for certain overseas reinsureds.

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

10. Investments (continued)

(b) Investment in group undertaking

	2004	2003
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Shareholding in subsidiary company	8,913	8,913
Provision for impairment	(8,913)	(8,913)
·		
	-	-

Statement of investments in subsidiary company all of which are incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales:

Company	Identity of class of share	Proportion of nominal value %	Issued share capital US\$
The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)	Ordinary (one class)	100	10,850,000

The shareholding of US\$8,913,000 comprises The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited at valuation on 1 January 1972 of US\$1,163,000 plus the cost of additional shares acquired of US\$7,750,000. This company has a deficit on shareholders' equity and so the directors consider that a nil valuation is appropriate.

11. Debtors and creditors

Before the Group 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 Group and the Company are 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 Group 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 Group 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 the Group and Company are required to report their 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 Group's debtor and creditor balances as at 31 December 2004 are stated on a gross basis.

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

12. Group balances

	Gro	up	Company	
(a)	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Amounts due to group companies				
Intermediate parent company NNOFIC Subsidiary undertaking The London and Overseas Insurance	273,036	264,563	233,013	224,850
Company Limited (in Scheme of Arrangement)		-	-	-
	273,036	264,563	233,013	224,850

(b) As a result of continuing deterioration in claims reserves, Internationale-Nederlanden Verzekeringen NV ('INV') provided funding for gross claims payments made from 15th 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\$146,394,000 (Company: US\$110,971,000). The funding ceased on 21 October 1994, and the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary, The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited, were placed into provisional liquidation.

An amount of US\$14,912,000 due to OIM Limited and Orion Insurance General Limited at 31 December 1995 was assigned by these companies to NNOFIC during 1996.

Amounts totalling US\$161,306,000, 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 wholly owned insurance subsidiary 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 ILU and incepting on or after 20 March 1969 in respect of its wholly owned insurance subsidiary and on or after 28 August 1970 in respect of the Company. Certain claims payments have been made by the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary since 30 June 1995 using funds loaned to the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary by NNOFIC. As at the balance sheet date, total claims paid by the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary were US\$192,581,000, the claims paid by NNOFIC under this arrangement amounted to US\$156,325,000 of which US\$147,608,000 is the Company's portion, and the balance of US\$8,717,000 comprises the funding provided to the wholly owned insurance subsidiary, The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited. Under the agreement, the loan from NNOFIC ranks as a policyholder liability and falls under the intra-group guarantee (see note 13(b)).

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2004

Technical provisions 13.

(a) Group	Gross	Reinsurance	Net
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
At 31 December 2004 Notified outstanding claims Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance	457,737	206,086	251,651
	929,186	535,130	394,056
	-	(359,583)	359,583
Total	1,386,923	381,633	1,005,290
At 31 December 2003 Notified outstanding claims Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance Total	428,532	255,009	173,523
	1,058,552	558,924	499,628
	-	(316,246)	316,246
	1,487,084	497,687	989,397
(b) Company	Gross	Reinsurance	Net
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
At 31 December 2004 Notified outstanding claims Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance	373,141 750,921	125,773 375,209 (347,949)	247,368 375,712 347,949
Additional provision for subsidiary undertaking's policyholder liabilities assumed under an intragroup guarantee	1,124,062 262,861	153,033	971,029 262,861
Total	1,386,923	153,033	1,233,890

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

13. Technical provisions (continued)

(b) Company (continued)	Gross US\$'000	Reinsurance US\$'000	Net US\$'000
At 31 December 2003			
Notified outstanding claims	346,219	168,104	178,115
Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims	852,444	372,229	480,215
Provision against potential irrecoverable reinsurance	<u> </u>	(303,955)	303,955
	1,198,663	236,378	962,285
Additional provision for subsidiary undertaking's policyholder liabilities assumed under an intra-			
group guarantee	288,421	· <u>-</u>	288,421
Total	1,487,084	236,378	1,250,706

The Company has given a guarantee in favour of the policyholder liabilities of its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited. Under this guarantee, any amounts paid by the Company in respect of its subsidiary's liabilities are recoverable only after all policyholder liabilities have been met.

Following the provisional liquidation of The London and Overseas Insurance Company 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 subsidiary undertaking before taking account of the available assets of the subsidiary undertaking.

14. Fundamental uncertainties

The financial statements of the Group and the Company reflect the following 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 Group. The Group 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:

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

14. Fundamental uncertainties (continued)

(a) Ultimate gross technical provisions (continued)

- (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 2004 in respect of such environmental pollution and asbestos claims, after reinsurance recoveries of US\$169,388,000 (Company: US\$97,151,000), is US\$208,864,000 (Company: US\$281,101,000);
- (ii) a provision for incurred but not reported claims of US\$379,597,000 (Company-: US\$538,857,000) net of reinsurance, and US\$910,899 (Company-: US\$910,899,000) gross of reinsurance, based on professional advice and a broad projection of observed developments to date; and
- (iii) a provision of US\$337,080,000 (Company-: US\$325,869,000) for potential irrecoverable reinsurance.

In total, the net amount included in respect of environmental pollution and asbestos claims in technical provisions is US\$925,541,000 (Company-: US\$1,145,827,000). The Company figures include US\$250,434,000 in respect of the policyholder liabilities of a wholly owned insurance subsidiary assumed under an intra-group guarantee (see note 13(b)).

(b) Reinsurance recoveries and bad debt provision

The directors have recognised recoveries due from claims on the Group's and Company's reinsurers. Amounts of US\$381,633,000 (Company-: US\$153,033,000) are included in reinsurers' share of technical provisions and US\$109,618,000 (Company-: US\$79,605,000) 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\$359,583,000 (Company-: US\$347,949,000) and US\$109,618,000 (Company-: US\$79,605,000) respectively.

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

- (i) as a result of the insolvency of certain of the Group's and Company's reinsurers, and because the Group and 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 Group 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 Group and Company are unable to identify the extent to which there is possible exhaustion of vertical and horizontal reinsurance covers.

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2004

Called up share capital 15

io. Canda ap onare capital	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Ordinary shares of 50p each:	·	·
Authorised-: 200,000,000 (2003: 200,000,000)	155,000	155,000
Called up, allotted and fully paid-: 110,000,000 (2003: 110,000,000)	<u>85,250</u>	85,250

Statement of movements on reserves 16.

	Share premium	Non- distributable reserve	Accumulated losses
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Group Balance at 1 January 2004 Profit for the year	46,500 -	1,938 -	(1,042,879) 10,620
Balance at 31 December 2004	46,500	1,938	(1,032,259)
Company Balance at 1 January 2004 Profit for the year	46,500	- 	(1,441,876) 31,295
Balance at 31 December 2004	46,500	-	(1,410,581)

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the parent company's profit and loss account has not been included in these accounts.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

17. Reconciliation of consolidated loss before and after tax to consolidated net cash inflow from operating activities

	2004 US\$'000	2003 US\$'000
Loss before taxation	(1,444)	(48,058)
Profit on realisation of investments	-	(28,341)
Net unrealised profit on investments	(7,732)	21,281
Decrease in amounts due from debtors	10,864	181,564
Increase in amounts due to creditors other than parent company		
funding	15,714	(66,560)
Increase in accrued income	(12,368)	(190)
Increase in accrued expenses	1,154	257
Increase in net Technical Provisions	12,839	(51,628)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	19,027	8,325

18. Movement in consolidated cash and portfolio investments

	Cash	Other financial	Total
	US\$'000	investments US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2004 Cash flow Changes to market values and currencies Balance at 31 December 2004	7,386 (2,770) (65) 4,551	651,643 38,441 17,470 707,554	659,029 35,671 17,405 712,105
	Cash US\$'000	Other financial investments US\$'000	Total US\$'000
	03\$ 000	03\$ 000	03\$ 000
Balance at 1 January 2003 Cash flow Changes to market values and currencies	10,462 (3,898) 822	615,815 39,445 (3,617)	626,277 35,547 (2,795)
Balance at 31 December 2003	7,386	651,643	659,029

and its subsidiary company

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2004

19. Lease commitments

The Company has no lease commitments.

20. 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.

21. Related parties

- (a) The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationale-Nederlanden (UK General) 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 and of the Group have not been consolidated in the ultimate parent company's financial statements.
- (b) The Group was 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 are partners in PricewaterhouseCoopers, the firm which provided services relating to the provisional liquidation of the Group.
- With effect from 7 March 1997, the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary (c) entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with their creditors. P. A. B. Evans and D. Y. Schwarzmann are the Scheme Administrators of the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary. The Scheme provides that the Scheme Administrators shall, in relation to the Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary, 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 wholly owned insurance subsidiary to manage their affairs, property. During the year ended 31 December PricewaterhouseCoopers' fees for services provided to the Group and Company amounted to U\$\$9,402,000 (2003: U\$\$5,008,000) and U\$\$9,230,000 (2003: U\$\$4,809,000) respectively, excluding VAT.
- (d) As explained in note 12(c), certain claims are paid by the insurance subsidiary 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\$5,172,000 (2003: US\$31,818,000) for the Group and US\$4,897,000 (2003: US\$31,599,000) for the Company.

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2004

22. Scheme of Arrangement

The Company and its wholly owned insurance subsidiary 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 wholly owned insurance subsidiary. 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 an annual basis, with the current level of 45% being approved on 26 January 2005.