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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, 2008

OR

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period From _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-6541

LOEWS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

13-2646102
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8087
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 521-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer,

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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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

| Class | Outstanding at July 18, 2008 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | 436,267,871 shares |

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

| | June 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| (In millions) | | |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments: | | |
| Fixed maturities, amortized cost of \$32,422 and \$34,816 | \$ 30,980 | \$ 34,663 |
| Equity securities, cost of \$2,267 and \$1,143 | 2,196 | 1,347 |
| Limited partnership investments | 2,428 | 2,321 |
| Other investments | 18 | 108 |
| Short term investments | 9,736 | 8,230 |
| Total investments | 45,358 | 46,669 |
| Cash | 168 | 140 |
| Receivables | 11,965 | 11,469 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 11,782 | 10,218 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,026 | 441 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 1,357 | 1,353 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | 6 | 2,841 |
| Other assets | 1,502 | 1,347 |
| Deferred acquisition costs of insurance subsidiaries | 1,167 | 1,161 |
| Separate account business | 451 | 476 |
| Total assets | \$ 74,782 | \$ 76,115 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Insurance reserves: | | |
| Claim and claim adjustment expense | \$ 28,202 | \$ 28,588 |
| Future policy benefits | 7,326 | 7,106 |
| Unearned premiums | 3,644 | 3,597 |
| Policyholders' funds | 582 | 930 |
| Total insurance reserves | 39,754 | 40,221 |
| Payable to brokers | 1,971 | 580 |
| Collateral on loaned securities | | 63 |
| Short term debt | 258 | 358 |
| Long term debt | 7,137 | 6,900 |
| Reinsurance balances payable | 373 | 401 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | | 1,637 |
| Other liabilities | 3,803 | 3,990 |
| Separate account business | 451 | 476 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total liabilities | 53,747 | 54,626 |
| Minority interest | 4,254 | 3,898 |
| Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value, Authorized – 100,000,000 shares | | |
| Common stock: | | |
| Loews common stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized – 1,800,000,000 shares | | |
| Issued and outstanding – 436,267,871 and 529,683,628 shares | 4 | 5 |
| Former Carolina Group stock | | 1 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 3,280 | 3,967 |
| Earnings retained in the business | 14,598 | 13,691 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (1,101) | (65) |
| | 16,781 | 17,599 |
| Less treasury stock, at cost (340,000 shares of former Carolina Group stock) | | 8 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 16,781 | 17,591 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 74,782 | \$ 76,115 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| (In millions, except per share data) | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Insurance premiums | \$ 1,774 | \$ 1,872 | \$ 3,586 | \$ 3,734 |
| Net investment income | 697 | 785 | 1,176 | 1,518 |
| Investment gains (losses) | (111) | (108) | (162) | (129) |
| Gain on issuance of subsidiary stock | 2 | 4 | 2 | 139 |
| Contract drilling revenues | 937 | 636 | 1,707 | 1,226 |
| Other | 623 | 328 | 1,225 | 697 |
| Total | 3,922 | 3,517 | 7,534 | 7,185 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Insurance claims and policyholders' benefits | 1,472 | 1,473 | 2,861 | 2,921 |
| Amortization of deferred acquisition costs | 360 | 372 | 728 | 753 |
| Contract drilling expenses | 271 | 222 | 558 | 434 |
| Other operating expenses | 624 | 532 | 1,241 | 1,018 |
| Interest | 88 | 71 | 177 | 149 |
| Total | 2,815 | 2,670 | 5,565 | 5,275 |
| Income before income tax and minority interest | 1,107 | 847 | 1,969 | 1,910 |
| Income tax expense | 340 | 256 | 593 | 592 |
| Minority interest | 256 | 169 | 456 | 335 |
| Total | 596 | 425 | 1,049 | 927 |
| Income from continuing operations | 511 | 422 | 920 | 983 |
| Discontinued operations, net: | | | | |
| Results of operations | 170 | 232 | 343 | 439 |
| Gain on disposal | 4,282 | | 4,362 | |
| Net income | \$ 4,963 | \$ 654 | \$ 5,625 | \$ 1,422 |
| Net income attributable to: | | | | |
| Loews common stock: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 511 | \$ 422 | \$ 920 | \$ 983 |
| Discontinued operations, net | 4,348 | 91 | 4,494 | 180 |
| Loews common stock | 4,859 | 513 | 5,414 | 1,163 |
| Former Carolina Group stock - discontinued operations, net | | | | |
| | 104 | 141 | 211 | 259 |
| Total | \$ 4,963 | \$ 654 | \$ 5,625 | \$ 1,422 |

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| (In millions, except per share data) | | | | |
| Basic net income per Loews common share: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.78 | \$ 1.77 | \$ 1.83 |
| Discontinued operations, net | 8.56 | 0.17 | 8.66 | 0.33 |
| Net income | \$ 9.56 | \$ 0.95 | \$ 10.43 | \$ 2.16 |
| Diluted net income per Loews common share: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.78 | \$ 1.77 | \$ 1.82 |
| Discontinued operations, net | 8.54 | 0.17 | 8.64 | 0.33 |
| Net income | \$ 9.54 | \$ 0.95 | \$ 10.41 | \$ 2.15 |
| Basic net income per former Carolina Group share: | | | | |
| Discontinued operations, net | \$ 0.97 | \$ 1.31 | \$ 1.95 | \$ 2.39 |
| Diluted net income per former Carolina Group share: | | | | |
| Discontinued operations, net | \$ 0.96 | \$ 1.30 | \$ 1.95 | \$ 2.39 |
| Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Loews common stock | 508.16 | 536.30 | 518.93 | 538.90 |
| Former Carolina Group stock | 108.48 | 108.44 | 108.47 | 108.41 |
| Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Loews common stock | 509.43 | 537.50 | 520.17 | 540.01 |
| Former Carolina Group stock | 108.60 | 108.56 | 108.60 | 108.54 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)

| | Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Loews Common Stock | Former Carolina Group Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Earnings Retained in the Business | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Common Stock Held in Treasury |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (In millions, except per share data) | | | | | | | |
| Balance, January 1, 2007 | | \$ 5 | \$ 1 | \$ 4,018 | \$ 12,099 | \$ 387 | \$ (8) |
| Adjustment to initially apply: | | | | | | | |
| FIN No. 48 | | | | | (37) | | |
| FSP FTB 85-4-1 | | | | | 34 | | |
| Balance, January 1, 2007 as adjusted | | 5 | 1 | 4,018 | 12,096 | 387 | (8) |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,422 | | | | 1,422 | | |
| Other comprehensive loss | (276) | | | | | (276) | |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 1,146 | | | | | | |
| Dividends paid: | | | | | | | |
| Loews common stock, \$0.125 per share | | | | | (67) | | |
| Former Carolina Group stock, \$0.91 per share | | | | | (99) | | |
| Purchase of Loews treasury stock | | | | | | | (384) |
| Issuance of Loews common stock | | | | 3 | | | |
| Issuance of former Carolina Group stock | | | | 3 | | | |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | 14 | | | |
| Other | | | | 1 | (3) | | |
| Deferred tax benefit related to interest expense imputed on Diamond Offshore's 1.5% debentures (Note 11) | | | | 26 | | | |
| Balance, June 30, 2007 | | \$ 5 | \$ 1 | \$ 4,065 | \$ 13,349 | \$ 111 | \$ (392) |
| Balance, January 1, 2008 | | \$ 5 | \$ 1 | \$ 3,967 | \$ 13,691 | \$ (65) | \$ (8) |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|--------|----|---------|----|---|
| Net income | \$ | 5,625 | | | 5,625 | | | | | | | |
| Other comprehensive loss | | (1,089) | | | | (1,089) | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 4,536 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividends paid: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loews common stock, \$0.125 per share | | | | | (66) | | | | | | | |
| Former Carolina Group stock, \$0.91 per share | | | | | (99) | | | | | | | |
| Issuance of Loews common stock | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Redemption of former Carolina Group stock (Note 2) | | (1) | | (602) | | 53 | 8 | | | | | |
| Exchange of Lorillard common stock for Loews common stock (Note 2) | | | | | | | (4,650) | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation | | | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Retirement of treasury stock | | (1) | (700) | (3,949) | | | 4,650 | | | | | |
| Other | | | | (2) | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, June 30, 2008 | \$ | 4 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,280 | \$ | 14,598 | \$ | (1,101) | \$ | - |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

| Six Months Ended June 30 (In millions) | 2008 | 2007 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 5,625 | \$ 1,422 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities, net | (3,777) | (138) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net: | | |
| Reinsurance receivables | 447 | 556 |
| Other receivables | (271) | (72) |
| Federal income tax | (32) | 21 |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums | (20) | (22) |
| Deferred acquisition costs | (6) | (7) |
| Insurance reserves and claims | (148) | (86) |
| Reinsurance balances payable | (28) | (11) |
| Other liabilities | (504) | (171) |
| Trading securities | 1,488 | 587 |
| Other, net | (94) | (64) |
| Net cash flow operating activities - continuing operations | 2,680 | 2,015 |
| Net cash flow operating activities - discontinued operations | 151 | 297 |
| Net cash flow operating activities - total | 2,831 | 2,312 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Purchases of fixed maturities | (28,260) | (33,938) |
| Proceeds from sales of fixed maturities | 26,260 | 31,598 |
| Proceeds from maturities of fixed maturities | 2,464 | 2,836 |
| Purchases of equity securities | (133) | (97) |
| Proceeds from sales of equity securities | 132 | 109 |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (1,779) | (718) |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | 15 | 13 |
| Change in collateral on loaned securities | (63) | (503) |
| Change in short term investments | (1,542) | (1,207) |
| Change in other investments | (153) | (85) |
| Other, net | 1 | 56 |
| Net cash flow investing activities - continuing operations | (3,058) | (1,936) |
| Net cash flow investing activities - discontinued operations, including proceeds from dispositions | 618 | 169 |
| Net cash flow investing activities - total | (2,440) | (1,767) |

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

| Six Months Ended June 30 (In millions) | 2008 | 2007 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Dividends paid | \$ (165) | \$ (166) |
| Dividends paid to minority interest | (233) | (315) |
| Purchases of treasury shares | | (379) |
| Purchases of treasury shares by subsidiary | (70) | |
| Issuance of common stock | 2 | 7 |
| Proceeds from subsidiaries' equity issuances | 245 | 312 |
| Principal payments on debt | (747) | (2) |
| Issuance of debt | 886 | |
| Receipts of investment contract account balances | 2 | 1 |
| Return of investment contract account balances | (299) | (57) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 3 | 7 |
| Other | 3 | 9 |
| Net cash flow financing activities - continuing operations | (373) | (583) |
| Net cash flow financing activities - discontinued operations | | 3 |
| Net cash flow financing activities - total | (373) | (580) |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate on cash - continuing operations | (1) | - |
| Net change in cash | 17 | (35) |
| Net cash transactions from: | | |
| Continuing operations to discontinued operations | 780 | 520 |
| Discontinued operations to continuing operations | (780) | (520) |
| Cash, beginning of period | 160 | 174 |
| Cash, end of period | \$ 177 | \$ 139 |
| Cash, end of period: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 168 | \$ 133 |
| Discontinued operations | 9 | 6 |
| Total | \$ 177 | \$ 139 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

Loews Corporation is a holding company. Its subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business: commercial property and casualty insurance (CNA Financial Corporation (“CNA”), a 90% owned subsidiary); the operation of offshore oil and gas drilling rigs (Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (“Diamond Offshore”), a 50.4% owned subsidiary); exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and natural gas liquids (HighMount Exploration & Production LLC (“HighMount”), a wholly owned subsidiary); the operation of interstate natural gas transmission pipeline systems (Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (“Boardwalk Pipeline”), a 70% owned subsidiary); and the operation of hotels (Loews Hotels Holding Corporation (“Loews Hotels”), a wholly owned subsidiary). Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “Company,” “Loews” and “Registrant” as used herein mean Loews Corporation excluding its subsidiaries.

In June of 2008, the Company disposed of its entire ownership interest in its wholly owned subsidiary, Lorillard, Inc. (“Lorillard”). The Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements have been reclassified to reflect Lorillard as a discontinued operation. Accordingly, Lorillard’s assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and cash flows have been excluded from the respective captions in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets, Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income, and Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows and have been included in Assets and Liabilities of discontinued operations, Discontinued Operations, net and Net cash flows - discontinued operations, respectively.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the financial position as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 and the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 and changes in cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Net income for the second quarter and first half of each of the years is not necessarily indicative of net income for that entire year.

Reference is made to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K which should be read in conjunction with these Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Supplementary cash flow information – As discussed in Note 2, in June of 2008, the Company disposed of its entire ownership interest in Lorillard resulting in a non-cash gain on disposal of \$4.3 billion. Investing activities include accrued capital expenditures of \$112 million and \$21 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Accounting changes – In September of 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements.” SFAS No. 157 provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The standard also responds to investors’ requests for expanded information about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. A one year deferral has been granted for the implementation of SFAS No. 157 for all nonrecurring fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities. As a result, the Company has partially applied the provisions of SFAS No. 157 upon adoption at January 1, 2008. The assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value for which the Company has not applied the provisions of SFAS No. 157 include goodwill, other intangible assets, long term debt and asset retirement obligations. The effect of partially adopting SFAS No. 157 did not have a significant impact on the Company’s financial condition at the date of adoption or the results of operations for the period ended June 30,

2008. See Note 4.

In April of 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (“FSP”) No. FIN 39-1, “Amendment of FASB Interpretation (“FIN”) No. 39.” FSP FIN No. 39-1 permits a reporting entity to offset fair value amounts recognized for the right to reclaim cash collateral or the obligation to return cash collateral against fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments executed with the same counterparty under the same master netting arrangement that have been offset in the statement of financial position in accordance with FIN No. 39. Additionally, FSP No. FIN 39-1 requires that a reporting entity shall not offset fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments without offsetting fair value amounts recognized for the right to reclaim cash collateral or the obligation to return cash collateral. The Company adopted FSP No. FIN 39-1 in 2008, by electing to not offset cash collateral amounts recognized for derivative instruments under the same master netting arrangements and as a result

will no longer offset fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments. The Company presented the effect of adopting FSP No. FIN 39-1 as a change in accounting principle through retrospective application. The effect on the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007 was an increase of \$36 million in Other investments and Payable to brokers. The adoption of FSP No. FIN 39-1 had no impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations as of or for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

2. Separation of Lorillard, Inc.

The Company disposed of Lorillard through the following two integrated transactions, collectively referred to as the "Separation":

- On June 10, 2008, the Company distributed 108,478,429 shares, or approximately 62%, of the outstanding common stock of Lorillard in exchange for and in redemption of all of the 108,478,429 outstanding shares of the Company's former Carolina Group stock, in accordance with the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Redemption"); and
- On June 16, 2008, the Company distributed the remaining 65,445,000 shares, or approximately 38%, of the outstanding common stock of Lorillard in exchange for 93,492,857 shares of Loews common stock, reflecting an exchange ratio of 0.70 (the "Exchange Offer").

As a result of the Separation, Lorillard is no longer a subsidiary of Loews and Loews no longer owns any interest in the outstanding stock of Lorillard. As of the completion of the Redemption, the former Carolina Group and former Carolina Group stock have been eliminated. In addition, at that time all outstanding stock options and stock appreciation rights ("SARs") awarded under the Company's former Carolina Group 2002 Stock Option Plan were assumed by Lorillard and converted into stock options and SARs which are exercisable for shares of Lorillard common stock.

The Loews common stock acquired by the Company in the Exchange Offer was recorded as a decrease in the Company's Shareholders' equity, reflecting Loews common stock at market value of the shares of Loews common stock delivered in the Exchange Offer. This decline was offset by a \$4.3 billion gain to the Company from the Exchange Offer, which was reported as a gain on disposal of the discontinued business.

Prior to the Redemption, the Company had a two class common stock structure: Loews common stock and former Carolina Group stock. Former Carolina Group stock, commonly called a tracking stock, was intended to reflect the performance of a defined group of Loews's assets and liabilities referred to as the former Carolina Group. The principal assets and liabilities attributable to the former Carolina Group were Loews's 100% ownership of Lorillard, including all dividends paid by Lorillard to Loews, and any and all liabilities, costs and expenses arising out of or relating to tobacco or tobacco-related businesses. Immediately prior to the Separation, outstanding former Carolina Group stock represented an approximately 62% economic interest in the performance of the former Carolina Group. The Loews Group consisted of all of Loews's assets and liabilities other than those allocated to the former Carolina Group, including an approximately 38% interest in the former Carolina Group.

3. Investments

| (In millions) | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|----------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Net investment income consisted of: | | | | |
| Fixed maturity securities | \$ 476 | \$ 526 | \$ 994 | \$ 1,022 |
| Short term investments | 36 | 88 | 89 | 164 |
| Limited partnerships | 46 | 71 | 7 | 123 |
| Equity securities | 39 | 6 | 44 | 11 |
| Income from trading portfolio | 103 | 96 | 51 | 188 |
| Other | 9 | 21 | 21 | 41 |
| Total investment income | 709 | 808 | 1,206 | 1,549 |
| Investment expense | (12) | (23) | (30) | (31) |
| Net investment income | \$ 697 | \$ 785 | \$ 1,176 | \$ 1,518 |

Investment gains (losses) are as follows:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Fixed maturities | \$ (158) | \$ (266) | \$ (160) | \$ (283) |
| Equity securities, including short positions | (14) | 10 | (29) | 14 |
| Derivative instruments | 56 | 147 | 12 | 139 |
| Short term investments | 5 | | 7 | |
| Other, including guaranteed separate account business | | 1 | 8 | 1 |
| Investment losses | (111) | (108) | (162) | (129) |
| Gain on issuance of subsidiary stock (Note 11) | 2 | 4 | 2 | 139 |
| | (109) | (104) | (160) | 10 |
| Income tax (expense) benefit | 39 | 36 | 57 | (5) |
| Minority interest | 6 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| Investment gains (losses), net | \$ (64) | \$ (58) | \$ (93) | \$ 17 |

Other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) losses of \$170 million were recorded primarily in the asset-backed bonds sector for the three months ended June 30, 2008. This compared to OTTI losses of \$176 million recorded primarily in the corporate and other taxable bonds, asset-backed bonds and U.S. Government bonds sectors for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Realized investment losses included OTTI losses of \$256 million, recorded primarily in the asset-backed bonds sector for the six months ended June 30, 2008. This compared to OTTI losses of \$263 million recorded primarily in the corporate and other taxable bonds, asset-backed bonds and U.S. Government bonds sectors for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The OTTI losses for 2008 were primarily driven by credit issue related OTTI losses. These OTTI losses were driven mainly by credit market conditions and the continued disruption caused by issues surrounding the sub-prime residential mortgage (sub-prime) crisis.

The Company’s investment policies emphasize high credit quality and diversification by industry, issuer and issue. Assets supporting interest rate sensitive liabilities are segmented within the general account to facilitate asset/liability duration management.

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In 2008, the Company re-evaluated its classification of preferred stocks between redeemable and non-redeemable and determined that certain securities that were previously classified as redeemable preferred stock have characteristics similar to equities. These securities are presented as preferred stock securities included in Equity securities available-for-sale beginning with the June 30, 2008 Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet.

The amortized cost and market values of securities are as follows:

| June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Amortized Cost | Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | | Fair Value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | Less Than 12 Months | 12 Months or Greater | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | | | | |
| U.S. government and obligations | | | | | |
| of government agencies | \$ 597 | \$ 92 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 687 |
| Asset-backed securities | 10,695 | 69 | 328 | 524 | 9,912 |
| States, municipalities and political | | | | | |
| subdivisions-tax exempt | 7,153 | 46 | 255 | 111 | 6,833 |
| Corporate | 9,690 | 170 | 389 | 144 | 9,327 |
| Other debt | 3,756 | 100 | 131 | 24 | 3,701 |
| Redeemable preferred stocks | 49 | 1 | 1 | | 49 |
| Fixed maturities available-for-sale | 31,940 | 478 | 1,105 | 804 | 30,509 |
| Fixed maturities, trading | 482 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 471 |
| Total fixed maturities | 32,422 | 484 | 1,108 | 818 | 30,980 |
| Equity securities: | | | | | |
| Equity securities available-for-sale | 1,507 | 210 | 186 | 109 | 1,422 |
| Equity securities, trading | 760 | 128 | 68 | 46 | 774 |
| Total equity securities | 2,267 | 338 | 254 | 155 | 2,196 |
| Short term investments: | | | | | |
| Short term investments available-for- | | | | | |
| sale | 6,262 | 1 | 3 | | 6,260 |
| Short term investments, trading | 3,476 | | | | 3,476 |
| Total short term investments | 9,738 | 1 | 3 | - | 9,736 |
| Total | \$ 44,427 | \$ 823 | \$ 1,365 | \$ 973 | \$ 42,912 |
| December 31, 2007 | | | | | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | | | | |
| U.S. government and obligations of | | | | | |
| government agencies | \$ 594 | \$ 93 | | | \$ 687 |
| Asset-backed securities | 11,777 | 39 | \$ 223 | \$ 183 | 11,410 |
| States, municipalities and political | | | | | |
| subdivisions-tax exempt | 7,615 | 144 | 82 | 2 | 7,675 |
| Corporate | 8,867 | 246 | 149 | 12 | 8,952 |
| Other debt | 4,143 | 208 | 48 | 4 | 4,299 |
| Redeemable preferred stocks | 1,216 | 2 | 160 | | 1,058 |
| Fixed maturities available-for-sale | 34,212 | 732 | 662 | 201 | 34,081 |
| Fixed maturities, trading | 604 | 6 | 19 | 9 | 582 |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Total fixed maturities | 34,816 | 738 | 681 | 210 | 34,663 |
| Equity securities: | | | | | |
| Equity securities available-for-sale | 366 | 214 | 12 | | 568 |
| Equity securities, trading | 777 | 99 | 69 | 28 | 779 |
| Total equity securities | 1,143 | 313 | 81 | 28 | 1,347 |
| Short term investments: | | | | | |
| Short term investments available-for-sale | 5,600 | 3 | 1 | | 5,602 |
| Short term investments, trading | 2,628 | | | | 2,628 |
| Total short term investments | 8,228 | 3 | 1 | - | 8,230 |
| Total | \$ 44,187 | \$ 1,054 | \$ 763 | \$ 238 | \$ 44,240 |

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The following table summarizes, available-for-sale securities in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time those securities have been continuously in an unrealized loss position.

| | June 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Estimated Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Loss | Estimated Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Loss |
| (In millions) | | | | |
| Available-for-sale fixed income securities: | | | | |
| Investment grade: | | | | |
| 0-6 months | \$ 11,981 | \$ 628 | \$ 4,771 | \$ 228 |
| 7-12 months | 2,543 | 431 | 1,584 | 193 |
| 13-24 months | 1,477 | 346 | 690 | 57 |
| Greater than 24 months | 2,057 | 244 | 3,869 | 138 |
| Total investment grade available-for-sale | 18,058 | 1,649 | 10,914 | 616 |
| Non-investment grade: | | | | |
| 0-6 months | 1,012 | 70 | 1,527 | 73 |
| 7-12 months | 1,262 | 149 | 125 | 8 |
| 13-24 months | 147 | 36 | 26 | 4 |
| Greater than 24 months | 8 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| Total non-investment grade available-for-sale | 2,429 | 259 | 1,687 | 87 |
| Total fixed income securities available-for-sale | 20,487 | 1,908 | 12,601 | 703 |
| Redeemable and non-redeemable preferred stocks: | | | | |
| 0-6 months | 127 | 14 | 893 | 143 |
| 7-12 months | 745 | 237 | 104 | 28 |
| 13-24 months | 96 | 35 | | |
| Greater than 24 months | | | | |
| Total redeemable and non-redeemable preferred stocks available-for-sale | 968 | 286 | 997 | 171 |
| Available-for-sale equity securities: | | | | |
| 0-6 months | 33 | 9 | 34 | 1 |
| 7-12 months | 13 | 1 | 1 | |
| 13-24 months | | | | |
| Greater than 24 months | 3 | | 3 | |
| Total equity securities available-for-sale | 49 | 10 | 38 | 1 |
| Total fixed maturity and equity securities available-for-sale | \$ 21,504 | \$ 2,204 | \$ 13,636 | \$ 875 |

At June 30, 2008, the fair value of the available-for-sale fixed maturities was \$30,509 million, representing 67.3% of the total investment portfolio. The unrealized position associated with the fixed maturity portfolio included \$1,909 million in gross unrealized losses, consisting of asset-backed securities which represented 44.7%, corporate bonds which represented 27.9%, tax-exempt bonds which represented 19.2%, and all other fixed maturity securities which represented 8.2%. The gross unrealized loss for any single issuer was no greater than 0.2% of the carrying value of the

total general account fixed maturity portfolio. The total fixed maturity portfolio gross unrealized losses included 2,095 securities which were, in aggregate, approximately 9.0% below amortized cost.

Given the current facts and circumstances, the Company has determined that the securities presented in the above unrealized gain/loss tables were temporarily impaired when evaluated at June 30, 2008 or December 31, 2007, and therefore no related realized losses were recorded. A discussion of some of the factors reviewed in making that determination as of June 30, 2008 is presented below.

Asset-Backed Securities

The unrealized losses on the Company's investments in asset-backed securities were caused by a combination of factors related to the market disruption caused by credit concerns surrounding the sub-prime issue, but also extended into other asset-backed securities in the market and specifically in the Company's portfolio.

The majority of the holdings in this category are collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") typically collateralized with prime residential mortgages and corporate asset-backed structured securities. The holdings in these sectors include 624 securities in a gross unrealized loss position aggregating \$849 million. Of these securities in a gross unrealized loss position, 54.0% are rated AAA, 19.0% are rated AA, 23.0% are rated A and 4.0% are rated BBB or lower. The aggregate severity of the unrealized loss was approximately 10.0% of amortized cost. The contractual cash flows on the asset-backed structured securities are passed through, but may be structured into classes of preference. The structured securities held are generally secured by over collateralization or default protection provided by subordinated tranches. Within this category, securities subject to Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 99-20, "Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets," are monitored for significant adverse changes in cash flow projections. If there are adverse changes in cash flows, the amount of accretable yield is prospectively adjusted and an OTTI loss is recognized. As of June 30, 2008, there was no adverse change in estimated cash flows noted for the securities in an unrealized loss position held subject to EITF 99-20, which have a gross unrealized loss of \$214 million. The Company received \$53 million of principal repayments on these securities consistent with the cash flow expectations. There were OTTI losses of \$128 million and \$179 million recorded on asset-backed securities, \$118 million and \$133 million of which related to specific EITF 99-20 securities for which the most recent evaluation did show an adverse change in cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008.

The remainder of the holdings in this category includes mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by an agency of the U.S. Government. There were 186 agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities and 3 agency CMOs in an unrealized loss position aggregating \$3 million as of June 30, 2008. The cumulative unrealized losses on these securities was approximately 4.0% of amortized cost. These securities do not tend to be influenced by the credit of the issuer but rather the characteristics and projected cash flows of the underlying collateral.

The Company believes the decline in fair value was primarily attributable to the market disruption caused by sub-prime related issues and other temporary market conditions and is not indicative of the quality of the underlying collateral. Because the Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until an anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be maturity, the Company considers these investments to be temporarily impaired at June 30, 2008.

States, Municipalities and Political Subdivisions – Tax-Exempt Securities

The unrealized losses on the Company's investments in municipal securities were caused primarily by changes in credit spreads, and to a lesser extent, changes in interest rates. The Company invests in municipal securities as an asset class for economic benefits of the returns on the class compared to like after-tax returns on alternative classes. The holdings in this category include 584 securities in a gross unrealized loss position aggregating \$366 million with all of these unrealized losses related to investment grade securities (rated BBB- or higher) where the cash flows are supported by the credit of the issuer. The aggregate severity of the unrealized losses was approximately 7.0% of amortized cost. Because the Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until an anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be maturity, the Company considers these investments to be temporarily impaired at June 30, 2008. There were no OTTI losses recorded on municipal securities for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008.

Corporate Bonds

The holdings in this category include 545 securities in a gross unrealized loss position aggregating \$533 million. Of the unrealized losses in this category, 59.0% relate to securities rated as investment grade. The total holdings in this category are diversified across 11 industry sectors. The aggregate severity of the unrealized losses were approximately 8.0% of amortized cost. Within corporate bonds, the industry sectors with the largest gross unrealized losses were financial, consumer cyclical, communications and industrial, which as a percentage of total gross unrealized losses were approximately 39.0%, 21.0%, 11.0% and 8.0% at June 30, 2008. The decline in fair value was primarily attributable to deterioration in the broader credit markets that resulted in widening of credit spreads over risk free rates and macro conditions in certain sectors that the market viewed as out of favor. Because the decline was not related to specific credit quality issues, and because the Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until an anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be maturity, the Company considers these

investments to be temporarily impaired at June 30, 2008. There were OTTI losses of \$22 million and \$32 million recorded on corporate bonds for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008.

Preferred Stock

The unrealized losses on the Company's investments in preferred stock were caused by similar factors as those that affected the Company's corporate bond portfolio. Approximately 70.0% of the gross unrealized losses in this category come from securities issued by financial institutions, 27.0% from government agency issued securities and 3.0% from utilities. The holdings in this category include 48 securities in a gross unrealized loss position aggregating \$286 million. Of these securities in a gross unrealized loss position, 27.0% are rated AA, 39.0% are rated A, 29.0% are rated BBB and 5.0% are rated lower than BBB. The Company believes the holdings in this category have been adversely impacted by changes in short term interest rates and significant credit spread widening brought on by a combination of factors in the capital markets. Many of the securities in this category are related to the banking and mortgage industries and are experiencing what the Company believes to be temporarily depressed valuations. Because the Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until an anticipated recovery of fair value, the Company considers these investments to be temporarily impaired at June 30, 2008. There were OTTI losses of \$3 million and \$8 million recorded on preferred stock for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008.

Investment Commitments

As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had committed approximately \$528 million and \$461 million to future capital calls from various third-party limited partnership investments in exchange for an ownership interest in the related partnerships.

The Company invests in multiple bank loan participations as part of its overall investment strategy and has committed to additional future purchases and sales. The purchase and sale of these investments are recorded on the date that the legal agreements are finalized and cash settlement is made. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had commitments to purchase \$76 million and \$58 million and sell \$4 million and \$3 million of various bank loan participations. When loan participation purchases are settled and recorded they may contain both funded and unfunded amounts. An unfunded loan represents an obligation by the Company to provide additional amounts under the terms of the loan participation. The funded portions are reflected on the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets, while any unfunded amounts are not recorded until a draw is made under the loan facility. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had obligations on unfunded bank loan participations in the amount of \$17 million and \$23 million.

4. Fair Value

Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The following fair value hierarchy is used in selecting inputs, with the highest priority given to Level 1, as these are the most transparent or reliable:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.
- Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.
- Level 3 – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are unobservable.

The Company is responsible for the valuation process and seeks to obtain quoted market prices for all securities. When quoted market prices are not available, the Company uses a number of methodologies including discounted cash flow models, prices from recently executed transactions of similar securities or broker/dealer quotes using market observable information to the extent possible to establish fair value estimates. In conjunction with modeling activities, the Company may use external data as inputs. The modeled inputs are consistent with observable market information when available, or with the Company's assumptions as to what market participants would use to value the securities. As further validation of the Company's valuation process, the Company samples its past fair value estimates and compares the valuations to actual transactions executed in the market on similar dates.

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The fair values of CNA's life settlement contracts investments are included in Other assets. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

| June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Fixed maturity securities | \$ 688 | \$ 26,858 | \$ 3,434 | \$ 30,980 |
| Equity securities | 1,831 | 102 | 263 | 2,196 |
| Other investments | | | 12 | 12 |
| Short term investments | 6,725 | 3,011 | | 9,736 |
| Receivables | | 29 | | 29 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | 36 | 111 | 23 | 170 |
| Other assets | | 18 | 118 | 136 |
| Separate account business | 42 | 359 | 45 | 446 |
| Total | \$ 9,322 | \$ 30,488 | \$ 3,895 | \$ 43,705 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Payable to brokers | \$ (196) | \$ (364) | \$ (95) | \$ (655) |

The tables below presents a reconciliation for all assets and (liabilities) measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008:

| (In millions) | Fixed Maturity Securities | Equity Securities | Short Term Investments | Assets of Discontinued Operations | Other Assets | Separate Account Business | Derivative Financial Instruments, Net |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Balance, April 1, 2008 | \$ 2,471 | \$ 196 | \$ 85 | \$ 41 | \$ 118 | \$ 47 | \$ (90) |
| Total net realized gains (losses) and net change in Unrealized gains (losses) on investments: | | | | | | | |
| Included in Net income | (81) | (1) | | | 12 | | 10 |
| Included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (55) | (2) | | | | (4) | (9) |
| Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements | 80 | 48 | | (1) | (12) | 2 | 6 |
| Net transfers in (out) of | | | | | | | |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----|------|
| Level 3 | 1,019 | 22 | (85) | (17) | | | | |
| Balance, June 30, 2008 | \$ 3,434 | \$ 263 | \$ - | \$ 23 | \$ 118 | \$ 45 | | (83) |
| Balance, January 1, 2008 | \$ 2,909 | \$ 199 | \$ 85 | \$ 42 | \$ 115 | \$ 30 | | (19) |
| Total net realized gains (losses) and net change in Unrealized gains (losses) on investments: | | | | | | | | |
| Included in Net income | (124) | (3) | | | 30 | | | (21) |
| Included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (270) | (3) | | | | (4) | | 3 |
| Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements | 81 | 48 | | (2) | (27) | (1) | | (46) |
| Net transfers in (out) of Level 3 | 838 | 22 | (85) | (17) | | | 20 | |
| Balance, June 30, 2008 | \$ 3,434 | \$ 263 | \$ - | \$ 23 | \$ 118 | \$ 45 | | (83) |

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The tables below summarize gains and losses due to changes in fair value, including both realized and unrealized gains and losses, recorded in Net income for Level 3 assets and liabilities for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008.

| Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Fixed Maturity Securities | Equity Securities | Other Assets | Derivative Financial Instruments, Net | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ 8 | \$ (1) | | | \$ 7 |
| Investment gains (losses) | (89) | | | \$ 23 | (66) |
| Other revenues | | | \$ 12 | (13) | (1) |
| Total | \$ (81) | \$ (1) | \$ 12 | \$ 10 | \$ (60) |

| Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 | Fixed Maturity Securities | Equity Securities | Other Assets | Derivative Financial Instruments, Net | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ 6 | \$ (1) | | | \$ 5 |
| Investment gains (losses) | (130) | (2) | | \$ 1 | (131) |
| Other revenues | | | \$ 30 | (22) | 8 |
| Total | \$ (124) | \$ (3) | \$ 30 | \$ (21) | \$ (118) |

The tables below summarize changes in unrealized gains or losses recorded in Net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 for Level 3 assets and liabilities still held at June 30, 2008.

| Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Fixed Maturity Securities | Equity Securities | Other Assets | Derivative Financial Instruments, Net | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ (2) | \$ (1) | | | \$ (3) |
| Investment gains (losses) | (90) | (2) | | \$ 15 | (77) |
| Other revenues | | | \$ 1 | | 1 |
| Total | \$ (92) | \$ (3) | \$ 1 | \$ 15 | \$ (79) |

| Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 | Fixed Maturity Securities | Equity Securities | Other Assets | Derivative Financial Instruments, Net | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ (6) | \$ (1) | | | \$ (7) |
| Investment losses | (133) | (4) | | \$ (69) | (206) |
| Other revenues | | | \$ 5 | | 5 |
| Total | \$ (139) | \$ (5) | \$ 5 | \$ (69) | \$ (208) |

Securities transferred into Level 3 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 relate primarily to tax-exempt auction rate certificates, included within Fixed maturity securities. These were previously valued using observable prices for similar securities, but due to decreased market liquidity, fair value is determined by cash flow models using market observable and unobservable inputs.

The following section describes the valuation methodologies used to measure different financial instruments at fair value, including an indication of the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the instrument is generally classified.

Fixed Maturity Securities

Level 1 securities include highly liquid government bonds for which quoted market prices are available. The remaining fixed maturity securities are valued using pricing for similar securities, recently executed transactions, cash flow models with yield curves, broker/dealer quotes and other pricing models utilizing observable inputs. The valuation for most fixed income securities, excluding government bonds, is classified as Level 2. Securities within Level 2 include certain corporate bonds, municipal bonds, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed pass-through securities and redeemable preferred stock. Securities are generally assigned to Level 3 in cases where broker/dealer quotes are significant inputs to the valuation and there is a lack of transparency as to whether these quotes are based on information that is observable in the marketplace. Level 3 securities include certain corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, municipal bonds and redeemable preferred stock.

Equity Securities

Level 1 securities include publicly traded securities valued using quoted market prices. Level 2 securities are primarily non-redeemable preferred securities and common stocks valued using pricing for similar securities, recently executed transactions, broker/dealer quotes and other pricing models utilizing observable inputs. Level 3 securities include one equity security, which represents 67.7% of the total, in an entity which is not publicly traded and is valued based on a discounted cash flow analysis model which is adjusted for the Company's assumption regarding an inherent lack of liquidity in the security. The remaining non-redeemable preferred stocks and equity securities are primarily valued using inputs including broker/dealer quotes for which there is a lack of transparency as to whether these quotes are based on information that is observable in the marketplace.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Exchange traded derivatives are valued using quoted market prices and are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Over-the-counter derivatives, principally credit default and interest rate swaps, forwards and options, represent the present value of amounts estimated to be received from or paid to a marketplace participant in settlement of these instruments. They are valued using inputs including broker/dealer quotes and are classified within Level 2 or Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy, depending on the amount of transparency as to whether these quotes are based on information that is observable in the marketplace.

Short Term Investments

The valuation of securities that are actively traded or have quoted prices are classified as Level 1. These securities include money market funds and treasury bills. Level 2 includes commercial paper, for which all inputs are observable.

Life Settlement Contracts

The fair values of life settlement contracts are estimated using discounted cash flows based on CNA's own assumptions for mortality, premium expense, and the rate of return that a buyer would require on the contracts, as no comparable market pricing data is available.

Discontinued Operations Investments

Assets relating to CNA's discontinued operations include fixed maturity securities, equities and short term investments. The valuation methodologies for these asset types have been described above.

Separate Account Business

Separate account business includes fixed maturity securities, equities and short term investments. The valuation methodologies for these asset types have been described above.

5. Earnings Per Share

Companies with complex capital structures are required to present basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income attributable to each class of common stock by the weighted average number of common shares of each class of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock.

Prior to the Separation, the Company had two classes of common stock: former Carolina Group stock, a tracking stock intended to reflect the economic performance of a group of the Company's assets and liabilities, called the former Carolina Group, principally consisting of Lorillard, Inc. and Loews common stock, representing the economic performance of the Company's remaining assets, including the interest in the former Carolina Group not represented by former Carolina Group stock.

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The attribution of income to each class of common stock for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| (In millions, except %) | | | | |
| Loews common stock: | | | | |
| Consolidated net income | \$ 4,963 | \$ 654 | \$ 5,625 | \$ 1,422 |
| Less income attributable to former Carolina Group stock | 104 | 141 | 211 | 259 |
| Income attributable to Loews common stock | \$ 4,859 | \$ 513 | \$ 5,414 | \$ 1,163 |
| Former Carolina Group stock: | | | | |
| Income available to former Carolina Group stock | \$ 168 | \$ 227 | \$ 339 | \$ 416 |
| Weighted average economic interest of the former Carolina Group | 62.4% | 62.4% | 62.4% | 62.4% |
| Income attributable to former Carolina Group stock | \$ 104 | \$ 141 | \$ 211 | \$ 259 |

The following is a reconciliation of basic weighted shares outstanding to diluted weighted shares:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| (In millions) | | | | |
| Loews common stock: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-basic | 508.16 | 536.30 | 518.93 | 538.90 |
| Stock options and stock appreciation rights | 1.27 | 1.20 | 1.24 | 1.11 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-diluted | 509.43 | 537.50 | 520.17 | 540.01 |
| Former Carolina Group stock: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-basic | 108.48 | 108.44 | 108.47 | 108.41 |
| Stock options and stock appreciation rights | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.13 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-diluted | 108.60 | 108.56 | 108.60 | 108.54 |

Certain options and stock appreciation rights were not included in the diluted weighted shares amount due to the exercise price being greater than the average stock price for the respective periods. The number of weighted average shares not included in the diluted computations is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Loews common stock | 1,179,504 | 2,633 | 1,176,438 | 1,324 |
| Former Carolina Group stock | 310,125 | 549 | 255,983 | 25,414 |

6. Receivables

| | June 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| (In millions) | | |
| Reinsurance | \$ 8,242 | \$ 8,689 |
| Other insurance | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Security sales | 848 | 163 |
| Accrued investment income | 331 | 340 |
| Other | 1,011 | 791 |
| Total | 12,716 | 12,267 |
| Less: allowance for doubtful accounts on reinsurance receivables | 445 | 461 |
| allowance for other doubtful accounts and cash discounts | 306 | 337 |
| Receivables | \$ 11,965 | \$ 11,469 |

7. Property, Plant and Equipment

| | June 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| (In millions) | | |
| Land | \$ 70 | \$ 70 |
| Buildings and building equipment | 638 | 670 |
| Offshore drilling equipment | 5,000 | 4,540 |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,343 | 1,313 |
| Pipeline equipment | 3,397 | 2,445 |
| Natural gas and NGL proved and unproved properties | 3,123 | 2,869 |
| Construction in process | 1,638 | 1,423 |
| Leaseholds and leasehold improvements | 76 | 79 |
| Total | 15,285 | 13,409 |
| Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization | 3,503 | 3,191 |
| Property, plant and equipment | \$ 11,782 | \$ 10,218 |

Diamond Offshore Construction Projects

Construction in process at June 30, 2008, included \$286 million related to the major upgrade of the Ocean Monarch to ultra-deepwater service and \$149 million related to the construction of the Ocean Scepter. Diamond Offshore anticipates delivery of the Ocean Scepter in the third quarter of 2008 and expects the upgrade of the Ocean Monarch to be completed in late 2008. Construction of the Ocean Shield was completed in the second quarter of 2008.

Boardwalk Pipeline Expansion Projects

In 2008, Boardwalk Pipeline placed in service the remaining pipeline assets associated with the East Texas to Mississippi Expansion project from Delhi, Louisiana to Harrisville, Mississippi and related compression. In addition, the pipeline assets and one compressor station related to the Southeast Expansion project were placed in service. As a result, approximately \$913 million was transferred from Construction in process to Pipeline equipment. The assets

will generally be depreciated over a term of 35 years.

8. Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves

CNA's property and casualty insurance claim and claim adjustment expense reserves represent the estimated amounts necessary to resolve all outstanding claims, including claims that are incurred but not reported ("IBNR") as of the reporting date. CNA's reserve projections are based primarily on detailed analysis of the facts in each case, CNA's experience with similar cases and various historical development patterns. Consideration is given to such historical patterns as field reserving trends and claims settlement practices, loss payments, pending levels of unpaid claims and product mix, as well as court decisions, economic conditions and public attitudes. All of these factors can affect the estimation of claim and claim adjustment expense reserves.

Establishing claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, including claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for catastrophic events that have occurred, is an estimation process. Many factors can ultimately affect the final settlement of a claim and, therefore, the necessary reserve. Changes in the law, results of litigation, medical costs, the cost of repair materials and labor rates can all affect ultimate claim costs. In addition, time can be a critical part of reserving determinations since the longer the span between the incidence of a loss and the payment or settlement of the claim, the more variable the ultimate settlement amount can be. Accordingly, short-tail claims, such as property damage claims, tend to be more reasonably estimable than long-tail claims, such as general liability and professional liability claims. Adjustments to prior year reserve estimates, if necessary, are reflected in the results of operations in the period that the need for such adjustments is determined.

Catastrophes are an inherent risk of the property and casualty insurance business and have contributed to material period-to-period fluctuations in the Company's results of operations and/or equity. Catastrophe losses related to events occurring for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, net of reinsurance, were \$47 million and \$100 million. Catastrophe losses in 2008 related primarily to storms, floods, and tornadoes. Catastrophe losses related to events occurring for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, net of reinsurance, were \$12 million and \$44 million. Catastrophe losses in 2007 related primarily to tornadoes, floods and winter storms. There can be no assurance that CNA's ultimate cost for catastrophes will not exceed current estimates.

The following provides discussion of CNA's asbestos and environmental pollution ("A&E") reserves.

A&E Reserves

CNA's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries have actual and potential exposures related to A&E claims. The following table provides data related to CNA's A&E claim and claim adjustment expense reserves.

| | June 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | Asbestos | Environmental Pollution | Asbestos | Environmental Pollution |
| (In millions) | | | | |
| Gross reserves | \$ 2,206 | \$ 326 | \$ 2,352 | \$ 367 |
| Ceded reserves | (977) | (118) | (1,030) | (125) |
| Net reserves | \$ 1,229 | \$ 208 | \$ 1,322 | \$ 242 |

Asbestos

CNA recorded \$6 million and \$3 million of unfavorable asbestos-related net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. CNA paid asbestos-related claims, net of reinsurance recoveries, of \$99 million and \$89 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

The ultimate cost of reported claims, and in particular A&E claims, is subject to a great many uncertainties, including future developments of various kinds that CNA does not control and that are difficult or impossible to foresee accurately. With respect to the litigation identified below in particular, numerous factual and legal issues remain unresolved. Rulings on those issues by the courts are critical to the evaluation of the ultimate cost to CNA. The outcome of the litigation cannot be predicted with any reliability. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

Some asbestos-related defendants have asserted that their insurance policies are not subject to aggregate limits on coverage. CNA has such claims from a number of insureds. Some of these claims involve insureds facing exhaustion of products liability aggregate limits in their policies, who have asserted that their asbestos-related claims fall within so-called “non-products” liability coverage contained within their policies rather than products liability coverage, and that the claimed “non-products” coverage is not subject to any aggregate limit. It is difficult to predict the ultimate size of any of the claims for coverage purportedly not subject to aggregate limits or predict to what extent, if any, the attempts to assert “non-products” claims outside the products liability aggregate will succeed. CNA’s policies also contain other limits applicable to these claims and CNA has additional coverage defenses to certain claims. CNA has attempted to manage its asbestos exposure by aggressively seeking to settle claims on acceptable terms. There can be no assurance that any of these settlement efforts will be successful, or that any such claims can be settled on terms acceptable to CNA. Where CNA cannot settle a claim on acceptable terms, CNA aggressively litigates the claim. However, adverse developments with respect to such matters could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s results of operations and/or equity.

Certain asbestos claim litigation in which CNA is currently engaged is described below:

On February 13, 2003, CNA announced it had resolved asbestos-related coverage litigation and claims involving A.P. Green Industries, A.P. Green Services and Bigelow–Liptak Corporation. Under the agreement, CNA is required to pay \$70 million, net of reinsurance recoveries, over a ten year period commencing after the final approval of a bankruptcy plan of reorganization. The settlement received initial bankruptcy court approval on August 18, 2003. The debtor’s plan of reorganization includes an injunction to protect CNA from any future claims. The bankruptcy court issued an opinion on September 24, 2007 recommending confirmation of that plan. Several insurers have appealed that ruling; that appeal is pending at this time.

CNA is engaged in insurance coverage litigation in New York State Court, filed in 2003, with a defendant class of underlying plaintiffs who have asbestos bodily injury claims against the former Robert A. Keasbey Company (“Keasbey”) (Continental Casualty Co. v. Employers Ins. of Wausau et al., No. 601037/03 (N.Y. County)). Keasbey, a currently dissolved corporation, was a seller and installer of asbestos-containing insulation products in New York and New Jersey. Thousands of plaintiffs have filed bodily injury claims against Keasbey. However, under New York court rules, asbestos claims are not cognizable unless they meet certain minimum medical impairment standards. Since 2002, when these court rules were adopted, only a small portion of such claims have met medical impairment criteria under New York court rules and as to the remaining claims, Keasbey’s involvement at a number of work sites is a highly contested issue.

CNA issued Keasbey primary policies for 1970-1987 and excess policies for 1971-1978. CNA has paid an amount substantially equal to the policies’ aggregate limits for products and completed operations claims in the confirmed CNA policies. Claimants against Keasbey allege, among other things, that CNA owes coverage under sections of the policies not subject to the aggregate limits, an allegation CNA vigorously contests in the lawsuit. In the litigation, CNA and the claimants seek declaratory relief as to the interpretation of various policy provisions. On May 8, 2007, the Court in the first phase of the trial held that all of CNA’s primary policy products aggregates were exhausted and that past products liability claims could not be recharacterized as operations claims. The Court also found that while operations claims would not be subject to products aggregates, such claims could be made only against the policies in effect when the claimants were exposed to asbestos from Keasbey operations. These holdings limit CNA’s exposure to those instances where Keasbey used asbestos in operations between 1970 and 1987. Keasbey largely ceased using asbestos in its operations in the early 1970’s. CNA noticed an appeal to the Appellate Division to challenge certain aspects of the Court’s ruling. Other insurer parties to the litigation also filed separate notices of appeal to the Court’s ruling. The appeal was fully briefed and was argued on December 6, 2007. Numerous legal issues remain to be resolved on appeal with respect to coverage that are critical to the final result, which cannot be predicted with any reliability. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CNA has insurance coverage disputes related to asbestos bodily injury claims against a bankrupt insured, Burns & Roe Enterprises, Inc. (“Burns & Roe”). These disputes are currently part of coverage litigation (stayed in view of the bankruptcy) and an adversary proceeding in In re: Burns & Roe Enterprises, Inc., pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, No. 00-41610. Burns & Roe provided engineering and related services in connection with construction projects. At the time of its bankruptcy filing, on December 4, 2000, Burns & Roe asserted that it faced approximately 11,000 claims alleging bodily injury resulting from exposure to asbestos as a result of construction projects in which Burns & Roe was involved. CNA allegedly provided primary liability coverage to Burns & Roe from 1956-1969 and 1971-1974, along with certain project-specific policies from 1964-1970. In September of 2007, CNA entered into an agreement with Burns & Roe, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed by the Bankruptcy Court and the Future Claims Representative (the “Addendum”), which provides that claims allegedly covered by CNA policies will be adjudicated in the tort system, with any coverage disputes related to those claims to be decided in coverage litigation. With the approval of the Bankruptcy

Court, Burns & Roe included the Addendum as part of its Fourth Amended Plan (the "Plan"), which was filed on June 9, 2008 and which will be the subject of a later confirmation hearing. With respect to both confirmation of the Plan and coverage issues, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include, among others: (a) whether CNA has any further responsibility to compensate claimants against Burns & Roe under its policies and, if so, under which; (b) whether CNA's responsibilities under its policies extend to a particular claimant's entire claim or only to a limited percentage of the claim; (c) whether CNA's responsibilities under its policies are limited by the occurrence limits or other provisions of the policies; (d) whether certain exclusions, including professional liability exclusions, in some of CNA's policies apply to exclude certain claims; (e) the extent to which claimants can establish exposure to asbestos materials as to which Burns & Roe has any responsibility; (f) the legal theories which must be pursued by such claimants to establish the liability of Burns & Roe and whether such theories can, in fact, be established; (g) the diseases and damages alleged by such claimants; (h) the extent that any liability of Burns & Roe would be shared with other potentially responsible parties; (i) whether the Plan, which includes the Addendum, will be

approved by the Bankruptcy Court in its current form; and (j) the impact of bankruptcy proceedings on claims and coverage issue resolution. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

Suits have also been initiated directly against the CNA companies and numerous other insurers in two jurisdictions: Texas and Montana. Approximately 80 lawsuits were filed in Texas beginning in 2002, against two CNA companies and numerous other insurers and non-insurer corporate defendants asserting liability for failing to warn of the dangers of asbestos (e.g. *Boson v. Union Carbide Corp.*, (Nueces County, Texas)). During 2003, several of the Texas suits were dismissed and while certain of the Texas courts' rulings were appealed, plaintiffs later dismissed their appeals. A different Texas court, however, denied similar motions seeking dismissal. After that court denied a related challenge to jurisdiction, the insurers transferred the case, among others, to a state multi-district litigation court in Harris County charged with handling asbestos cases. In February 2006, the insurers petitioned the appellate court in Houston for an order of mandamus, requiring the multi-district litigation court to dismiss the case on jurisdictional and substantive grounds. On February 29, 2008, the appellate court denied the insurers' mandamus petition on procedural grounds, but did not reach a decision on the merits of the petition. Instead, the appellate court allowed to stand the multi-district litigation court's determination that the case remained on its inactive docket and that no further action can be taken unless qualifying reports are filed or the filing of such reports is waived. With respect to the cases that are still pending in Texas, in June 2008, plaintiffs in the only active case dropped the remaining CNA company from that suit, leaving only inactive cases against CNA companies. In those inactive cases, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include: (a) the speculative nature and unclear scope of any alleged duties owed to individuals exposed to asbestos and the resulting uncertainty as to the potential pool of potential claimants; (b) the fact that imposing such duties on all insurer and non-insurer corporate defendants would be unprecedented and, therefore, the legal boundaries of recovery are difficult to estimate; (c) the fact that many of the claims brought to date are barred by the Statute of Limitations and it is unclear whether future claims would also be barred; (d) the unclear nature of the required nexus between the acts of the defendants and the right of any particular claimant to recovery; and (e) the existence of hundreds of co-defendants in some of the suits and the applicability of the legal theories pled by the claimants to thousands of potential defendants. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued is not readily determinable at this time.

On March 22, 2002, a direct action was filed in Montana (*Pennock, et al. v. Maryland Casualty, et al.* First Judicial District Court of Lewis & Clark County, Montana) by eight individual plaintiffs (all employees of W.R. Grace & Co. ("W.R. Grace")) and their spouses against CNA, Maryland Casualty and the State of Montana. This action alleges that the carriers failed to warn of or otherwise protect W.R. Grace employees from the dangers of asbestos at a W.R. Grace vermiculite mining facility in Libby, Montana. The Montana direct action is currently stayed because of W.R. Grace's pending bankruptcy. On April 7, 2008, W.R. Grace announced a settlement in principle with the asbestos personal injury claimants committee subject to confirmation of a plan of reorganization by the bankruptcy court. It is unknown when the confirmation hearing might take place. The settlement in principle with the asbestos claimants has no present impact on the stay currently imposed on the Montana direct action and with respect to such claims, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include: (a) the unclear nature and scope of any alleged duties owed to people exposed to asbestos and the resulting uncertainty as to the potential pool of potential claimants; (b) the potential application of Statutes of Limitation to many of the claims which may be made depending on the nature and scope of the alleged duties; (c) the unclear nature of the required nexus between the acts of the defendants and the right of any particular claimant to recovery; (d) the diseases and damages claimed by such claimants; (e) the extent that such liability would be shared with other potentially responsible parties; and (f) the impact of bankruptcy proceedings on claims resolution. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CNA is vigorously defending these and other cases and believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims asserted. However, there are numerous factual and legal issues to be resolved in connection with these claims, and it is extremely difficult to predict the outcome or ultimate financial exposure represented by these matters. Adverse developments with respect to any of these matters could have a material adverse effect on CNA's business, and insurer financial strength and debt ratings, and the Company's results of operations and/or equity.

Environmental Pollution

CNA recorded \$2 million and \$1 million of unfavorable environmental pollution net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. CNA paid environmental pollution-related claims, net of reinsurance recoveries, of \$36 million and \$21 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Net Prior Year Development

The net prior year development presented below includes premium development due to its direct relationship to claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development. The net prior year development presented below excludes the impact of increases or decreases in the allowance for uncollectible reinsurance, but includes the impact of commutations.

Three Month Comparison

| Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Standard Lines | Specialty Lines | Other Insurance | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development: | | | | |
| Core (Non-A&E) | \$ (15) | \$ 1 | \$ 5 | \$ (9) |
| A&E | | | 6 | 6 |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year development before impact of premium development | (15) | 1 | 11 | (3) |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) premium development | (8) | 1 | 1 | (6) |
| Total pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year development | \$ (23) | \$ 2 | \$ 12 | \$ (9) |

Three Months Ended June 30, 2007

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development: | | | | |
| Core (Non-A&E) | \$ (20) | \$ (14) | \$ 8 | \$ (26) |
| A&E | | | 4 | 4 |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year development before impact of premium development | (20) | (14) | 12 | (22) |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) premium development | 16 | | (5) | 11 |
| Total pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year development | \$ (4) | \$ (14) | \$ 7 | \$ (11) |

2008 Net Prior Year Development

Standard Lines

Approximately \$29 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded due to favorable outcomes on claims relating to catastrophes, primarily in accident year 2005.

Approximately \$8 million of favorable premium development was recorded across several coverages and accident years due to additional premium processing on auditable policies and changes to ultimate premium estimates. This favorable development was offset by additional unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development.

Other Insurance

The unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was primarily related to commutation activity, a portion of which was offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.

2007 Net Prior Year Development

Standard Lines

Approximately \$33 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was due to lower than anticipated frequency and severity on claims related to large property products, primarily in accident years 2005 and 2006. The change was driven by decreased incurred losses as a result of changes in individual case reserve estimates.

Additional unfavorable prior year reserve development was recorded in the workers' compensation line of business as a result of continued claim cost inflation in older accident years, driven by increasing medical inflation and advances in medical care. Additional favorable development was recorded in the commercial automobile, monoline general liability and umbrella product lines. This favorable development was due to improved severity in recent accident years.

Approximately \$14 million of unfavorable premium development was taken primarily as a result of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development on large account retro policies relating to the automobile and general liability lines of business in accident years 2001 and subsequent. This favorable claim and allocated claim expense reserve development was due to lower than anticipated frequency and severity.

Specialty Lines

Approximately \$9 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded in the excess and surplus lines of business. This favorable development was primarily related to improved frequency and severity on excess general liability claims across several accident years.

Other Insurance

Approximately \$6 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was related to commutation activity, a portion of which was offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.

Six Month Comparison

| Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 (In millions) | Standard Lines | Specialty Lines | Other Insurance | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development: | | | | |
| Core (Non-A&E) | \$ (50) | \$ 18 | \$ 8 | \$ (24) |
| A&E | | | 8 | 8 |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year development before impact of premium development | (50) | 18 | 16 | (16) |
| Pretax unfavorable (favorable) premium development | 1 | (18) | | (17) |
| Total pretax unfavorable (favorable) net prior year | | | | |

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| development | \$ | (49) | \$ | - | \$ | 16 | \$ | (33) |
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| Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (In millions) | Standard Lines | Specialty Lines | Other Insurance | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
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