

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC
Form 10-Q
May 15, 2015
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD
ENDED:
March 31, 2015

Commission file number:
1-14527

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-3263609
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

477 Martinsville Road
Post Office Box 830
Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938-0830
(908) 604-3000

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

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

YES X NO

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

YES X NO

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

Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer
	X	
Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

company

(Do not check if 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 X

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

Class	Number of Shares Outstanding At May 1, 2015
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value	1,000

The Registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H (1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H of Form 10-Q.

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

Table of Contents
Form 10-Q

Page

PART I

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.	Financial Statements	
	Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2015 (unaudited) and December 31, 2014	1
	Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)	2
	Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholder's Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)	3
	Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)	4
	Notes to Consolidated Interim Financial Statements (unaudited)	5
Item 2.	Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation	26
Item 3.	Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk	38
Item 4.	Controls and Procedures	38

PART II

OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1.	Legal Proceedings	39
Item 1A.	Risk Factors	39
Item 2.	Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds	39
Item 3.	Defaults Upon Senior Securities	39
Item 4.	Mine Safety Disclosures	39

Item 5.	Other Information	39
Item 6.	Exhibits	40

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except par value per share)	March 31, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014
ASSETS:		
Fixed maturities - available for sale, at market value (amortized cost: 2015, \$5,108,085; 2014, \$5,235,523)	\$ 5,226,919	\$ 5,293,411
Fixed maturities - available for sale, at fair value	363	1,509
Equity securities - available for sale, at market value (cost: 2015, \$15; 2014, \$15)	16	16
Equity securities - available for sale, at fair value	1,350,070	1,299,037
Short-term investments	559,947	564,364
Other invested assets (cost: 2015, \$440,616; 2014, \$435,010)	440,616	435,010
Other invested assets, at fair value	1,691,275	1,655,311
Cash	267,487	323,975
Total investments and cash	9,536,693	9,572,633
Note receivable - affiliated	250,000	250,000
Accrued investment income	47,856	45,386
Premiums receivable	1,161,029	1,086,203
Reinsurance receivables - unaffiliated	690,641	659,303
Reinsurance receivables - affiliated	3,386,137	3,372,715
Funds held by reinsureds	192,108	182,159
Deferred acquisition costs	94,703	109,262
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	791,245	809,083
Other assets	257,876	235,576
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,408,288	\$ 16,322,320
LIABILITIES:		
Reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 7,805,030	\$ 7,843,856
Unearned premium reserve	1,408,321	1,442,122
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	107,444	101,743
Losses in the course of payment	237,919	178,521
Commission reserves	66,461	63,110
Other net payable to reinsurers	972,196	1,028,549
4.868% Senior notes due 6/1/2044	400,000	400,000
6.6% Long term notes due 5/1/2067	238,365	238,364
Accrued interest on debt and borrowings	12,341	3,537
Income taxes	81,928	46,835
Unsettled securities payable	27,206	41,092
Other liabilities	350,540	361,874
Total liabilities	11,707,751	11,749,603
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 6)		
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:		
Common stock, par value: \$0.01; 3,000 shares authorized; 1,000 shares issued and outstanding (2015 and 2014)	-	-
Additional paid-in capital	366,258	362,293

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred income tax expense		
(benefit) of \$6,693 at 2015 and \$2,434 at 2014	12,430	4,519
Retained earnings	4,321,849	4,205,905
Total stockholder's equity	4,700,537	4,572,717
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 16,408,288	\$ 16,322,320

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

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Dollars in thousands)	2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 (unaudited)
REVENUES:		
Premiums earned	\$ 521,062	\$ 470,445
Net investment income	72,581	63,787
Net realized capital gains (losses):		
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities	(24,121)	-
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities transferred to other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-
Other net realized capital gains (losses)	45,417	(4,050)
Total net realized capital gains (losses)	21,296	(4,050)
Other income (expense)	15,833	(3,055)
Total revenues	630,772	527,127
CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:		
Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses	308,880	278,046
Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees	96,531	76,094
Other underwriting expenses	48,543	39,251
Corporate expenses	1,609	1,302
Interest, fee and bond issue cost amortization expense	8,859	7,436
Total claims and expenses	464,422	402,129
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	166,350	124,998
Income tax expense (benefit)	50,406	38,532
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 115,944	\$ 86,466
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax :		
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ("URA(D)") on securities arising during the period	15,950	20,797
Less: reclassification adjustment for realized losses (gains) included in net income (loss)	23,665	1,298
Total URA(D) on securities arising during the period	39,615	22,095
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(33,308)	(7,836)
Benefit plan actuarial net gain (loss) for the period	-	-
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of net (gain) loss included in net income (loss)	1,604	771
Total benefit plan net gain (loss) for the period	1,604	771
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	7,911	15,030
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 123,855	\$ 101,496

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

2

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)	2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 (unaudited)
COMMON STOCK (shares outstanding):		
Balance, beginning of period	1,000	1,000
Balance, end of period	1,000	1,000
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL:		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 362,293	\$ 351,051
Share-based compensation plans	3,965	3,394
Balance, end of period	366,258	354,445
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS), NET OF DEFERRED INCOME TAXES:		
Balance, beginning of period	4,519	87,648
Net increase (decrease) during the period	7,911	15,030
Balance, end of period	12,430	102,678
RETAINED EARNINGS:		
Balance, beginning of period	4,205,905	3,751,779
Net income (loss)	115,944	86,466
Balance, end of period	4,321,849	3,838,245
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY, END OF PERIOD	\$ 4,700,537	\$ 4,295,368

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

EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015 (unaudited)	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 115,944	\$ 86,466
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Decrease (increase) in premiums receivable	(78,969)	12,611
Decrease (increase) in funds held by reinsureds, net	(4,707)	2,877
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance receivables	(68,311)	(279,364)
Decrease (increase) in income taxes	31,408	24,447
Decrease (increase) in prepaid reinsurance premiums	15,016	(47,040)
Increase (decrease) in reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses	20,927	(58,410)
Increase (decrease) in unearned premiums	(28,224)	76,126
Increase (decrease) in other net payable to reinsurers	(52,400)	130,527
Increase (decrease) in losses in course of payment	60,419	101,869
Change in equity adjustments in limited partnerships	(7,173)	3,143
Distribution of limited partnership income	7,369	5,824
Change in other assets and liabilities, net	35,494	(16,618)
Non-cash compensation expense	1,946	1,729
Amortization of bond premium (accrual of bond discount)	4,955	6,004
Amortization of underwriting discount on senior notes	1	14
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(21,296)	4,050
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	32,399	54,255
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from fixed maturities matured/called - available for sale, at market value	188,815	207,534
Proceeds from fixed maturities matured/called - available for sale, at fair value	-	875
Proceeds from fixed maturities sold - available for sale, at market value	112,846	149,578
Proceeds from fixed maturities sold - available for sale, at fair value	1,236	20,763
Proceeds from equity securities sold - available for sale, at fair value	133,960	176,116
Distributions from other invested assets	10,797	9,828
Cost of fixed maturities acquired - available for sale, at market value	(293,848)	(689,205)
Cost of fixed maturities acquired - available for sale, at fair value	-	(1,309)
Cost of equity securities acquired - available for sale, at fair value	(164,112)	(77,427)
Cost of other invested assets acquired	(16,600)	(4,961)
Net change in short-term investments	(860)	113,571
Net change in unsettled securities transactions	(31,296)	(8,812)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(59,062)	(103,449)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Tax benefit from share-based compensation	2,020	1,665
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	2,020	1,665
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(31,845)	3,987

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

Net increase (decrease) in cash	(56,488)	(43,542)
Cash, beginning of period	323,975	316,807
Cash, end of period	\$ 267,487	\$ 273,265

SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Income taxes paid (recovered)	\$ 18,077	\$ 12,474
Interest paid	-	42

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

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

1. GENERAL

As used in this document, “Holdings” means Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc., a Delaware company and direct subsidiary of Everest Underwriting Group (Ireland) Limited (“Holdings Ireland”); “Group” means Everest Re Group, Ltd. (Holdings Ireland’s parent); “Bermuda Re” means Everest Reinsurance (Bermuda), Ltd., a subsidiary of Group; “Everest Re” means Everest Reinsurance Company and its subsidiaries, a subsidiary of Holdings (unless the context otherwise requires); “Mt. Logan Re” means Mt. Logan Re Ltd., a subsidiary of Group; and the “Company” means Holdings and its subsidiaries.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of the results on an interim basis. Certain financial information, which is normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), has been omitted since it is not required for interim reporting purposes. The December 31, 2014 consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The results for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 included in the Company’s most recent Form 10-K filing.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Application of Recently Issued Accounting Standard Changes

No accounting standards or guidance have been issued recently that would have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements or financial reporting process.

3. INVESTMENTS

The amortized cost, market value and gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of available for sale, fixed maturity, equity security investments, carried at market value and other-than-temporary impairments (“OTTI”) in accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”) are as follows for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	At March 31, 2015				OTTI in AOCI (a)
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	
Fixed maturity securities					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 174,065	\$ 3,541	\$ (83)	\$ 177,523	\$ -
Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions	750,672	39,084	(914)	788,842	-
Corporate securities	1,941,982	53,670	(24,416)	1,971,236	-
Asset-backed securities	115,357	826	(96)	116,087	-
Mortgage-backed securities					
Commercial	55,527	2,752	-	58,279	-
Agency residential	568,152	8,658	(1,449)	575,361	-
Non-agency residential	240	37	-	277	-
Foreign government securities	459,079	30,882	(7,684)	482,277	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,043,011	41,601	(27,575)	1,057,037	-
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 5,108,085	\$ 181,051	\$ (62,217)	\$ 5,226,919	\$ -
Equity securities	\$ 15	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ -

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31, 2014				OTTI in AOCI (a)
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	
Fixed maturity securities					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 135,724	\$ 1,416	\$ (304)	\$ 136,836	\$ -
Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions	783,129	41,969	(626)	824,472	-
Corporate securities	1,992,200	39,954	(53,219)	1,978,935	(9,735)
Asset-backed securities	94,470	727	(374)	94,823	-
Mortgage-backed securities					
Commercial	57,027	2,292	(51)	59,268	-
Agency residential	596,140	6,697	(4,720)	598,117	-
Non-agency residential	271	44	-	315	-
Foreign government securities	515,016	27,415	(5,344)	537,087	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,061,546	27,832	(25,820)	1,063,558	-
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 5,235,523	\$ 148,346	\$ (90,458)	\$ 5,293,411	\$ (9,735)
Equity securities	\$ 15	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ -

(a) Represents the amount of OTTI recognized in AOCI. Amount includes unrealized gains and losses on impaired securities relating to changes in the value of such securities subsequent to the impairment measurement date.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	At March 31, 2015		At December 31, 2014	
	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Amortized Cost	Market Value
Fixed maturity securities – available for sale				
Due in one year or less	\$353,025	\$352,544	\$385,721	\$384,022
Due after one year through five years	2,447,447	2,468,119	2,387,533	2,369,917
Due after five years through ten years	921,195	943,216	1,025,221	1,029,077
Due after ten years	647,142	713,036	689,140	757,872
Asset-backed securities	115,357	116,087	94,470	94,823
Mortgage-backed securities				
Commercial	55,527	58,279	57,027	59,268
Agency residential	568,152	575,361	596,140	598,117
Non-agency residential	240	277	271	315
Total fixed maturity securities	\$5,108,085	\$5,226,919	\$5,235,523	\$5,293,411

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2015	March 31, 2014
Increase (decrease) during the period between the market value and cost of investments carried at market value, and deferred taxes thereon:		
Fixed maturity securities	\$51,211	\$33,993
Fixed maturity securities, other-than-temporary impairment	9,735	-
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), pre-tax	60,946	33,993
Deferred tax benefit (expense)	(17,924)	(11,898)
Deferred tax benefit (expense), other-than-temporary impairment	(3,407)	-
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net of deferred taxes, included in stockholder's equity	\$39,615	\$22,095

The Company frequently reviews all of its fixed maturity, available for sale securities for declines in market value and focuses its attention on securities whose fair value has fallen below 80% of their amortized cost at the time of review. The Company then assesses whether the decline in value is temporary or other-than-temporary. In making its assessment, the Company evaluates the current market and interest rate environment as well as specific issuer information. Generally, a change in a security's value caused by a change in the market, interest rate or foreign exchange environment does not constitute an other-than-temporary impairment, but rather a temporary decline in market value. Temporary declines in market value are recorded as unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). If the Company determines that the decline is other-than-temporary and the Company does not have the intent to sell the security; and it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, the carrying value of the investment is written down to fair value. The fair value adjustment that is credit or foreign exchange related is recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The fair value adjustment that is

non-credit related is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, and is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company's assessments are based on the issuers current and expected future financial position, timeliness with respect to interest and/or principal payments, speed of repayments and any applicable credit enhancements or breakeven constant default rates on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, as well as relevant information provided by rating agencies, investment advisors and analysts.

The majority of the Company's equity securities available for sale at market value are primarily comprised of mutual fund investments whose underlying securities consist of fixed maturity securities. When a fund's value reflects an unrealized loss, the Company assesses whether the decline in value is temporary or other-than-temporary. In making its assessment, the Company considers the composition of its portfolios and their related markets, reports received from the portfolio managers and discussions with portfolio managers. If the Company determines that the declines are temporary and it has the ability and intent to continue to hold the investments, then the declines are recorded as unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). If declines are deemed to be other-than-temporary, then the carrying value of the investment is written down to fair value and recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

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

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

	Duration of Unrealized Loss at March 31, 2015 By Security Type					
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation
(Dollars in thousands)						
Fixed maturity securities - available for sale						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$200	\$ (1)	\$ 2,043	\$ (82)	\$ 2,243	\$ (83)
Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions	26,973	(579)	18,171	(335)	45,144	(914)
Corporate securities	362,527	(22,140)	153,423	(2,276)	515,950	(24,416)
Asset-backed securities	43,245	(96)	-	-	43,245	(96)
Mortgage-backed securities						
Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agency residential	10,595	(33)	192,684	(1,416)	203,279	(1,449)
Non-agency residential	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign government securities	60,663	(3,273)	46,741	(4,411)	107,404	(7,684)
Foreign corporate securities	133,917	(25,626)	47,221	(1,949)	181,138	(27,575)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 638,120	\$ (51,748)	\$ 460,283	\$ (10,469)	\$ 1,098,403	\$ (62,217)
Equity securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 638,120	\$ (51,748)	\$ 460,283	\$ (10,469)	\$ 1,098,403	\$ (62,217)

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

	Duration of Unrealized Loss at March 31, 2015 By Maturity					
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation
(Dollars in thousands)						
Fixed maturity securities						
Due in one year or less	\$19,187	\$ (1,716)	\$ 24,224	\$ (2,820)	\$43,411	\$ (4,536)
Due in one year through five years	307,725	(40,128)	165,952	(4,376)	473,677	(44,504)
Due in five years through ten years	222,882	(9,192)	56,606	(1,070)	279,488	(10,262)
Due after ten years	34,486	(583)	20,817	(787)	55,303	(1,370)
Asset-backed securities	43,245	(96)	-	-	43,245	(96)
Mortgage-backed securities	10,595	(33)	192,684	(1,416)	203,279	(1,449)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$638,120	\$ (51,748)	\$ 460,283	\$ (10,469)	\$1,098,403	\$ (62,217)

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at March 31, 2015 were \$1,098,403 thousand and \$62,217 thousand, respectively. The market value of securities for the single issuer whose securities comprised the largest unrealized loss position at March 31, 2015, did not exceed 0.5% of the overall market value of the Company's fixed maturity securities. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$51,748 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were primarily comprised of foreign and domestic corporate securities and foreign government securities. The majority of these unrealized losses are attributable to unrealized losses in the energy sector, \$36,644 thousand, as falling oil prices disrupted the market values for this sector, particularly for oil exploration, production and servicing companies and unrealized foreign exchange losses, \$13,713 thousand, as the U.S. dollar has strengthened against other currencies. The \$10,469 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related primarily to foreign government securities, domestic and foreign corporate securities and agency residential mortgage-backed securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$9,180 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Company did not have any sub-prime or alt-A loans with gross unrealized depreciation at March 31, 2015. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments.

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

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

	Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2014 By Security Type					
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation
(Dollars in thousands)						
Fixed maturity securities - available for sale						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 13,187	\$ (20)	\$ 26,897	\$ (284)	\$ 40,084	\$ (304)
Obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions	20,428	(242)	18,199	(384)	38,627	(626)
Corporate securities	830,928	(48,891)	171,207	(4,328)	1,002,135	(53,219)
Asset-backed securities	62,451	(374)	-	-	62,451	(374)
Mortgage-backed securities						
Commercial	11,742	(51)	-	-	11,742	(51)
Agency residential	24,230	(59)	267,824	(4,661)	292,054	(4,720)
Non-agency residential	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign government securities	45,521	(913)	53,086	(4,431)	98,607	(5,344)
Foreign corporate securities	228,733	(21,704)	117,713	(4,116)	346,446	(25,820)

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

Total fixed maturity securities	\$1,237,220	\$ (72,254)	\$ 654,926	\$ (18,204)	\$1,892,146	\$ (90,458)
Equity securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$1,237,220	\$ (72,254)	\$ 654,926	\$ (18,204)	\$1,892,146	\$ (90,458)

9

(Dollars in thousands)	Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2014 By Maturity					
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Gross Unrealized Depreciation
Fixed maturity securities						
Due in one year or less	\$ 12,858	\$ (550)	\$ 53,528	\$ (4,224)	\$ 66,386	\$ (4,774)
Due in one year through five years	622,137	(51,262)	243,192	(6,306)	865,329	(57,568)
Due in five years through ten years	467,187	(18,958)	66,630	(2,018)	533,817	(20,976)
Due after ten years	36,615	(1,000)	23,752	(995)	60,367	(1,995)
Asset-backed securities	62,451	(374)	-	-	62,451	(374)
Mortgage-backed securities	35,972	(110)	267,824	(4,661)	303,796	(4,771)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 1,237,220	\$ (72,254)	\$ 654,926	\$ (18,204)	\$ 1,892,146	\$ (90,458)

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2014 were \$1,892,146 thousand and \$90,458 thousand, respectively. The market value of securities for the single issuer whose securities comprised the largest unrealized loss position at December 31, 2014, did not exceed 0.3% of the overall market value of the Company's fixed maturity securities. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$72,254 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were primarily comprised of domestic and foreign corporate securities. The majority of these unrealized losses are attributable to unrealized losses in the energy sector, \$53,772 thousand, as falling oil prices disrupted the market values for this sector, particularly for oil exploration, production and servicing companies during the fourth quarter of 2014 and unrealized foreign exchange losses, \$7,298 thousand, as the U.S. dollar has strengthened against other currencies. The \$18,204 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related primarily to agency residential mortgage-backed securities, foreign and domestic corporate securities and foreign government securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$16,680 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Company did not have any sub-prime or alt-A loans with gross unrealized depreciation at December 31, 2014. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments.

Other invested assets, at fair value, are comprised of common shares of the Company's ultimate parent, Group. At March 31, 2015, the Company held 9,719,971 shares of Group representing 18.0% of the total outstanding shares.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2015	2014
Fixed maturities	\$ 47,972	\$ 51,079
Equity securities	8,742	8,937
Short-term investments and cash	164	186
Other invested assets		
Limited partnerships	7,379	(3,087)
Dividends from Parent's shares	9,234	7,290

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

Other	625	2,021
Gross investment income before adjustments	74,116	66,426
Funds held interest income (expense)	2,521	2,109
Interest income from Parent	1,075	-
Gross investment income	77,712	68,535
Investment expenses	(5,131)	(4,748)
Net investment income	\$ 72,581	\$ 63,787

10

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

The Company had contractual commitments to invest up to an additional \$237,637 thousand in limited partnerships at March 31, 2015. These commitments will be funded when called in accordance with the partnership agreements, which have investment periods that expire, unless extended, through 2020.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2015	March 31, 2014
Fixed maturity securities, market value:		
Other-than-temporary impairments	\$ (24,121)	\$ -
Gains (losses) from sales	(11,518)	(1,997)
Fixed maturity securities, fair value:		
Gains (losses) from sales	28	940
Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments	62	-
Equity securities, fair value:		
Gains (losses) from sales	(65)	(1,336)
Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments	20,946	25,753
Other invested assets, fair value:		
Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments	35,964	(27,410)
Short-term investment gains (losses)	-	-
Total net realized capital gains (losses)	\$ 21,296	\$ (4,050)

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

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2015	March 31, 2014
Proceeds from sales of fixed maturity securities	\$ 114,082	\$ 170,341
Gross gains from sales	2,542	2,475
Gross losses from sales	(14,032)	(3,532)
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	\$ 133,960	\$ 176,116
Gross gains from sales	5,142	6,588
Gross losses from sales	(5,207)	(7,924)

4. FAIR VALUE

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

In limited instances where prices are not provided by pricing services or in rare instances when a manager may not agree with the pricing service, price quotes on a non-binding basis are obtained from investment brokers. The investment asset managers do not make any changes to prices received from either the pricing services or the investment brokers. In addition, the investment asset managers have procedures in place to review the reasonableness of the prices from the service providers and may request verification of the prices. In addition, the Company continually performs analytical reviews of price changes and tests the prices on a random basis to an independent pricing source. No material variances were noted during these price validation procedures. In limited situations, where financial markets are inactive or illiquid, the Company may use its own assumptions about future cash flows and risk-adjusted discount rates to determine fair value. Due to the unavailability of prices for one private placement security, the Company valued the security at \$6,125 thousand at March 31, 2015 and made no such adjustments at December 31, 2014.

The Company internally manages a small public equity portfolio which had a fair value at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 of \$103,866 thousand and \$96,890 thousand, respectively, and all prices were obtained from publically published sources.

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

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

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, all Level 3 fixed maturity securities, except the one security priced by the Company, were priced using single non-binding broker quotes since prices for these securities were not provided by normal pricing service companies. The single broker quotes are provided by market makers or broker-dealers who are recognized as market participants in the markets in which they are providing the quotes. The prices received from brokers are reviewed for reasonableness by the third party asset managers and the Company.

Other invested assets, at fair value, are categorized as Level 1, Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets, since the securities are shares of the Company's parent, which are actively traded on an exchange and the price is based on a quoted price.

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

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

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2015	Fair Value Measurement Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Fixed maturities, market value				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 177,523	\$ -	\$ 177,523	\$ -
Obligations of U.S. States and political subdivisions	788,842	-	788,842	-
Corporate securities	1,971,236	-	1,968,583	2,653
Asset-backed securities	116,087	-	116,087	-
Mortgage-backed securities				
Commercial	58,279	-	58,279	-
Agency residential	575,361	-	575,361	-
Non-agency residential	277	-	277	-
Foreign government securities	482,277	-	482,277	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,057,037	-	1,050,912	6,125
Total fixed maturities, market value	5,226,919	-	5,218,141	8,778
Fixed maturities, fair value	363	-	363	-
Equity securities, market value	16	16	-	-
Equity securities, fair value	1,350,070	1,236,565	113,505	-
Other invested assets, fair value	1,691,275	1,691,275	-	-

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2014	Fair Value Measurement Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Fixed maturities, market value				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of				

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 136,836	\$ -	\$ 136,836	\$ -
Obligations of U.S. States and political subdivisions	824,472	-	824,472	-
Corporate securities	1,978,935	-	1,978,935	-
Asset-backed securities	94,823	-	94,823	-
Mortgage-backed securities				
Commercial	59,268	-	50,671	8,597
Agency residential	598,117	-	598,117	-
Non-agency residential	315	-	315	-
Foreign government securities	537,087	-	537,087	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,063,558	-	1,056,392	7,166
Total fixed maturities, market value	5,293,411	-	5,277,648	15,763
Fixed maturities, fair value	1,509	-	1,509	-
Equity securities, market value	16	16	-	-
Equity securities, fair value	1,299,037	1,188,613	110,424	-
Other invested assets, fair value	1,655,311	1,655,311	-	-

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015				Three Months Ended March 31, 2014			
	Corporate Securities	CMBS	Foreign Corporate	Total	Asset-backed Securities	Foreign Corporate	Non-agency RMBS	Total
Beginning balance	\$ -	\$ 8,597	\$ 7,166	\$ 15,763	\$ 3,533	\$ 481	\$ 4	\$ 4,018
Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized)								
Included in earnings	2	-	57	59	18	1	1	20
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	1	-	(1,098)	(1,097)	65	-	-	65
Purchases, issuances and settlements	1,940	-	-	1,940	(572)	(9)	(1)	(582)
Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3	710	(8,597)	-	(7,887)	-	-	-	-
Ending balance	\$ 2,653	\$ -	\$ 6,125	\$ 8,778	\$ 3,044	\$ 473	\$ 4	\$ 3,521
The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

The net transfers from level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs, of \$7,887 thousand of investments for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily relate to securities that were priced using single non-binding broker quotes and were subsequently priced using a recognized pricing service and were then classified as level 2. There were no transfers from level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs, for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

5. CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

On July 9, 2014, the Company renewed its shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), as a Well Known Seasoned Issuer. This shelf registration statement can be used by Group to register common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, share purchase contracts and share purchase units; by Holdings to register debt securities and by Everest Re Capital Trust III ("Capital Trust III") to register trust preferred securities.

6. CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in lawsuits, arbitrations and other formal and informal dispute resolution procedures, the outcomes of which will determine the Company's rights and obligations under

insurance and reinsurance agreements. In some disputes, the Company seeks to enforce its rights under an agreement or to collect funds owing to it. In other matters, the Company is resisting attempts by others to collect funds or enforce alleged rights. These disputes arise from time to time and are ultimately resolved through both informal and formal means, including negotiated resolution, arbitration and litigation. In all such matters, the Company believes that its positions are legally and commercially reasonable. The Company considers the statuses of these proceedings when determining its reserves for unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses.

Aside from litigation and arbitrations related to these insurance and reinsurance agreements, the Company is not a party to any other material litigation or arbitration.

The Company has entered into separate annuity agreements with The Prudential Insurance of America (“The Prudential”) and an additional unaffiliated life insurance company in which the Company has either purchased annuity contracts or become the assignee of annuity proceeds that are meant to settle claim payment obligations in the future. In both instances, the Company would become contingently liable if either The Prudential or the unaffiliated life insurance company were unable to make payments related to the respective annuity contract.

The table below presents the estimated cost to replace all such annuities for which the Company was contingently liable for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	At March 31, 2015	At December 31, 2014
The Prudential	\$ 142,618	\$ 142,653
Unaffiliated life insurance company	31,158	31,964

7. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015			Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ("URA(D)") on securities - temporary	\$ 15,572	\$ (5,950)	\$ 9,622	\$ 31,996	\$ (11,199)	\$ 20,797
URA(D) on securities - OTTI	9,735	(3,407)	6,328	-	-	-
Reclassification of net realized losses (gains) included in net income (loss)	35,639	(11,974)	23,665	1,997	(699)	1,298
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(51,243)	17,935	(33,308)	(12,055)	4,219	(7,836)
Reclassification of amortization of net gain (loss) included in net income (loss)	2,467	(863)	1,604	1,186	(415)	771
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 12,170	\$ (4,259)	\$ 7,911	\$ 23,124	\$ (8,094)	\$ 15,030

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

The following table presents details of the amounts reclassified from AOCI for the periods indicated:

AOCI component	Three Months Ended March 31,		Affected line item within the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss)
	2015	2014	
(Dollars in thousands)			
URA(D) on securities	\$ 35,639	\$ 1,997	Other net realized capital gains (losses)
	(11,974)	(699)	Income tax expense (benefit)
	\$ 23,665	\$ 1,298	Net income (loss)
Benefit plan net gain (loss)	\$ 2,467	\$ 1,186	Other underwriting expenses
	(863)	(415)	Income tax expense (benefit)

\$ 1,604	\$ 771	Net income (loss)
----------	--------	-------------------

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014
Beginning balance of URA (D) on securities	\$ 37,628	\$ 55,457
Current period change in URA (D) of investments - temporary	33,287	(11,501)
Current period change in URA (D) of investments - non-credit OTTI	6,328	(6,328)
Ending balance of URA (D) on securities	77,243	37,628
Beginning balance of foreign currency translation adjustments	41,877	71,087
Current period change in foreign currency translation adjustments	(33,308)	(29,210)
Ending balance of foreign currency translation adjustments	8,569	41,877
Beginning balance of benefit plan net gain (loss)	(74,986)	(38,896)
Current period change in benefit plan net gain (loss)	1,604	(36,090)
Ending balance of benefit plan net gain (loss)	(73,382)	(74,986)
Ending balance of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 12,430	\$ 4,519

8. CREDIT FACILITY - EXPIRED

Effective August 15, 2011, the Company entered into a three year, \$150,000 thousand unsecured revolving credit facility, referred to as the "Holdings Credit Facility", which expired on August 15, 2014. The Company decided not to renew the Holdings Credit Facility at expiration.

9. REINSURANCE AND TRUST AGREEMENTS

A subsidiary of the Company, Everest Re, has established a trust agreement, which effectively uses Everest Re's investments as collateral, as security for assumed losses payable to a non-affiliated ceding company. At March 31, 2015, the total amount on deposit in the trust account was \$258,324 thousand.

On April 24, 2014, the Company entered into two collateralized reinsurance agreements with Kilimanjaro Re Limited ("Kilimanjaro"), a Bermuda based special purpose reinsurer, to provide the Company with catastrophe reinsurance coverage. These agreements are multi-year reinsurance contracts which cover specified named storm and earthquake events. The first agreement provides up to \$250,000 thousand of reinsurance coverage from named storms in specified states of the Southeastern United States. The second agreement provides up to \$200,000 thousand of reinsurance coverage from named storms in specified states of the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the United States and Puerto Rico as well as reinsurance coverage from earthquakes in specified states of the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and West regions of the United States, Puerto Rico and British Columbia.

On November 18, 2014, the Company entered into a collateralized reinsurance agreement with Kilimanjaro Re to provide the Company with catastrophe reinsurance coverage. This agreement is a multi-year reinsurance contract which covers specified earthquake events. The agreement provides up to \$500,000 thousand of reinsurance coverage from earthquakes in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Kilimanjaro has financed the various property catastrophe reinsurance coverage by issuing catastrophe bonds to unrelated, external investors. On April, 24, 2014, Kilimanjaro issued \$450,000 thousand of variable rate notes (“Series 2014-1 Notes”). On November 18, 2014, Kilimanjaro issued \$500,000 thousand of variable rate notes (“Series 2014-2 Notes”). The proceeds from the issuance of the Series 2014-1 Notes and the Series 2014-2 Notes are held in reinsurance trust throughout the duration of the applicable reinsurance agreements and invested solely in US government money market funds with a rating of at least “AAAm” by Standard & Poor’s.

10. SENIOR NOTES

The table below displays Holdings' outstanding senior notes. Market value is based on quoted market prices, but due to limited trading activity, these senior notes are considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

(Dollars in thousands)	Date Issued	Date Due	Principal Amounts	March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
				Consolidated Balance Sheet Amount	Market Value	Consolidated Balance Sheet Amount	Market Value
4.868% Senior notes	06/05/2014	06/01/2044	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 418,876	\$ 400,000	\$ 404,892
5.40% Senior notes	10/12/2004	10/15/2014	250,000	-	-	-	-

On June 5, 2014, Holdings issued \$400,000 thousand of 30 year senior notes at 4.868%, which will mature on June 1, 2044. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The proceeds from the issuance have been used in part to pay off the \$250,000 thousand of 5.40% senior notes which matured on October 15, 2014.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	2014
Interest expense incurred	\$ 4,868	\$ 3,388

11. LONG TERM SUBORDINATED NOTES

The table below displays Holdings' outstanding fixed to floating rate long term subordinated notes. Market value is based on quoted market prices, but due to limited trading activity, these subordinated notes are considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

(Dollars in thousands)	Date Issued	Original Principal Amount	Maturity Date		March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
			Scheduled	Final	Consolidated Balance Sheet Amount	Market Value	Consolidated Balance Sheet Amount	Market Value
6.6% Long term subordinated notes	04/26/2007	\$ 400,000	05/15/2037	05/01/2067	\$ 238,365	\$ 239,227	\$ 238,364	\$ 246,312

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

of each year, subject to Holdings' right to defer interest on one or more occasions for up to ten consecutive years. Deferred interest will accumulate interest at the applicable rate compounded semi-annually for periods prior to May 15, 2017, and compounded quarterly for periods from and including May 15, 2017.

Holdings can redeem the long term subordinated notes prior to May 15, 2017, in whole but not in part at the applicable redemption price, which will equal the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount being redeemed and (b) the present value of the principal payment on May 15, 2017 and scheduled payments of interest that would have accrued from the redemption date to May 15, 2017 on the long term subordinated notes being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the treasury rate plus an applicable spread of either 0.25% or 0.50%, in each case plus accrued and unpaid interest. Holdings may redeem the long term subordinated notes on or after May 15, 2017, in whole or in part at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest; however, redemption on or after the scheduled maturity date and prior to May 1, 2047 is subject to a replacement capital covenant. This covenant is for the benefit of certain senior note holders and it mandates that Holdings receive proceeds from the sale of another subordinated debt issue, of at least similar size, before it may redeem the subordinated notes. Effective upon the maturity of the Company's 5.40% senior notes on October 15, 2014,

the Company's 4.868% senior notes, due on June 1, 2044, have become the Company's long term indebtedness that ranks senior to the long term subordinated notes.

On March 19, 2009, Group announced the commencement of a cash tender offer for any and all of the 6.60% fixed to floating rate long term subordinated notes. Upon expiration of the tender offer, the Company had reduced its outstanding debt by \$161,441 thousand.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Interest expense incurred	\$ 3,937	\$ 3,937

12. SEGMENT REPORTING

The U.S. Reinsurance operation writes property and casualty reinsurance and specialty lines of business, including Marine, Aviation, Surety and Accident and Health ("A&H") business, on both a treaty and facultative basis, through reinsurance brokers, as well as directly with ceding companies primarily within the U.S. The International operation writes non-U.S. property and casualty reinsurance through Everest Re's branches in Canada, Singapore and through offices in Brazil, Miami and New Jersey. The Insurance operation writes property and casualty insurance directly and through general agents, brokers and surplus lines brokers within the U.S. and Canada.

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

Underwriting results include earned premium less losses and LAE incurred, commission and brokerage expenses and other underwriting expenses. Underwriting results are measured using ratios, in particular loss, commission and brokerage and other underwriting expense ratios, which, respectively, divide incurred losses, commissions and brokerage and other underwriting expenses by premiums earned.

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

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

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

U.S. Reinsurance (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Gross written premiums	\$562,647	\$530,301
Net written premiums	240,694	251,521
Premiums earned	\$255,412	\$218,191
Incurred losses and LAE	111,455	115,984
Commission and brokerage	58,364	40,136
Other underwriting expenses	11,529	9,482
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$74,064	\$52,589

International (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Gross written premiums	\$333,615	\$328,878
Net written premiums	121,681	141,457
Premiums earned	\$140,699	\$145,004
Incurred losses and LAE	101,445	83,575
Commission and brokerage	33,999	29,169
Other underwriting expenses	8,115	7,837
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$(2,860)	\$24,423

Insurance (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Gross written premiums	\$330,501	\$225,276
Net written premiums	146,052	106,726
Premiums earned	\$124,951	\$107,250
Incurred losses and LAE	95,980	78,487
Commission and brokerage	4,168	6,789
Other underwriting expenses	28,899	21,932
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$(4,096)	\$42

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$67,108	\$77,054
Net investment income	72,581	63,787
Net realized capital gains (losses)	21,296	(4,050)

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

Corporate expense	(1,609)	(1,302)
Interest, fee and bond issue cost amortization expense	(8,859)	(7,436)
Other income (expense)	15,833	(3,055)
Income (loss) before taxes	\$166,350	\$124,998

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

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Canada	\$ 23,512	\$ 37,659

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

13. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parent

Group entered into a \$250,000 thousand long term promissory note agreement with Holdings as of December 31, 2014. The note will mature on December 31, 2023 and has an interest rate of 1.72% that will be paid annually, on December 15th of each year. This transaction is presented as a Note Receivable – Affiliated in the Consolidated Balance Sheets of Holdings.

Group's Board of Directors approved an amended share repurchase program authorizing Group and/or its subsidiary Holdings to purchase Group's common shares through open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions or both. The table below represents the amendments to the share repurchase program for the common shares approved for repurchase.

Amendment Date (Dollars in thousands)	Common Shares Authorized for Repurchase
09/21/2004	5,000,000
07/21/2008	5,000,000
02/24/2010	5,000,000
02/22/2012	5,000,000
05/15/2013	5,000,000
11/19/2014	5,000,000
	30,000,000

As of March 31, 2015, Holdings held 9,719,971 common shares of Group, which it had purchased in the open market between February 1, 2007 and March 8, 2011. The table below represents the total purchase price for these common shares purchased.

(Dollars in thousands)

Total purchase price	\$835,371
----------------------	-----------

Holdings reports these purchases as other invested assets, fair value, in the consolidated balance sheets with changes in fair value re-measurement recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The following table presents the dividends received on these common shares that are reported as net investment income in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the period indicated.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Dividends received	\$ 9,234	\$ 7,290

Affiliated Companies

Everest Global Services, Inc. (“Global Services”), an affiliate of Holdings, provides centralized management and home office services, through a management agreement, to Holdings and other affiliated companies within Holdings’ consolidated structure. Services provided by Everest Global include executive managerial services, legal services, actuarial services, accounting services, information technology services and others.

The following table presents the expenses incurred by Holdings from services provided by Everest Global for the periods indicated.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Expenses incurred	\$ 18,363	\$ 15,843

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

Affiliates

The table below represents affiliated quota share reinsurance agreements ("whole account quota share") for all new and renewal business for the indicated coverage period:

(Dollars in thousands)

Coverage Period	Ceding Company	Percent Ceded	Assuming Company	Type of Business	Single Occurrence Limit	Aggregate Limit
01/01/2002-12/31/2002	Everest Re	20.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	\$ -	\$ -
01/01/2003-12/31/2003	Everest Re	25.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	-	-
01/01/2004-12/31/2005	Everest Re	22.5 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	-	-
	Everest Re	2.5 %	Everest International	property / casualty business	-	-
01/01/2006-12/31/2006	Everest Re	18.0 %	Bermuda Re	property business	125,000 (1)	-
	Everest Re	2.0 %	Everest International	property business	-	-
01/01/2006-12/31/2007	Everest Re	31.5 %	Bermuda Re	casualty business	-	-
	Everest Re	3.5 %	Everest International	casualty business	-	-
01/01/2007-12/31/2007	Everest Re	22.5 %	Bermuda Re	property business	130,000 (1)	-
	Everest Re	2.5 %	Everest International	property business	-	-
01/01/2008-12/31/2008	Everest Re	36.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	130,000 (1)	275,000 (2)
	Everest Re	4.0 %	Everest International	property / casualty business	-	-
01/01/2009-12/31/2009	Everest Re	36.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000 (1)	325,000 (2)

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

	Everest Re	8.0 %	Everest International	property / casualty business	-	-	
01/01/2010-12/31/2010	Everest Re	44.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000	325,000	
01/01/2011-12/31/2011	Everest Re	50.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000	300,000	
01/01/2012-12/31/2014	Everest Re	50.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	100,000	200,000	
01/01/2015	Everest Re	50.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	162,500	325,000	
01/01/2003-12/31/2006	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	50.0 %	Bermuda Re	property business	-	-	
01/01/2007-12/31/2009	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	60.0 %	Bermuda Re	property business	-	-	
01/01/2010-12/31/2010	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	60.0 %	Bermuda Re	property business	350,000	(3)	-
01/01/2011-12/31/2011	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	60.0 %	Bermuda Re	property business	350,000	(3)	-
01/01/2012-12/31/2012	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	75.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	206,250	(3)	412,500 (3)
01/01/2013-12/31/2013	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	75.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000	(3)	412,500 (3)
01/01/2014	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	75.0 %	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	262,500	(3)	412,500 (3)
01/01/2012	Everest Canada	80.0 %	Everest Re-Canadian Branch	property business	-	-	

- (1) The single occurrence limit is applied before the loss cessions to either Bermuda Re or Everest International.
(2) The aggregate limit is applied before the loss cessions to either Bermuda Re or Everest International.
(3) Amounts shown are Canadian dollars.

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

For premiums earned and losses incurred for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, Everest Re, Everest National Insurance Company and Everest Security Insurance Company entered into an Excess of Loss Reinsurance Agreement with Bermuda Re, covering workers' compensation losses occurring on and after January 1, 2002, as respect to new, renewal and in force policies effective on that date through December 31, 2002. This agreement was commuted as of September 30, 2013. The table below represents Bermuda Re's liability limits for any losses per one occurrence.

(Dollars in thousands)	Liability Limits	
	Exceeding	Not to Exceed
Losses per one occurrence	\$100,000	\$ 150,000

The table below represents loss portfolio transfer reinsurance agreements whereby net insurance exposures and reserves were transferred to an affiliate.

(Dollars in thousands)

Effective Date	Transferring Company	Assuming Company	% of Business or Amount of Transfer	Covered Period of Transfer
09/19/2000	Mt. McKinley	Bermuda Re	100%	All years
10/01/2001	Everest Re (Belgium Branch)	Bermuda Re	100%	All years
10/01/2008	Everest Re	Bermuda Re	\$ 747,022	01/01/2002-12/31/2007

The following tables summarize the premiums and losses ceded by the Company to Bermuda Re and Everest International, respectively, and premiums and losses assumed by the Company from Everest Canada for the periods indicated:

Bermuda Re (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Ceded written premiums	\$539,033	\$518,017
Ceded earned premiums	554,051	479,813
Ceded losses and LAE (a)	295,131	238,501

Everest International (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Ceded written premiums	\$(2)	\$(115)
Ceded earned premiums	41	(74)
Ceded losses and LAE	(822)	1,884

Everest Canada (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014

Assumed written premiums	\$ 6,664	\$ 4,010
Assumed earned premiums	8,699	4,688
Assumed losses and LAE	4,729	3,292

(a) Ceded losses and LAE include the Mt. McKinley loss portfolio transfer that constitutes losses ceded under retroactive reinsurance and therefore, in accordance with FASB guidance, a deferred gain on retroactive reinsurance is reflected in other expenses on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

Everest Re sold net assets of its UK branch to Bermuda Re and provided Bermuda Re with a reserve indemnity agreement allowing for indemnity payments of up to 90% of 25.0 million of the excess of 2002 and prior reserves, provided that any recognition of profit from the reserves for 2002 and prior underwriting years is taken into account.

Effective February 27, 2013, Group established a new subsidiary, Mt. Logan Re, which is a Class 3 insurer based in Bermuda. Effective July 1, 2013, Mt. Logan Re established separate segregated accounts for its business activity, which will invest in a diversified set of catastrophe exposures.

The following table summarizes the premiums and losses that are ceded by the Company to Mt. Logan Re and assumed by the Company from Mt. Logan Re.

Mt. Logan Re (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Ceded written premiums	\$ 61,670	\$ 28,366
Ceded earned premiums	38,683	17,837
Ceded losses and LAE	8,314	5,143
Assumed written premiums	3,984	9,919
Assumed earned premiums	3,984	2,106
Assumed losses and LAE	-	-

14. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

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

Pension Benefits (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Service cost	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,460
Interest cost	2,457	2,542
Expected return on plan assets	(2,903)	(2,823)
Amortization of prior service cost	5	13
Amortization of net (income) loss	2,251	1,091
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,283

Other Benefits (Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Service cost	\$ 401	\$ 407
Interest cost	263	342
Amortization of net (income) loss	211	82
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 875	\$ 831

The Company did not make any contributions to the qualified pension benefit plan for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

15. INCOME TAXES

The Company is domiciled in the United States and has subsidiaries domiciled within the United States with significant branches in Canada and Singapore. The Company's non-U.S. branches are subject to income taxation at varying rates in their respective domiciles.

For interim reporting periods, the company is generally required to use the annualized effective tax rate (“AETR”) method, as prescribed by ASC 740-270, Interim Reporting, to calculate its income tax provision. Under this method, the AETR is applied to the interim year-to-date pre-tax income to determine the income tax expense or benefit for the year-to-date period. The income tax expense or benefit for a quarter represents the difference between the year-to-date income tax expense or benefit for the current year-to-date period less such amount for the immediately preceding year-to-date period. Management considers the impact of all known events in its estimation of the Company’s annual pre-tax income and AETR.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 23, 2015, the Company entered into an agreement to sell all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Mt. McKinley Insurance Company (“Mt. McKinley”), a Delaware domiciled insurance company and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company to Clearwater Insurance Company, a Delaware domiciled insurance company. The purchase price shall be paid in cash and based on the statutory book value of Mt. McKinley as of the closing date, which is expected to be approximately \$20,000 thousand. The Company expects to recognize a realized gain of approximately \$61,000 thousand on the sale of Mt. McKinley.

The transaction is subject to receipt of insurance regulatory approvals and satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

The transaction meets the criteria for Held for Sale accounting. In accordance with the guidance, the table below details the approximate assets and liabilities associated with the business classified as Held for Sale.

(Dollars in thousands)

Investments and cash	\$ 17,000
Reinsurance recoverables	146,000
Deferred tax asset	35,000
Other assets	1,000
Total assets held for sale	\$ 199,000
Reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 142,000
Deferred gain on retroactive reinsurance	97,000
Other liabilities	1,000
Total liabilities held for sale	\$ 240,000
Net liabilities held for sale	\$ (41,000)

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

Industry Conditions.

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

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

Worldwide insurance and reinsurance market conditions continued to be very competitive, particularly in the property catastrophe and casualty reinsurance lines of business. Generally, there was ample insurance and reinsurance capacity relative to demand, as well as, additional capital from the capital markets through insurance linked financial instruments. These financial instruments such as side cars, catastrophe bonds and collateralized reinsurance funds, provide capital markets with access to insurance and reinsurance risk exposure. The capital markets demand for these products is being primarily driven by the current low interest environment and the desire to achieve greater risk diversification and potentially higher returns on their investments. This increased competition is generally having a negative impact on rates, terms and conditions; however, the impact varies widely by market and coverage.

Rates tend to fluctuate by specific region and products, particularly areas recently impacted by large catastrophic events. During the second and third quarters of 2013, Canada experienced historic flooding in Alberta and Toronto, which resulted in higher catastrophe rates in these areas during 2014. Although there were flooding and wind storm events in Europe and Asia in the latter part of 2013, the overall 2013 catastrophe losses for the industry were lower than average. This lower level of losses, combined with increased competition resulted in downward pressure on rates in certain geographical areas during 2014. Catastrophe results during 2014 and the first quarter of 2015 were also generally benign, which could have a negative impact on worldwide regional catastrophe markets for the balance of 2015.

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

Financial Summary.

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)
	2015	March 31, 2014	
Gross written premiums	\$ 1,226.8	\$ 1,084.5	13.1 %
Net written premiums	508.4	499.7	1.7 %
REVENUES:			
Premiums earned	\$ 521.1	\$ 470.4	10.8 %
Net investment income	72.6	63.8	13.8 %
Net realized capital gains (losses)	21.3	(4.1)	NM
Other income (expense)	15.8	(3.1)	NM
Total revenues	630.8	527.1	19.7 %
CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:			
Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses	308.9	278.0	11.1 %
Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees	96.5	76.1	26.9 %
Other underwriting expenses	48.5	39.3	23.7 %
Corporate expense	1.6	1.3	23.6 %
Interest, fee and bond issue cost amortization expense	8.9	7.4	19.1 %
Total claims and expenses	464.4	402.1	15.5 %
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	166.4	125.0	33.1 %
Income tax expense (benefit)	50.4	38.5	30.8 %
NET INCOME (LOSS)	115.9	86.5	34.1 %

RATIOS:					Point Change
	2015		2014		
Loss ratio	59.3	%	59.1	%	0.2
Commission and brokerage ratio	18.5	%	16.2	%	2.3
Other underwriting expense ratio	9.3	%	8.3	%	1.0
Combined ratio	87.1	%	83.6	%	3.5

(Dollars in millions)	At		Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	
Balance sheet data:			
Total investments and cash	\$ 9,536.7	\$ 9,572.6	-0.4 %
Total assets	16,408.3	16,322.3	0.5 %
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	7,805.0	7,843.9	-0.5 %
Total debt	638.4	638.4	0.0 %
Total liabilities	11,707.8	11,749.6	-0.4 %
Stockholder's equity	4,700.5	4,572.7	2.8 %

(NM, not meaningful)

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

Revenues.

Premiums. Gross written premiums increased by 13.1% to \$1,226.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1,084.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, reflecting a \$105.2 million, or 46.7%, increase in our insurance business and a \$37.1 million, or 4.3%, increase in our reinsurance business. The rise in insurance premiums was primarily due to increases in crop and workers' compensation business as well as eight other business units. The rise in reinsurance premiums was primarily due to an increase in treaty property and catastrophe business, partially offset by approximately \$14.7 million negative impact from the year over year movement in exchange rates. Net written premiums increased by 1.7% to \$508.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$499.7

million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The variance between the increase in gross written premiums compared to the increase in net written premiums is primarily due to a higher utilization of reinsurance for the crop business and for the quota share contracts, which increased due to the changes in the mix of business. Premiums earned increased by 10.8% to \$521.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$470.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Net Investment Income. Net investment income increased by 13.8% to \$72.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared with net investment income of \$63.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Net pre-tax investment income, as a percentage of average invested assets, was 3.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to 3.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The increase in income and yield for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014 was primarily the result of an increase in our limited partnership income and an increase in dividends from shares held of the parent.

Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses). Net realized capital gains were \$21.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, and net realized capital losses were \$4.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The \$21.3 million was comprised of \$57.0 million of gains from fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity securities, equity securities and other invested assets, partially offset by \$24.1 million of other-than-temporary impairments and \$11.6 million of losses from sales on our fixed maturity and equity securities. The net realized capital losses of \$4.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 were the result of \$2.4 million of net realized capital losses from sales on our fixed maturity and equity securities and \$1.7 million of losses from fair value re-measurements.

Other Income (Expense). We recorded other income of \$15.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and other expense of \$3.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The changes were primarily the result of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates for the corresponding periods.

Claims and Expenses.

Incurred Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses. The following table presents our incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses (“LAE”) for the periods indicated.

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	Current Year	Ratio %/ Pt Change	Prior Years	Ratio %/ Pt Change	Total Incurred	Ratio %/ Pt Change
2015						
Attritional (a)	\$ 312.8	60.1 %	\$ (1.7)	-0.4 %	\$ 311.1	59.7 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	(2.2)	-0.4 %	(2.2)	-0.4 %
Total	\$ 312.8	60.1 %	\$ (3.9)	-0.8 %	\$ 308.9	59.3 %
2014						
Attritional (a)	\$ 281.3	59.8 %	\$ (0.6)	-0.1 %	\$ 280.7	59.7 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	(2.7)	-0.6 %	(2.7)	-0.6 %
Total	\$ 281.3	59.8 %	\$ (3.3)	-0.7 %	\$ 278.0	59.1 %
Variance 2015/2014						
Attritional (a)	\$ 31.5	0.3 pts	\$ (1.1)	(0.3) pts	\$ 30.4	- pts
Catastrophes	-	- pts	0.5	0.2 pts	0.5	0.2 pts
Total	\$ 31.5	0.3 pts	\$ (0.6)	(0.1) pts	\$ 30.9	0.2 pts

(a) Attritional losses exclude catastrophe losses.

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Inurred losses and LAE increased by 11.1% to \$308.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$278.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to increases in current year attritional losses of \$31.5 million resulting primarily from the impact of the increase in

premiums earned. There were no current year catastrophe losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Commission, Brokerage, Taxes and Fees. Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees increased by 26.9% to \$96.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$76.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. These changes were primarily due to the impact of the increase in premiums earned, higher contingent commissions and changes in the mix of business.

Other Underwriting Expenses. Other underwriting expenses were \$48.5 million and \$39.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in other underwriting expenses was mainly due to the impact of the increase in premiums earned.

Corporate Expenses. Corporate expenses, which are general operating expenses that are not allocated to segments, were comparable at \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Interest, Fees and Bond Issue Cost Amortization Expense. Interest, fees and other bond amortization expense was \$8.9 million and \$7.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase was primarily due to the issuance of \$400.0 million of senior notes in June, 2014, partially offset by the maturity of \$250.0 million of senior notes on October 15, 2014.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Income tax expense was \$50.4 million and \$38.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Income tax expense is primarily a function of the geographic location of the Company's pre-tax income and the statutory tax rates in those jurisdictions, as affected by tax-exempt investment income. Variations in the income tax expense generally result from changes in the relative levels of pre-tax income, including the impact of catastrophe losses and net capital gains (losses), among jurisdictions with different tax rates. The increase in income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014 was primarily due to higher net realized capital gains.

Net Income (Loss).

Our net income was \$115.9 million and \$86.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The changes were primarily driven by the financial component fluctuations explained above.

Ratios.

Our combined ratio increased by 3.5 points to 87.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to 83.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The loss ratio component increased slightly by 0.2 points for the three months ended March 31, 2015, over the same period last year. The commission and brokerage ratio components increased 2.3 points for the three months ended March 31, 2015, over the same period last year, primarily due to higher contingent commissions and changes in the mix of business. The other underwriting expense ratio components increased 1.0 point for the three months ended March 31, 2015, over the same period last year.

Stockholder's Equity.

Stockholders' equity increased by \$127.8 million to \$4,700.5 million at March 31, 2015 from \$4,572.7 million at December 31, 2014, principally as a result of \$115.9 million of net income, \$39.6 million of net unrealized appreciation on investments, net of tax, \$4.0 million of share-based compensation transactions and \$1.6 million of net benefit plan obligation adjustments, partially offset by \$33.3 million of net foreign currency translation adjustments.

Consolidated Investment Results

Net Investment Income.

Net investment income increased 13.8% to \$72.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$63.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to an increase in income from our limited partnership investments and an increase in dividends from parent's shares.

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Fixed maturities	\$ 48.0	\$ 51.1
Equity securities	8.7	8.9
Short-term investments and cash	0.2	0.2
Other invested assets		
Limited partnerships	7.4	(3.1)
Dividends from Parent's shares	9.2	7.3
Other	0.6	2.0
Gross investment income before adjustments	74.1	66.4
Funds held interest income (expense)	2.5	2.1
Interest income from Parent	1.1	-
Gross investment income	77.7	68.5
Investment expenses	(5.1)	(4.7)
Net investment income	\$ 72.6	\$ 63.8

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

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

	At March 31, 2015	At December 31, 2014
Imbedded pre-tax yield of cash and invested assets at December 31	3.1%	3.1%
Imbedded after-tax yield of cash and invested assets at December 31	2.2%	2.2%

	Three Months Ended March 31.	
	2015	2014
Annualized pre-tax yield on average cash and invested assets	3.5%	3.0%
Annualized after-tax yield on average cash and invested assets	2.5%	2.2%

Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses).

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2015	2014	Variance
Gains (losses) from sales:			
Fixed maturity securities, market value			
Gains	\$ 2.5	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.2
Losses	(14.0)	(3.3)	(10.7)
Total	(11.5)	(2.0)	(9.5)
Fixed maturity securities, fair value			
Gains	-	1.2	(1.2)
Losses	-	(0.3)	0.3
Total	-	0.9	(0.9)
Equity securities, fair value			
Gains	5.1	6.6	(1.5)
Losses	(5.2)	(7.9)	2.7
Total	(0.1)	(1.3)	1.2
Total net realized gains (losses) from sales			
Gains	7.7	9.1	(1.4)
Losses	(19.2)	(11.5)	(7.7)
Total	(11.6)	(2.4)	(9.2)
Other than temporary impairments:	(24.1)	-	(24.1)
Gains (losses) from fair value adjustments:			
Fixed maturities, fair value	0.1	-	0.1
Equity securities, fair value	20.9	25.8	(4.9)
Other invested assets, fair value	36.0	(27.4)	63.4
Total	57.0	(1.7)	58.7
Total net realized gains (losses)	\$ 21.3	\$ (4.1)	\$ 25.4

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

Net realized capital gains were \$21.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, and net realized capital losses were \$4.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we recorded \$57.0 million of net realized capital gains due to fair value re-measurements on fixed maturity securities, equity securities and other invested assets, partially offset by \$24.1 million of other-than-temporary impairments and \$11.6 million of net realized capital losses from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities. The fixed maturity and equity sales for the three months ended March 31, 2015 related primarily to adjusting the portfolios for overall market changes and individual credit shifts. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded \$2.4 million of net realized capital losses from sales on our fixed maturity and equity securities and \$1.7 million of losses from fair value re-measurements.

Segment Results.

The U.S. Reinsurance operation writes property and casualty reinsurance and specialty lines of business, including Marine, Aviation, Surety and A&H business, on both a treaty and facultative basis, through reinsurance brokers, as well as directly with ceding companies primarily within the U.S. The International operation writes non-U.S. property and casualty reinsurance through Everest Re's branches in Canada, Singapore and through offices in Brazil, Miami and New Jersey. The Insurance operation writes property and casualty insurance directly and through general agents, brokers and surplus lines brokers within the U.S and Canada.

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

Underwriting results include earned premium less losses and LAE incurred, commission and brokerage expenses and other underwriting expenses. We measure our underwriting results using ratios, in particular loss, commission and brokerage and other underwriting expense ratios, which respectively, divide incurred losses, commissions and brokerage and other underwriting expenses by premiums earned.

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

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

U.S. Reinsurance.

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2015	2014	Variance	% Change
Gross written premiums	\$ 562.6	\$ 530.3	\$ 32.3	6.1 %
Net written premiums	240.7	251.5	(10.8)	-4.3 %
Premiums earned	\$ 255.4	\$ 218.2	\$ 37.2	17.1 %
Incurred losses and LAE	111.5	116.0	(4.5)	-3.9 %
Commission and brokerage	58.4	40.1	18.2	45.4 %
Other underwriting expenses	11.5	9.5	2.0	21.6 %
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$ 74.1	\$ 52.6	\$ 21.5	40.8 %
				Point Chg
Loss ratio	43.6 %	53.2 %		(9.6)
Commission and brokerage ratio	22.9 %	18.4 %		4.5
Other underwriting expense ratio	4.5 %	4.3 %		0.2
Combined ratio	71.0 %	75.9 %		(4.9)

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

Premiums. Gross written premiums increased by 6.1% to \$562.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 from \$530.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to an increase in treaty property and catastrophe business, partially offset by a decline in treaty casualty business. Net written premiums decreased by 4.3% to \$240.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$251.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The variance between the increase in gross written premiums compared to the decrease in net written premiums is primarily due to a higher utilization of reinsurance related to quota share contracts. Premiums earned increased 17.1% to \$255.4 million for the

three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$218.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is primarily the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following table presents the incurred losses and LAE for the U.S. Reinsurance segment for the periods indicated.

(Dollars in millions)	Current Year	Three Months Ended March 31,		Total Incurred	Ratio %/ Pt Change	
		Ratio %/ Pt Change	Prior Years			
2015						
Attritional	\$ 117.5	46.0 %	\$ (3.6)	-1.5 %	\$ 113.9	44.5 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	(2.4)	-0.9 %	(2.4)	-0.9 %
Total segment	\$ 117.5	46.0 %	\$ (6.0)	-2.5 %	\$ 111.5	43.6 %
2014						
Attritional	\$ 120.6	55.3 %	\$ (3.2)	-1.5 %	\$ 117.4	53.8 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	(1.4)	-0.6 %	(1.4)	-0.6 %
Total segment	\$ 120.6	55.3 %	\$ (4.6)	-2.1 %	\$ 116.0	53.2 %
Variance 2015/2014						
Attritional	\$ (3.1)	(9.3) pts	\$ (0.4)	- pts	\$ (3.5)	(9.3) pts
Catastrophes	-	- pts	(1.0)	(0.3) pts	(1.0)	(0.3) pts
Total segment	\$ (3.1)	(9.3) pts	\$ (1.4)	(0.4) pts	\$ (4.5)	(9.6) pts

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses decreased by 3.9% to \$111.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$116.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to a decrease in losses on treaty casualty business and the impact of changes in affiliated quota share agreements, partially offset by the impact of the increase in earned premiums. There were no current year catastrophe losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage increased by 45.4% to \$58.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$40.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. This variance was due to the impact of the increase in premiums earned, higher contingent commissions and changes in the mix of business. Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$11.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 from \$9.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 due primarily to the impact of the increase in premiums earned.

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

International.

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2015	2014	Variance	% Change
Gross written premiums	\$ 333.6	\$ 328.9	\$ 4.7	1.4 %
Net written premiums	121.7	141.5	(19.8)	-14.0 %
Premiums earned	\$ 140.7	\$ 145.0	\$ (4.3)	-3.0 %
Incurred losses and LAE	101.4	83.6	17.9	21.4 %
Commission and brokerage	34.0	29.2	4.8	16.6 %
Other underwriting expenses	8.1	7.8	0.3	3.5 %
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$ (2.9)	\$ 24.4	\$ (27.3)	-111.7 %
				Point Chg
Loss ratio	72.1 %	57.6 %		14.5
Commission and brokerage ratio	24.2 %	20.1 %		4.1
Other underwriting expense ratio	5.7 %	5.5 %		0.2
Combined ratio	102.0 %	83.2 %		18.8

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

Premiums. Gross written premiums increased by 1.4% to \$333.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$328.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to new quota share contracts, partially offset by the negative impact of approximately \$12.4 million from the movement of foreign exchange rates. Net written premiums decreased by 14.0% to \$121.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$141.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The variance of the change in gross written premiums compared to the change in net written premiums is due to a higher utilization of reinsurance related to the new quota share contracts. Premiums earned decreased 3.0% to \$140.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$145.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is primarily the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following table presents the incurred losses and LAE for the International segment for the periods indicated.

(Dollars in millions)	Current Year	Three Months Ended March 31,				
		Ratio %/ Pt Change	Prior Years	Ratio %/ Pt Change	Total Incurred	Ratio %/ Pt Change
2015						
Attritional	\$ 99.7	70.9 %	\$ 1.6	1.1 %	\$ 101.3	72.0 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	0.2	0.1 %	0.2	0.1 %
Total segment	\$ 99.7	70.9 %	\$ 1.7	1.2 %	\$ 101.4	72.1 %
2014						
Attritional	\$ 84.7	58.4 %	\$ 0.2	0.2 %	\$ 85.0	58.6 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	(1.4)	-1.0 %	(1.4)	-1.0 %
Total segment	\$ 84.7	58.4 %	\$ (1.1)	-0.8 %	\$ 83.6	57.6 %

Variance 2015/2014

Attritional	\$	15.0	12.5 pts	\$ 1.4	0.9 pts	\$ 16.3	13.4 pts
Catastrophes		-	- pts	1.6	1.1 pts	1.6	1.1 pts
Total segment	\$	15.0	12.5 pts	\$ 2.8	2.0 pts	\$ 17.9	14.5 pts

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE increased by 21.4% to \$101.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$83.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, due to the increase in current year attritional losses of \$15.0 million. The increase in attritional losses was primarily due to higher losses in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. There were no current year catastrophe losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage increased 16.6% to \$34.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$29.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The increase was primarily due to the impact of changes in affiliated quota share agreements and the impact of changes in the mix of business. Segment other underwriting expenses slightly increased to \$8.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$7.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Insurance.

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

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,			% Change
	2015	2014	Variance	
Gross written premiums	\$ 330.5	\$ 225.3	\$ 105.2	46.7 %
Net written premiums	146.1	106.7	39.3	36.8 %
Premiums earned	\$ 125.0	\$ 107.3	\$ 17.7	16.5 %
Incurred losses and LAE	96.0	78.5	17.5	22.3 %
Commission and brokerage	4.2	6.8	(2.6)	-38.6 %
Other underwriting expenses	28.9	21.9	7.0	31.8 %
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$ (4.1)	\$ -	\$ (4.1)	NM
				Point Chg
Loss ratio	76.8 %	73.2 %		3.6
Commission and brokerage ratio	3.3 %	6.3 %		(3.0)
Other underwriting expense ratio	23.2 %	20.5 %		2.7
Combined ratio	103.3 %	100.0 %		3.3

(NM, not meaningful)

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding)

Premiums. Gross written premiums increased by 46.7% to \$330.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$225.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in crop and workers' compensation business as well as eight other business units. Net written premiums increased by 36.8% to \$146.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$106.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, which is consistent with the change in gross written premiums. Premiums earned increased 16.5% to \$125.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$107.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The change in premiums earned relative to net written premiums is the result of timing; premiums are earned ratably over the coverage period whereas written premiums are recorded at the initiation of the coverage period.

Incurred Losses and LAE. The following table presents the incurred losses and LAE for the Insurance segment for the periods indicated.

(Dollars in millions)	Current Year	Three Months Ended March 31,		Total Incurred	Ratio %/ Pt Change
		Ratio %/ Pt Change	Prior Years		
2015					
Attritional	\$ 95.6	76.5 %	\$ 0.4	0.3 %	\$ 96.0 76.8 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	-	0.0 %	- 0.0 %
Total segment	\$ 95.6	76.5 %	\$ 0.4	0.3 %	\$ 96.0 76.8 %
2014					
Attritional	\$ 76.0	70.8 %	\$ 2.4	2.3 %	\$ 78.4 73.1 %
Catastrophes	-	0.0 %	0.1	0.1 %	0.1 0.1 %
Total segment	\$ 76.0	70.8 %	\$ 2.5	2.4 %	\$ 78.5 73.2 %
Variance 2015/2014					
Attritional	\$ 19.6	5.7 pts	\$ (2.0)	(2.0) pts	\$ 17.6 3.7 pts
Catastrophes	-	- pts	(0.1)	(0.1) pts	(0.1) (0.1) pts
Total segment	\$ 19.6	5.7 pts	\$ (2.1)	(2.1) pts	\$ 17.5 3.6 pts

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Incurred losses and LAE increased by 22.3% to \$96.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$78.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, mainly due to an increase of \$19.6 million in current year attritional losses. This rise was primarily related to the impact of the increase in premiums earned. There were no current year catastrophe losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Segment Expenses. Commission and brokerage decreased 38.6% to \$4.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$6.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. This increase was primarily due to the impact of changes in affiliated quota share agreements and the impact of changes in the mix of business, partially offset by the impact of the increase in premiums earned. Segment other underwriting expenses increased to \$28.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$21.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 primarily due to the impact of the increase in premiums earned.

Market Sensitive Instruments.

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

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

The overall investment strategy considers the scope of present and anticipated Company operations. In particular, estimates of the financial impact resulting from non-investment asset and liability transactions, together with our

capital structure and other factors, are used to develop a net liability analysis. This analysis includes estimated payout characteristics for which our investments provide liquidity. This analysis is considered in the development of specific investment strategies for asset allocation, duration and credit quality. The change in overall market sensitive risk exposure principally reflects the asset changes that took place during the period.

Interest Rate Risk. Our \$9.5 billion investment portfolio, at March 31, 2015, is principally comprised of fixed maturity securities, which are generally subject to interest rate risk and some foreign currency exchange rate risk, and some equity securities, which are subject to price fluctuations and some foreign exchange rate risk. The overall economic impact of the foreign exchange risks on the investment portfolio is partially mitigated by changes in the dollar value of foreign currency denominated liabilities and their associated income statement impact.

Interest rate risk is the potential change in value of the fixed maturity securities portfolio, including short-term investments, from a change in market interest rates. In a declining interest rate environment, it includes prepayment risk on the \$633.9 million of mortgage-backed securities in the \$5,227.3 million fixed maturity portfolio. Prepayment risk results from potential accelerated principal payments that shorten the average life and thus the expected yield of the security.

The table below displays the potential impact of market value fluctuations and after-tax unrealized appreciation on our fixed maturity portfolio (including \$559.9 million of short-term investments) for the period indicated based on upward and downward parallel and immediate 100 and 200 basis point shifts in interest rates. For legal entities with a U.S. dollar functional currency, this modeling was performed on each security individually. To generate appropriate price estimates for mortgage-backed securities, changes in prepayment expectations under different interest rate environments were taken into account. For legal entities with non-U.S. dollar functional currency, the effective duration of the involved portfolio of securities was used as a proxy for the market value change under the various interest rate change scenarios.

(Dollars in millions)	Impact of Interest Rate Shift in Basis Points									
	At March 31, 2015									
	-200		-100		0		100		200	
Total Market/Fair Value	\$	6,077.5	\$	5,933.6	\$	5,787.2	\$	5,634.7	\$	5,477.6
Market/Fair Value Change from Base (%)		5.0	%	2.5	%	0.0	%	-2.6	%	-5.3
Change in Unrealized Appreciation										
After-tax from Base (\$)	\$	188.7	\$	95.1	\$	-	\$	(99.1))	\$ (201.2)

We had \$7,805.0 million and \$7,843.9 million of gross reserves for losses and LAE as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. These amounts are recorded at their nominal value, as opposed to present value, which would reflect a discount adjustment to reflect the time value of money. Since losses are paid out over a period of time, the present value of the reserves is less than the nominal value. As interest rates rise, the present value of the reserves decreases and, conversely, as interest rates decline, the present value increases. These movements are the opposite of the interest rate impacts on the fair value of investments. While the difference between present value and nominal value is not reflected in our financial statements, our financial results will include investment income over time from the investment portfolio until the claims are paid. Our loss and loss reserve obligations have an expected duration that is reasonably consistent with our fixed income portfolio.

Equity Risk. Equity risk is the potential change in fair and/or market value of the common stock and preferred stock portfolios arising from changing prices. Our equity investments consist of a diversified portfolio of individual securities. The primary objective of the equity portfolio is to obtain greater total return relative to bonds over time through market appreciation and income.

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

Impact of Percentage Change in Equity Fair/Market Values
At March 31, 2015

Edgar Filing: EVEREST REINSURANCE HOLDINGS INC - Form 10-Q

(Dollars in millions)	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
Fair/Market Value of the Equity Portfolio	\$ 1,080.1	\$ 1,215.1	\$ 1,350.1	\$ 1,485.1	\$ 1,620.1
After-tax Change in Fair/Market Value	(175.5)	(87.8)	-	87.8	175.5

37

Foreign Exchange Risk. Foreign currency risk is the potential change in value, income and cash flow arising from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Each of our non-U.S. (“foreign”) operations maintains capital in the currency of the country of its geographic location consistent with local regulatory guidelines. Each foreign operation may conduct business in its local currency, as well as the currency of other countries in which it operates. The primary foreign currency exposures for these foreign operations are the Singapore and Canadian Dollars. We mitigate foreign exchange exposure by generally matching the currency and duration of our assets to our corresponding operating liabilities. In accordance with FASB guidance, we translate the assets, liabilities and income of non-U.S. dollar functional currency legal entities to the U.S. dollar. This translation amount is reported as a component of other comprehensive income. As of March 31, 2015, there has been no material change in exposure to foreign exchange rates as compared to December 31, 2014.

SAFE HARBOR DISCLOSURE

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in the federal securities laws. In some cases, these statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “may”, “will”, “should”, “could”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “expect”, “plan”, “believe”, “predict”, “potential” and “intend”. Forward-looking statements contained in this report include information regarding our reserves for losses and LAE, the adequacy of our provision for uncollectible balances, estimates of our catastrophe exposure, the effects of catastrophic events on our financial statements and the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends. Forward-looking statements only reflect our expectations and are not guarantees of performance. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual events or results may differ materially from our expectations. Important factors that could cause our actual events or results to be materially different from our expectations include those discussed under the caption ITEM 1A, “Risk Factors” in the Company’s most recent 10-K filing. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk Instruments. See “Market Sensitive Instruments” in PART I – ITEM 2.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

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

PART II

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in lawsuits, arbitrations and other formal and informal dispute resolution procedures, the outcomes of which will determine the Company's rights and obligations under insurance and reinsurance agreements. In some disputes, the Company seeks to enforce its rights under an agreement or to collect funds owing to it. In other matters, the Company is resisting attempts by others to collect funds or enforce alleged rights. These disputes arise from time to time and are ultimately resolved through both informal and formal means, including negotiated resolution, arbitration and litigation. In all such matters, the Company believes that its positions are legally and commercially reasonable. The Company considers the statuses of these proceedings when determining its reserves for unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses.

Aside from litigation and arbitrations related to these insurance and reinsurance agreements, the Company is not a party to any other material litigation or arbitration.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

No material changes.

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

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit
Index:

Exhibit No.	Description
31.1	Section 302 Certification of Dominic J. Adesso
31.2	Section 302 Certification of Craig Howie
32.1	Section 906 Certification of Dominic J. Adesso and Craig Howie
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc.

Signatures

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

Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc.
(Registrant)

/ S / C R A I G
HOWIE
Craig Howie
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial
Officer

(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal
Financial Officer)

Dated: May 15, 2015