



MASTHEAD E LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2007



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Company Information

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Report of the Directors

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2007.

Principal activity and business review

The Company ceased underwriting at the end of the 1999 year of account.

The 1999 Underwriting Year of Account closed on 31 December 2001 with it's 1997 of Syndicate 55 and 1999 years of account of Syndicate 205 and 1173 remaining open. Syndicate 1173 remains in run-off but Syndicate 55 and 205's open years of account were successfully closed during 2007. The Company has made an underwriting loss of £7,000 (2006: profit of £29,000) before agents' expenses and tax.

In the opinion of the Directors, the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year was satisfactory. The Directors do not envisage any changes to the current business model in 2008.

Result and dividend

The Company made a loss for the year of £8,000 (2006: £18,000).

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2007 (2006: £ nil).

Directors

The names of the Directors as at the date of this report are listed on page 2. R A Field and M A Sibthorpe retired as Directors on 31 December 2007 and 22 May 2008 respectively.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

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Report of the Directors continued

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

Each person who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- each Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditors are aware of that information.

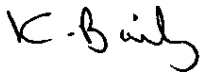
Ultimate holding company

The ultimate parent company is Brit Insurance Holdings PLC.

Auditor

Elective resolutions passed on 16 March 1995 to dispense with the annual appointment of Auditors, presentation of the Accounts at the Annual General Meeting and the holding of Annual General Meetings, remain in force

By Order of the Board



Brit Corporate Secretaries Limited
Secretary
23 May 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report To the Member of Masthead E Limited

We have audited the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes 1 to 17. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

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

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

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

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

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

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

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

Basis of audit opinion

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion:

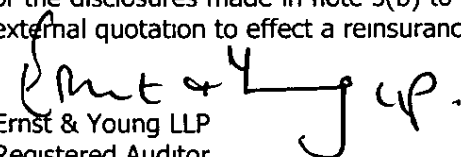
- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report continued

Emphasis of matter – Uncertainty of net technical provisions on Syndicate 1173 1999 Year of Account

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not qualified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 3(b) to the accounts, concerning the uncertainty over the ability to obtain an external quotation to effect a reinsurance to close on the Syndicate 1173 1999 year of account.


Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor
London
27 May 2008

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Technical Account- General Business For the Year Ended 31 December 2007

		Year ended 31 December 2007		Year ended 31 December 2006	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance:					
Gross premiums written	3 (a)	2		6	
Outward reinsurance premiums		(2)		63	
Net premiums written			-		69
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account			29		54
Claims paid:					
Gross amount	3 (a)	(185)		(312)	
Reinsurers' share		98		153	
		(87)		(159)	
Change in the provisions for claims:					
Gross amount	3 (a)	128		225	
Reinsurers' share		(73)		(75)	
		55		150	
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance	4		(32)		(9)
Net operating expenses	5		(4)		(85)
Balance transferred to the non-technical account			(7)		29

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Non-Technical Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2007

		Year ended 31 December 2007	Year ended 31 December 2006
	Note	£'000	£'000
Balance on the general business technical account		(7)	29
Investment income		26	51
Realised gains on investments		-	2
Unrealised gains on investments		4	2
Investment expenses and charges		(1)	(1)
Allocated investment return transferred to the general business technical account		(29)	(54)
Other charges, including value adjustments	6	(1)	(54)
(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax		(8)	(25)
Tax on (loss) on ordinary activities	7	-	7
(Loss) on ordinary activities after tax		(8)	(18)
Retained (deficit) for the financial period		(8)	(18)

The Company's income and expenses all relate to discontinued operations

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses For the Year Ended 31 December 2007

		Year ended 31 December 2007	Year ended 31 December 2006
		£'000	£'000
(Loss) for the financial year		(8)	(18)
Exchange losses		-	(54)
Current UK Corporation Tax on exchange differences		-	16
Total profit recognised in the year	13	(8)	(56)

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2007

	Note	As at 31 December 2007			As at 31 December 2006		
		Corporate £'000	Syndicate £'000	Total £'000	Corporate £'000	Syndicate £'000	Total £'000
Fixed Asset Investments:							
Financial Investments	8	-	648	648	-	651	651
Reinsurers' Share of Technical Provisions:							
Claims outstanding		-	129	129	-	360	360
Debtors:							
Arising out of direct insurance operations – due from intermediaries		-	83	83	-	95	95
Arising out of reinsurance operations		-	85	85	-	135	135
Amount due from corporate member		-	103	103	-	11	11
Other	9	-	18	18	32	29	61
		-	289	289	32	270	302
Other Assets:							
Cash at bank and in hand		-	63	63	-	306	306
Other		-	10	10	-	88	88
		-	73	73	-	394	403
Prepayments and Accrued Income		-	2	2	-	2	2
Total Assets		-	1,141	1,141	32	1,677	1,709

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Balance Sheet continued

		As at 31 December 2007			As at 31 December 2006		
	Note	Corporate £'000	Syndicate £'000	Total £'000	Corporate £'000	Syndicate £'000	Total £'000
Capital and Reserves:							
Called up share capital	12	1	-	1	1	-	1
Revenue reserve	13	(62)	-	(62)	(54)	-	(54)
Equity Shareholder's Funds							
	14	(61)	-	(61)	(53)	-	(53)
Technical Provisions:							
Claims outstanding – gross		-	1,101	1,101	-	1,599	1,599
Creditors:							
Arising from direct insurance operations		-	23	23	-	41	41
Arising from reinsurance operations		-	12	12	-	24	24
Other creditors	11	61	1	62	76	8	84
		61	36	97	76	73	149
Other Liabilities							
Deferred Taxation	10	-	-	-	9	-	9
Accruals and Deferred Income:							
		-	4	4	-	5	5
Total Liabilities							
		-	1,141	1,141	32	1,677	1,709

The financial statements on pages 7 to 20 were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 May 2008 and were signed on its behalf by:

Director



Director



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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2007

1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Companies Act 1985 ('the Act'). The recommendations of the Statements of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Businesses issued by the Association of British Insurers in December 2005 as amended in December 2006 (the "ABI SORP") have been adopted.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

(b) Sources of data

The information used to compile the technical account and the 'syndicate' balance sheet is based on returns prepared for this purpose by the Managing Agents of each syndicate ('the Returns'). These Returns have been subject to audit by the syndicate auditor and are based on the audited syndicate returns to Lloyd's and the audited annual reports to syndicate members.

The format of the Returns has been established by Lloyd's and Lloyd's has also been responsible for collating the data at a syndicate level and analysing it into corporate member level results

(c) Going concern

As at 31 December 2007, the Company had net liabilities of £61,000 resulting from its past underwriting activities

The Company's underwriting activities are supported by standalone funds at Lloyd's, as set out in note 16. The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis having taken into account all information that could reasonably be expected to be available. In doing so, they have assumed that the Company's open year underwriting results meet with the current forecasts and that the standalone funds can be called down upon if required. The financial statements, therefore, do not include any adjustments that would result if the underwriting results do not meet expectations and the standalone funds do not respond.

The directors of Brit Insurance Holdings PLC have guaranteed that they will meet all of the liabilities of the Company as they fall due for at least until one year after the balance sheet date.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Underwriting activities

The results for all classes of business have been determined on an annual basis whereby the incurred cost of claims, commission and related expenses are charged against the earned proportion of premium, net of reinsurance as follows

(i) Premiums

Premiums written relate to business incepted during the year, together with any differences between booked premiums for prior years and those previously accrued, and include estimates of premiums due but not yet receivable or notified, less an allowance for cancellations. Premiums are accreted to the income statement on a pro rata basis over the term of the related policy, except for those contracts where the period of risk differs significantly from the contract period. In these circumstances, premiums are recognised over the period of risk in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided. Reinstatement premiums are accreted to the income statement on a pro rata basis over the term of the original policy to which it relates.

Premiums are shown net of premium taxes and other levies on premiums

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

2. Accounting policies - continued

- (ii) **Deferred acquisition costs**
Commission and other acquisition costs incurred during the financial period that vary with and are related to securing new insurance contracts and/or renewing existing insurance contracts, but which relate to subsequent financial periods, are deferred to the extent that they are recoverable out of future revenue margins. Deferred acquisition costs are capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the contract
- (iii) **Claims incurred**
Claims incurred comprise claims and claims handling costs paid in the year and changes in the provisions for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported ("IBNR") and related expenses, together with any adjustments to claims from prior years. Claims handling costs are mainly those external costs related to the negotiation and settlement of claims.
- (iv) **Outstanding claims provisions**
Claims outstanding represent the estimated ultimate cost of settling all claims (including direct and indirect claims settlement costs) arising from events which have occurred up to the balance sheet date, including provision for claims incurred but not reported, less any amounts paid in respect of those claims. The Company does not discount its liabilities for unpaid claims the ultimate cost of which cannot be known with certainty at the balance sheet date
- (v) **Provision for unearned premiums**
The proportion of written premiums that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the balance sheet date is deferred as a provision for unearned premiums, generally calculated on a time apportioned basis. The movement in the provision is taken to the income statement in order that revenue is recognised over the period of the risk.
- (vi) **Syndicate balance sheet**
For each syndicate on which the Company participates, the Company's proportion of the syndicate's assets and liabilities has been reflected in its Balance Sheet (included in the column headed 'Syndicate'). Syndicate assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the Syndicates' insurance creditors.
- (b) **Investments**
Investments are treated as sold and repurchased at each 31 December in recognition of the annual venture nature of participation on a syndicate. Their cost is therefore their market value at that date.
- (c) **Investment income**
Investment income comprises interest receivable and dividends received plus realised gains on the disposal of investments. Realised gains and losses arise from the difference between proceeds and cost.

The realised gains reported by Syndicates are net of any realised losses

All investment income net of realised losses arising on syndicate participations is allocated to the technical account. Other investment income is attributable to the non-technical account

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

2. Accounting policies - continued

(d) Investment expenses and charges

Investment expenses and charges comprise investment management expenses

(e) Net operating expenses

Operating expenses have been charged to the underwriting year for which they were incurred. These include the Company's share of syndicate operating expenses, the remuneration payable to Managing Agents, the Company's Members' Agent and the direct costs of membership of Lloyd's.

(f) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies other than sterling, United States dollars and Canadian dollars are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of opening balances at the closing rate are dealt with in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. All other translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

(g) Syndicate participation rights

Where the Company has purchased the right to participate on syndicates, the cost is capitalised and amortised in equal annual instalments over 3 years. Amortisation commences at the end of the third year from the start of the Company's first underwriting year on the syndicate.

If, at any time, the Directors become aware of a permanent diminution in the value of the Company's right to participate on a syndicate, the asset will be written down accordingly. If a syndicate right is sold then any related costs are offset against the disposal proceeds and any gain/loss is taken to the non-technical profit and loss account, in the same period.

(h) Taxation

The Company is taxed on its share of the underwriting results declared by syndicates and for tax purposes these are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results included in these financial statements (excluding any additional provisions made by Directors) relate to the 1999 Year of Account and are declared for tax purposes in the calendar year.

HM Revenue & Customs determines the taxable results of individual syndicates on the basis of computations submitted by the Managing Agent. At the date of approval of these financial statements, none of the syndicate taxable results have been agreed. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Company as a result of HM Revenue & Customs' agreement of the taxable results of individual syndicates will be reflected in the financial statements of subsequent periods.

Other profits are recognised and assessable to corporation tax in the same period, after adjustment in accordance with tax legislation.

(i) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

(j) Cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from preparing a cash flow statement under FRS 1. Brit Insurance Holdings PLC, the ultimate parent company, prepares a consolidated cash flow statement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

3. (a) Segmental Information

	Year ended 31 December 2007				
	Gross Premiums Written £'000	Gross Claims Incurred £'000	Gross Operating Expenses* £'000	Reinsurance Balance £'000	Total £'000
Direct Business					
Accident & Health	-	5	-	1	6
Motor – third party liability	-	2	-	(1)	1
Motor – other classes	-	-	-	2	2
Marine, Aviation & Transport	-	17	-	(14)	3
Fire and other Damage to Property	-	(8)	-	5	(3)
Third Party Liability	1	21	(2)	(18)	2
Credit and Suretyship	1	3	-	(1)	3
Other	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Total Direct	<u>2</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(27)</u>	<u>13</u>
Reinsurance Business					
Reinsurances Acceptances	-	(97)	(2)	50	(49)
Total Reinsurance	<u>-</u>	<u>(97)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>(49)</u>
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>(36)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

3. (a) Segmental Information continued

	Year ended 31 December 2006				
	Gross Premiums Written £'000	Gross Claims Incurred £'000	Gross Operating Expenses* £'000	Reinsurance Balance £'000	Total £'000
Direct Business					
Accident & Health	-	(10)	(2)	84	72
Motor – third party liability	-	(1)	-	-	(1)
Motor – other classes	-	-	(1)	(1)	(2)
Marine, Aviation & Transport	-	(19)	(1)	44	24
Fire and other Damage to Property	(5)	22	(1)	(25)	(9)
Third Party Liability	6	(82)	(15)	(14)	(105)
Credit and Suretyship	1	4	(2)	(4)	(1)
Other	-	(1)	(52)	-	(53)
Total Direct	2	(87)	(74)	84	(75)
Reinsurance Business:					
Reinsurances Acceptances	4	-	(11)	57	50
Total Reinsurance	4	-	(11)	57	50
Total	6	(87)	(85)	141	(25)

* Gross operating expenses are equal to the net operating expenses shown in the Profit and the Loss Account as no commission in respect of outward reinsurance has been received and set off in arriving at net operating expenses.

The segmental split shown below is based on the location of the underlying risk insured.

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Gross premiums in respect of direct business written in:		
United Kingdom	2	2

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

3 (b) Reserve Uncertainties: net technical provisions

As at 31 December 2007, the Company had an open year participation on the 1999 year of account of Syndicate 1173.

The managing agent has attempted to obtain an external quotation to effect a reinsurance to close for each of the open years on commercially acceptable terms, but without success. An indication was received during 2007, which if it had been progressed to a reinsurance to close, would have resulted in a further deterioration in the result for each year of account of approximately 20% of capacity. The board of the managing agent felt that a risk premium at this level was too high. More recently there have been enquiries that indicate that it may be possible to effect a reinsurance to close during 2008 on more favourable terms. This should be helped by expected clarification during 2008 of legal issues concerning US securities claims.

In the circumstances, the board of the managing agent has decided there is no viable option at this stage than to leave the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 years of account of syndicate 1173 open. The syndicate did not trade forward into 2003.

The financial statements do not make allowance for any risk premium that may be charged by third party providers of reinsurance to close the syndicate. Any such risk premium would be a matter of negotiation between the managing agent and the third party concerned.

4. Claims Incurred, Net of Reinsurance

	Year ended 31 December 2007 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2006 £'000
Gross		
1997 Year of Account	-	18
1999 Year of Account	(57)	(105)
	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(87)</u>
Reinsurance		
1997 Year of Account	-	18
1999 Year of Account	25	60
	<u>25</u>	<u>78</u>
Net claims incurred	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(9)</u>

5. Net Operating Expenses

	Year ended 31 December 2007 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2006 £'000
Acquisition costs	10	(1)
Administrative expenses	-	19
Loss on exchange	(6)	67
	<u>4</u>	<u>85</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

6. Other charges

	Year ended 31 December 2007 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2006 £'000
Other	1	54

Audit fees for the Company have been borne by Brit Insurance Holdings PLC, the ultimate holding company and amounted to £1,000.

7. Taxation

(i) Analysis of tax credit in year

	Year ended 31 December 2007 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2006 £'000
Current taxation:		
Adjustment in respect of previous years	9	-
UK Corporation tax on the (loss) for the year	-	33
Tax credit/(charge) on (loss) on ordinary activities	9	33
Deferred taxation (see note 10)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(9)	(26)
	(9)	(26)
	-	7

(ii) Factors affecting tax credit for year

Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(8)	(25)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of tax in the UK of 30% (2006 30%)	2	7
Short term timing differences		
Syndicate results	7	26
Current tax credit for the year per (i) above	9	33

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

8. Financial investments

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Shares and other variable yield securities	241	178
Debt securities and other fixed interest securities	307	391
Deposits with credit institutions	47	43
Other	53	39
	<u>648</u>	<u>651</u>

9. Other debtors

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Taxation	-	32
Share of Syndicate's other debtor balances	18	29
	<u>18</u>	<u>61</u>

10. Deferred taxation

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Provision for future underwriting losses	-	9
	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
Undiscounted provision for deferred taxation at the start of the year	9	(17)
Deferred tax charge in profit and loss account for year (Note 7)	(9)	26
Provision at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>

At 31 December 2007, there was an unprovided deferred tax asset of £nil (31 December 2006: £nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

11. Other creditors

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Amounts due to Group undertakings	8	32
Amounts due in respect of syndicate losses	52	44
Share of Syndicate's other creditor balances	1	8
Sundry Creditors	1	-
	<u>62</u>	<u>84</u>

12. Share capital

	31 December 2007 £	31 December 2006 £
Authorised: 1,000 ordinary shares of £1	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid 1,000 ordinary shares of £1	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

13. Revenue reserve

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Balance as at 1 January	(54)	2
(Loss) retained for the financial period	(8)	(56)
Balance as at 31 December	<u>(62)</u>	<u>(54)</u>

14. Movement in Shareholder's funds

	31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006 £'000
Opening Shareholder's funds	(53)	3
Total recognised (losses) for the financial period	(8)	(56)
Closing Shareholder's funds	<u>(61)</u>	<u>(53)</u>

15. Related party transactions

As a subsidiary undertaking of Brit Insurance Holdings PLC, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 "Related party disclosures" from disclosing transactions with other members of the group

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

16. Guarantees

(i) Lloyd's

If any of the other corporate member subsidiaries of the Brit Insurance Holdings PLC Group ("the Group") fail to meet any of their obligations, after having called on Wren Limited (formerly Wren PLC) under its guarantees, then

- (a) Lloyd's will be entitled to require any of the Group's subsidiaries to cease or reduce their underwriting, and/or
- (b) having regard to the fact that the Central Fund may be applied to discharge the obligations of the defaulting corporate member subsidiary, Lloyd's will be entitled to require each of the other corporate member subsidiaries of the Group to make contributions to the Central Fund up to the amount of their respective net profits held from time to time in Premiums Trust Funds, sufficient to reimburse the Central Fund in full for any payment made on behalf of the defaulting member

At the date of these financial statements the Company is not aware of any of the other corporate member subsidiaries of the Group failing to meet any of their Lloyd's obligations.

Investments and assets supporting the underwriting at Lloyd's are held in Masthead Insurance Underwriting Limited ("Masthead"), a fellow Group subsidiary. Masthead provides standalone Funds at Lloyd's for Masthead E Limited. As at 31 December 2007 this amounted to £213,711 (2006 £213,711).

17. Ultimate holding company

The immediate holding company is Masthead Insurance Underwriting Limited and the ultimate holding company is Brit Insurance Holdings PLC, which is registered in England and Wales. Copies of the accounts are available from 55 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 3AS