Company registration number: 3846493

# Nameco (No. 340) Limited

# Report and financial statements 31 December 2007

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#### **Company information**

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#### Report of the Directors

The Directors submit their Report together with the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### Principal Activities, Business Review and Future Developments

The principal activity of the Company is that of trading as a Lloyd's corporate capital member. The Company continues to trade in 2008 and the Directors expect this year's result to be better than years currently being reported.

The Financial Statements incorporate the annual accounting results of the syndicates on which the Company participates for the 2005, 2006 and 2007 years of account, as well as any 2004 and prior run-off years

The 2005 year closed at 31 December 2007 with a result of £96,072 (2004 - £197,542). The 2006 and 2007 open underwriting account will normally close at 31 December 2008 and 2009

Certain syndicates on which the Company participates have for a variety of reasons been unable to close. There is a greater than usual degree of uncertainty as to the eventual outcome of these accounts

#### **Results and Dividends**

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 10 of the Financial Statements Dividends totalling £- were paid in the year (2006 - £-)

#### Report of the Directors (continued)

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

The directors monitor the performance of the Company by reference to the following key performance indicators:

	2007	2006
Capacity (youngest underwriting year)	2,089,693	2,329,048
Gross premium written as a % of capacity	101 4%	110 1%
Underwriting profit of latest closed year		
as a % of capacity	4.9%	10 4%
Run-off years of account movement	(8,837)	14,257

#### Other Performance Indicators

As a result of the nature of this Company as a Lloyd's Corporate Member the majority of its activities are carried out by the syndicates in which it participates. The Company is not involved directly in the management of the syndicate's activities, including employment of syndicate staff, as these are the responsibility of the relevant Managing Agent. Each Managing Agent will also have responsibility for the environmental activities of each syndicate, although by their nature insurers do not produce significant environmental emissions. As a result, the Directors of the Company do not consider it appropriate to monitor and report any performance indicators in relation to staff or environmental matters.

#### Risk Management

As a corporate member of Lloyd's the majority of the risks to this Company's future cash flows arise from its participation in the results of Lloyd's syndicates. As detailed below, these risks are mostly managed by the Managing Agent of the syndicate. This Company's role in managing this risk is limited to selection of syndicate participations and monitoring performance of the syndicates.

#### Report of the Directors (continued)

#### Syndicate risks

The syndicate's activities expose it to a variety of financial and non-financial risks. The Managing Agent is responsible for managing the syndicate's exposure to these risks and, where possible, introducing controls and procedures that mitigate the effects of the exposure to risk. Each year, the Managing Agent prepares an Individual Capital Assessment (ICA) for the syndicate, the purpose of this being to agree capital requirements with Lloyd's based on an agreed assessment of the risks impacting the syndicate's business, and the measures in place to manage and mitigate those risks from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. The risks described below are typically reflected in the ICA, and typically the majority of the total assessed value of the risks concerned is attributable to Insurance Risk.

The insurance risks faced by a syndicate include the occurrence of catastrophic events, downward pressure on pricing of risks, reductions in business volumes and the risk of inadequate reserving. Reinsurance risks arise from the risk that a reinsurer fails to meet their share of a claim. The management of the syndicate's funds is exposed to risks of investment, liquidity, currency and interest rates leading to financial loss. The syndicate is also exposed to regulatory and operational risks including its ability to continue to trade. However, supervision by Lloyd's and the Financial Services Authority provide additional controls over the syndicate's management of risks.

The Company manages the risks faced by the syndicates on which it participates by monitoring the performance of the syndicates it supports. This commences in advance of committing to support a syndicate for the following year, with a review of the business plan prepared for each syndicate by its Managing Agent. In addition quarterly reports and annual accounts together with any other information made available by the Managing Agent are monitored and if necessary enquired into. If the Company considers that the risks being run by the syndicate are excessive it will seek confirmation from the Managing Agent that adequate management of the risk is in place and if considered appropriate will withdraw support from the next underwriting year. The company relies on advice provided by the Members' Agent which acts for it, who are specialists in assessing the performance and risk profiles of syndicates.

#### Investment and currency risks

The other significant risks faced by the Company are with regard to the investment of the available funds within its own custody. The elements of these risks are investment risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and interest rate risk. The main liquidity risk would arise if a syndicate had inadequate liquid resources for a large claim and sought funds from the company to meet the claim. In order to minimise investment, credit and liquidity risk the Company's funds are invested in readily realisable short term cash deposits.

#### Report of the Directors (continued)

#### Regulatory risks

The Company is subject to continuing approval by Lloyd's and the Financial Services Authority to be a member of a Lloyd's syndicate. The risk of this approval being removed is mitigated by monitoring and fully complying with all requirements in relation to membership of Lloyd's. The capital requirements to support the proposed amount of syndicate capacity for future years are subject to the requirements of Lloyd's. A variety of factors are taken into account by Lloyd's in setting these requirements including market conditions and syndicate performance and although the process is intended to be fair and reasonable the requirements can fluctuate from one year to the next, which may constrain the volume of underwriting the Company is able to support

#### **Operational risks**

As there are relatively few transactions actually undertaken by the Company there are only limited systems and staffing requirements of the Company and therefore operational risks are not considered to be significant. Close involvement of all directors in the Company's key decision making and the fact that the majority of the Company's operations are conducted by syndicates provides control over any remaining operational risks

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served at any time during the year were as follows:

J R H Evans Nomina plc

#### Report of the Directors (continued)

#### Directors' Responsibilities

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 year, in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) In preparing those Financial Statements the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Report of the Directors is prepared in accordance with company law in the United Kingdom.

#### **Auditors**

Since the previous year Annual General Meeting, our auditors, CLB Littlejohn Frazer, have changed their name to Littlejohn. A resolution to reappoint Littlejohn will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting

In the case of each of the persons who are Director's at the time this report is approved, the following applies:

- (a) So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

By Order of the Board

Hampden Legal PLC Secretary

9th July 2008

#### **Independent Auditors' report**

#### Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of Nameco (No. 340) Limited

We have audited the Financial Statements of Nameco (No. 340) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes 1 to 20 These Financial Statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, 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 shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described by the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

#### **Basis of 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

#### Independent Auditors' report (continued)

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 result for the year then ended,
- and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the Financial Statements.

Littlejohn

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

9th July 2008

# Profit and loss account Technical account – general business For the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note		2007 £		2006 £
Premiums Written Gross premiums written Outward reinsurance premiums	1		2,118,626 (323,475)		2,564,366 (409,296)
Net Premiums Written			1,795,151		2,155,070
Change in the provision for Unearned premiums Gross Provision Reinsurers' share			155,136 (20,805)		(213,902) 16,845
Earned Premiums, Net of Reinsurance Allocated Investment Return Transferred from the Non- Technical Account			1,929,482		1,958,013
Other technical income, net of reinsurance			-		-
Claims Paid Gross Amount Reinsurers' share		(1,151,798) 288,949		(1,452,877) 597,790	
Net claims paid		(862,849)		(855,087)	
Change in Provision for Claims Gross amount Reinsurers' share		134,525 (211,476)		359,464 (463,432)	
Change in net provision for claims		(76,951)		(103,968)	
Claims Incurred, Net of Reinsurance			(939,800)		(959,055)
Changes in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance Net operating expenses Other technical charges, net of reinsurance	3		(776,168)		- (726,057) -
Balance on the Technical Account for General Business			402,818		392,412

# Profit and loss account Non - technical account For the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Balance on Technical Account for General Business		402,818	392,412
Investment income	4	192,186	126,276
Unrealised gains on investments		33,455	14,808
Investment expenses and charges	5	(29,273)	(15,727)
Unrealised losses on investments		(7,064)	(5,846)
Allocated investment return transferred to the general		, , ,	
business technical account		(189,304)	(119,511)
Other income		10,455	183,202
Other charges		(15,267)	(28,136)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	6	398,006	547,478
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(80,210)	(73,754)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	14	317,796	473,724
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All amounts relate to continuing operations.

# Balance sheet As at 31 December 2007

		31 December 2007			31 December 2006			
	Note	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	
Assets								
Intangible assets	9	-	27,257	27,257	-	30,743	30,743	
Investments Financial investments	10	2,750,344	-	2,750,344	2,323,929	-	2,323,929	
Deposits with ceding undertakings		2,371	-	2,371	2,462	-	2,462	
		2,752,715	-	2,752,715	2,326,391	<del>.</del>	2,326,391	
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions			· -					
Provision for unearned premiums Claims outstanding Other technical provisions		92,930 656,505	-	92,930 656,505	985,078 -	-	985,078 -	
		749,435	•	749,435	985,078	-	985,078	
Debtors Arising out of direct insurance operations Arising out of reinsurance operations		405,488 349,185		405,488 349,185	500,828 385,480	-	500,828 385,480	
Other debtors	11	239,642	648,431	888,073	194,520	426,251	620,771	
		994,315	648,431	1,642,746	1,080,828	426,251	1,507,079	
Other assets Cash at bank and in hand Other		222,893 202,256	65,198 -	288,091 202,256	248,626 163,621	197,528 -	446,154 163,621	
		425,149	65,198	490,347	412,247	197,528	609,775	
Prepayments and accrued income								
Accrued interest Deferred acquisitions costs Other prepayments and accrued income		9,428 240,336 5,415	-	9,428 240,336 5,415	8,464 254,551 10,791	-	8,464 254,551 10,791	
		255,179	•	255,179	273,806		273,806	
Total assets		5,176,793	740,886	5,917,679	5,078,350	654,522	5,732,872	

### **Balance** sheet As at 31 December 2007

		31	December 2	2007	31	December 20	06
	Note	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £
Liabilities and shareholders' funds							
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	12	-	1	1	-	1	1
Share premium account Profit and loss account	13	461,718	459,258	920,976	229,261	373,919	603,180
Shareholders' funds – attributable to equity interests	14	461,718	459,259	920,977	229,261	373,920	603,181
Technical provisions Provision for unearned premiums Claims outstanding – gross amount Other technical provisions		920,247 3,187,100	- - -	920,247 3,187,100	1,073,321 3,229,071	- - -	1,073,321 3,229,071
Provisions for other risks and charges Deferred taxation Other	15	:	94,111 -	94,111 -		40,851 -	40,851
Deposit received from reinsurers		5,390	-	5,390	16,121	-	16,121
Creditors Arising out of direct insurance operations		123,252	-	123,252	107,750	-	107,750
Arising out of reinsurance operations Amounts owed to credit Institutions		171,888 156	-	171,888 156	181,073 146	-	181,073 146
Other creditors including taxation and social security	16	384,724	47,109	431,833	298,859	152,775	451,634
		4,792,757	141,220	4,933,977	4,906,341	193,626	5,099,967
Accruals and deferred income		(77,682)	140,407	62,725	(57,252)	86,976	29,724
Total liabilities		5,176,793	740,886	5,917,679	5,078,350	654,522	5,732,872

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9th July 2008 and signed on its behalf by.

Nomina plc

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Director

# Cash flow statement For the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Operating activities Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	17	(36,283)	(6,731)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		-	-
Capital expenditure Purchase of syndicate capacity Proceeds from sale of syndicate capacity		(5,914) 10,551	200,909
Taxation Corporation and overseas taxes (paid)/refunded		(100,684)	(7,882)
Equity dividends paid		-	-
Financing Issue of shares Share 1ssue expenses		- -	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for the year	17	(132,330)	186,296
Cash flows were invested as follows:			
Increase/(decrease) in cash holdings Purchase of financial investments Sale of financial investments	17	(132,330)	186,296 - -
Net investment of cash flows		(132,330)	186,296

The Company has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's Consequently, the cash flow statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from the syndicates at Lloyd's

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting modified to include the revaluation of investments and comply with applicable Accounting Standards.

The Company participates in insurance business as an underwriting member of various syndicates at Lloyd's

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A of the Companies Act 1985 and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business issued by the Association of British Insurers in December 2005, as amended in December 2006, except that exchange differences arising on syndicate assets and liabilities are dealt with in the technical account as all of these differences arise from technical account transactions.

Accounting information in respect of the syndicate participations has been provided by the Syndicate's managing agent and has been reported upon by the syndicate auditors

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements are prepared using the annual basis of accounting. Under the annual basis of accounting a result is determined at the end of each accounting period reflecting the profit or loss from providing insurance coverage during that period and any adjustments to the profit or loss of providing insurance cover during earlier accounting periods

Amounts reported in the general business technical account relate to movements in the period in respect of all relevant years of account of the syndicates on which the Company participates

Assets and liabilities arising as a result of the underwriting activities are mainly controlled by the syndicates' managing agents. Accordingly, these assets and liabilities have been shown separately in the balance sheet as "Syndicate Participation". Other assets and liabilities are shown as "Corporate". The syndicate assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the syndicates' insurance creditors.

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

#### **General Business**

#### 1. Premiums

Premiums written comprise the total premiums receivable in respect of 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 to the syndicates on which the Company participates, less an allowance for cancellations. All premiums are shown gross of commission payable to intermediaries and exclude taxes and duties levied on them.

#### 11 Unearned Premiums

Written premium is earned according to the risk profile of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the Balance Sheet date, calculated on a time apportionment basis having regard where appropriate, to the incidence of risk. The specific basis adopted by each syndicate is determined by the relevant Managing Agent.

#### 111 Deferred Acquisition Costs

Acquisition costs, which represent commission and other related expenses, are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned

#### 1V Reinsurance Premiums

Reinsurance premium costs are allocated by the Managing Agent of each syndicate to reflect the protection arranged in respect of the business written and earned

#### v Claims Incurred and Reinsurers' Share

Claims incurred comprise claims and settlement expenses (both internal and external) occurring in the year and changes in the provisions for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported and settlement expenses, together with any other adjustments to claims from previous years. Where applicable, deductions are made for salvage and other recoveries

The provision for claims outstanding comprises amounts set aside for claims notified and claims incurred but not yet reported (IBNR). The amount included in respect of IBNR is based on statistical techniques of estimation applied by each syndicate's in house reserving team and reviewed by external consulting actuaries. These techniques generally involve projecting from past experience the development of claims over time to form a view of the likely ultimate claims to be experienced for more recent underwriting, having regard to variations in the business accepted and the underlying terms and conditions. The provision for claims also includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs. For the most recent years, where a high degree of volatility arises from projections, estimates may be based in part on output from rating and other models of the business accepted and assessments of underwriting conditions.

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

The reinsurers' share of provisions for claims is based on calculated amounts of outstanding claims and projections for IBNR, net of estimated irrecoverable amounts, having regard to each syndicate's reinsurance programme in place for the class of business, the claims experience for the year and the current security rating of the reinsurance companies involved. Each syndicate uses a number of statistical techniques to assist in making these estimates

Accordingly the two most critical assumptions made by each syndicates Managing Agent as regards claims provisions are that the past is a reasonable predictor of the likely level of claims development and that the rating and other models used including pricing models for recent business are reasonable indicators of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred

The level of uncertainty with regard to the estimations within these provisions generally decreases with time since the underlying contracts were exposed to new risks. In addition the nature of short tail claims such as property where claims are typically notified and settled within a short period of time will normally have less uncertainty after a few years than long tail risks such as some liability business where it may be several years before claims are fully advised and settled. In addition to these factors if there are disputes regarding coverage under policies or changes in the relevant law regarding a claim this may increase the uncertainty in the estimation of the outcomes.

The assessment of these provisions is usually the most subjective aspect of an insurer's accounts and may result in greater uncertainty within an insurer's accounts than within those of many other businesses. The provisions for gross claims and related reinsurance recoveries have been assessed on the basis of the information currently available to the directors of each syndicate's managing agent. However, ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and this may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided. Adjustments to the amounts of claims provisions established in prior years are reflected in the financial statements for the period in which the adjustments are made. The provisions are not discounted for the investment earnings that may be expected to arise in the future on the funds retained to meet the future liabilities. The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly.

#### vi Unexpired Risks Provision

Provisions for unexpired risks are made where the costs of outstanding claims, related expenses and deferred acquisition costs are expected to exceed the unearned premium provision carried forward at the balance sheet date. The provision for unexpired risks is calculated separately by reference to classes of business which are managed together, after taking into account relevant investment return. The provision is made on a syndicate by syndicate basis by the relevant Managing Agent.

#### vii Closed Years of Account

At the end of the third year, the underwriting account is normally closed by reinsurance into the following year of account. The amount of the reinsurance to close premium payable is determined by the managing agent, generally by estimating the cost of claims notified but not settled at 31 December, together with the estimated cost of claims incurred but not reported at that date, and an estimate of future claims handling costs.

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

Any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities of the closed year of account is borne by the underwriting year into which it is reinsured

The payment of a reinsurance to close premium does not eliminate the liability of the closed year for outstanding claims. If the reinsuring syndicate was unable to meet its obligations, and the other elements of Lloyd's chain of security were to fail, then the closed underwriting account would have to settle outstanding claims

The Directors consider that the likelihood of such a failure of the reinsurance to close is extremely remote, and consequently the reinsurance to close has been deemed to settle the liabilities outstanding at the closure of an underwriting account. The Company has included its share of the reinsurance to close premiums payable as technical provisions at the end of the current period, and no further provision is made for any potential variation in the ultimate liability of that year of account

#### VIII Run-off Years of Account

Where an underwriting year of account is not closed at the end of the third year (a "run-off" year of account) a provision is made for the estimated cost of all known and unknown outstanding liabilities of that year. The provision is determined initially by the managing agent on a similar basis to the reinsurance to close. However, any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities for that year remains with the corporate member participating therein. As a result any run-off year will continue to report movements in its results after the third year until such time as it secures a reinsurance to close.

#### 1X Net Operating Expenses (including Acquisition Costs)

Net operating costs include acquisition costs, profit and loss on exchange and other amounts incurred by the syndicates on which the Company participates

Acquisition costs, comprising commission and other costs related to the acquisition of new insurance contracts, are deferred to the extent that they are attributable to premiums unearned at the Balance Sheet date

#### x Distribution of Profits and Collection of Losses

Lloyd's operates a detailed set of regulations regarding solvency and the distribution of profits and payment of losses between syndicates and their members. Lloyd's continues to require membership of syndicates to be on an underwriting year of account basis and profits and losses belong to members according to their membership of a year of account. Normally profits and losses are transferred between the syndicate and members after results for a year of account are finalised after 36 months. This period may be extended if a year of account goes into run-off. The syndicate may make earlier on account distributions or cash calls according to the cash flow of a particular year of account and subject to Lloyd's requirements.

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

#### x1 Investments

Investments are stated at current value, including accrued interest at the Balance Sheet date

#### X11 Investment Return

Investment return comprises all investment income, realised investment gains and losses and movements in unrealised gains and losses, net of investment expenses and charges

Realised and unrealised gains and losses are measured by reference to the original cost of the investment if purchased in the year, or if held at the beginning of the year by reference to the current value at that date

Investment return is initially recorded in the non-technical account. A transfer is made from the non-technical account to the general business technical account to reflect the investment return on funds supporting the underwriting business.

#### X111 Basis of Currency Translation

Syndicates maintain separate funds in Sterling, United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros

Income and expenditure in US dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros is translated at the average rate of exchange for the year. Underwriting transactions denominated in other foreign currencies are included at the rate of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed.

Assets and liabilities are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange at the Balance Sheet date

Differences arising on translation of foreign currency amounts in syndicates are included in the technical account.

#### XIV Debtors/Creditors arising from Insurance/Reinsurance Operations

The amounts shown in the Balance Sheet include the totals of all the Syndicates outstanding debit and credit transactions as processed by the Lloyd's central facility; no account has been taken of any offsets which may be applicable in calculating the net amounts due between the Syndicates and each of their counterparty insureds, reinsurers or intermediaries as appropriate

# Accounting Policies For the year ended 31 December 2007

#### **Taxation**

The Company is taxed on its results including its share of underwriting results declared by the syndicates and these are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results included in these Financial Statements are only declared for tax purposes in the calendar year following the normal closure of the year of account. No provision is made for corporation tax in relation to open years of account. However, full provision is made for deferred tax on underwriting results not subject to current corporation tax.

HM Revenue & Customs agrees the taxable results of the syndicates at a syndicate level on the basis of computations submitted by the managing agent. At the date of the approval of these Financial Statements the syndicate taxable results of years of account closed at this and at previous year ends may not have been fully agreed with HM Revenue & Customs. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Company, as a result of HM Revenue & Customs agreement of syndicate results, will be reflected in the Financial Statements of subsequent periods.

#### **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

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 have not been discounted

#### **Intangible Assets**

Costs incurred by the Company in the Corporation of Lloyd's auctions in order to acquire rights to participate on syndicates' underwriting years are included within intangible fixed assets and amortised over a 5 year period beginning in the year following the purchase of the syndicate participation.

#### **Cash Flow Statement**

The Company has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's Consequently, the Cash Flow Statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from syndicates at Lloyd's

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

Class of Business	_	~	<b>G</b> .	NY .		
	Gross Written	Gross Premiums	Gross Claims	Net Operating	Reinsurance	
2007	Premiums	Earned	Incurred	Expenses	Balance	Total
2007	f remiums £	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Insurance	*	•	~	*	•	•
Accident and health	111,947	104,970	(44,714)	(43,504)	(5,722)	11,030
Motor – third party liability	10,814	12,175	(1,444)	(4,239)	(1,296)	5,196
Motor – other classes	216,408	202,598	(149,265)	(61,752)	(7,259)	(15,678)
Marine, aviation and transport	188,012	220,586	(76,901)	(69,751)	(40,445)	33,489
Fire and other damage to property	535,706	552,820	(239,353)	(217,102)	(58,527)	37,838
Third party liability	455,469	477,337	(260,951)	(161,149)	(37,177)	18,060
Credit and suretyship	17,399	24,030	(3,539)	(5,886)	(7,034)	7,571
Legal expenses	2,940	2,816	(1,561)	(1,390)	(284)	(419)
Assistance	-,	-,		-	-	-
Miscellaneous	9,836	8,502	(11,235)	(4,311)	(152)	(7,196)
	1,548,531	1,605,834	(788,963)	(569,084)	(157,896)	89,891
Reinsurance	570,095	667,928	(228,310)	(207,084)	(108,911)	123,623
Total	2,118,626	2,273,762	(1,017,273)	(776,168)	(266,807)	213,514
2006						
Direct Insurance						
Accident and health	103,361	94,971	(32,276)	(40,411)	(6,301)	15,983
Motor - third party liability	10,280	17,175	(4,016)	(4,692)	(3,335)	5,132
Motor - other classes	203,409	182,641	(106,297)	(55,018)	(15,454)	5,872
Marine, aviation and transport	259,498	228,921	(120,740)	(67,282)	(30,600)	10,299
Fire and other damage to property	587,157	509,390	(211,377)	(180,801)	(63,868)	53,344
Third party liability	514,434	495,413	(262,260)	(148,807)	(47,849)	36,497
Credit and suretyship	31,214	22,545	(5,203)	(7,815)	(1,494)	8,033
Legal expenses	2,049	1,919	(651)	(720)	(397)	151
Assistance	-	-	•	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,817	7,309	(1,757)	(4,002)	(25)	1,525
	1,718,219	1,560,284	(744,577)	(509,548)	(169,323)	136,836
Reinsurance	846,147	790,180	(348,836)	(216,509)	(88,770)	136,065
Total	2,564,366	2,350,464	(1,093,413)	(726,057)	(258,093)	272,901

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2.	Geographical Analysis	2007 £	2006 £
	Direct Gross Premium Written in: United Kingdom Other FIL Member States	1,548,531	1,718,219
	Other EU Member States Rest of the World	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
		1,548,531	1,718,219
3.	Net Operating Expenses	2007 €	2006 £
	Acquisition costs	507,978	554,555
	Change in deferred acquisition costs	14,922	(53,235)
	Administrative expenses	278,630	202,363
	Loss/(Profit) on exchange	(25,362)	22,374
		776,168	726,057
4.	Investment Income	2007	2006 £
	Income from investments	118,382	109,691
	Gains on the realisation of investments	43,382	11,680
	Bank deposit interest	30,422	4,905
		192,186	126,276
5.	Investment Expenses and Charges	2007	2006
	•	£	£
	Investment management expenses, including interest	2,531	2,400
	Losses on the realisation of investments	26,742	13,327
		29,273	15,727
6.	Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	2007 £	2006 £
	This is stated after charging:		
	Directors remuneration	<u>.</u>	<u>-</u>
	Auditors' remuneration - audit	120	120
	Auditors' remuneration – taxation	-	
	Amortisation of syndicate capacity	9,305	9,337
	Interest on bank loan and overdrafts	-	-
	Interest on other loans		•
	The Company has no employees		

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7.	Taxation	2007 £	2006 £
	Analysis of Charge in Period		
	Current tax		
	UK corporation tax on profit/(loss) of the period	32,236	111,253
	Adjustment in respect of previous period	(5,694)	(8,807)
		26,542	102,446
	Foreign tax	408	317
	Total current tax	26,950	102,763
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	51,110	(29,009)
	Change in tax rate	2,150	<u>-</u>
	-	80,210	73,754
	Factors affecting tax charge for period		
	The tax assessed for the period is different to the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19 75% (2006 - 19 00%) The differences are explained below		
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	398,006	547,478
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19 75% (2006 – 19.00%)	78,606	104,021
	Effects of		
	Underwriting results subject to timing differences for		
	taxation	(46,296)	10,558
	Utilisation of tax losses	-	(3,266)
	Foreign tax	327	317
	Other corporation computation adjustments	-	(60)
	Marginal rates of taxation and prior period adjustment	(5,687)	(8,807)
	Current tax charge for the period	26,950	102,763
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The results of the Company's participation on the 2005, 2006 and 2007 years of account and the calendar year movement on 2004 and prior run-offs, will not be assessed to tax until the year ended 31 December 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively being the year after the calendar year result of each run-off year or the normal date of closure of each year of account

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8.	Dividends	2007 £	2006 £
	Equity dividends declared and paid		
9.	Intangible Assets	2007	2006
	Purchased syndicate capacity	£	£
	Cost		
	At 1 January 2007	46,686	64,816
	Additions	5,914	-
	Disposals	(165)	(18,130)
	At 31 December 2007	52,435	46,686
	Amortisation		
	At 1 January 2007	15,943	7,030
	Provided during the year	9,305	9,337
	Disposals	(70)	(424)
	At 31 December 2007	25,178	15,943
	Net Book Value		
	At 31 December 2007	27,257	30,743
	At 31 December 2006	30,743	57,786

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#### 10. Investments

Other	Financial	<b>Investments</b>	- Syndicate
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	2007		2006		
	Market		Market		
	Value	Cost	Value	Cost	
	£	£	£	£	
Shares and other variable yield securities	365,308	340,224	290,991	276,406	
and units in unit trusts					
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	2,234,906	2,172,664	1,843,762	1,843,454	
Participation in investment pools	32,831	30,801	34,383	30,923	
Loans secured by mortgages	-	-	17,951	17,825	
Other loans	29,213	29,115	43,266	43,227	
Deposits with credit institutions	84,994	84,741	64,507	64,564	
Other	3,092	3,040	29,069	29,069	
	2,750,344	2,660,585	2,323,929	2,305,468	
Listed investments included within the above	2,633,045	2,543,689	2,169,136	2,150,783	
Other Financial Investments - Corporate					
Shares and other variable yield securities Debt securities and other fixed income securities	- -	- -	<u>-</u>	- -	
	_	<u>-</u>		_	
Listed investments included within the above	<del>-</del>	-	<del>-</del>	-	

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#### 11. Other Debtors

			2007 Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	2006 Total £
	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £				
Amounts due from group						
undertakings	-	-	_	-	-	-
Funds at Lloyd's	-	576,300	576,300	-	323,112	323,112
Other	239,642	72,131	311,773	194,520	103,139	297,659
	239,642	648,431	888,073	194,520	426,251	620,771

Funds at Lloyd's represents assets deposited with the Corporation of Lloyd's (Lloyd's) to support the Company's underwriting activities as described in the Accounting Policies. The Company has entered into a Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deed which gives the Corporation the right to apply these monies in settlement of any claims arising from the participation on the syndicates. These monies can only be released from the provision of this Deed with Lloyd's express permission and only in circumstances where the amounts are either replaced by an equivalent asset, or after the expiration of the Company's liabilities in respect of its underwriting

12. Called-up Share Capital	2007	2007	2006	2006
• •	Authorised	Allotted, called-up and fully paid	Authorised	Allotted, called-up and fully paid
Ordinary £1 shares	100	1	100	1

#### 13. Profit and Loss Account

			2007			2006
	Syndicate	<b>6</b>	T-4-1	Syndicate	C	Tetal
	Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	Participation £	Corporate £	Total £
Retained profit/(loss)						
brought forward	229,261	373,919	603,180	179,342	(49,886)	129,456
Reallocate distribution	(211,801)	211,801	-	(364,661)	364,661	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial						
year	444,258	(126,462)	317,796	414,580	59,144	473,724
Equity dividends	-	-			-	
Retained profit/(loss) carried						
forward	461,718	459,258	920,976	229,261	373,919	603,180

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14.	Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders'		
	Funds	2007	2006
		£	£
	Opening shareholders funds	603,181	129,457
	Profit/(loss) for the financial year	317,796	473,724
	Equity dividends	-	-
	Proceeds from issue of shares	-	-
	Closing shareholders' funds	920,977	603,181
15.	Deferred Taxation	2007	2006
		£	£
	Opening balance	40,851	69,860
	Profit and loss account charge	53,260	(29,009)
	Closing balance	94,111	40,851

# 16. Other Creditors including Taxation and Social Security

			2007			2006
	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £
Corporation tax	-	37,519	37,519	-	111,253	111,253
Proprietors' loan accounts	-	9,590	9,590	-	22,375	22,375
Third Party Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	384,724	-	384,724	298,859	19,147	318,006
Amount due to group undertakings	•	-	-	-	-	-
	384,724	47,109	431,833	298,859	152,775	451,634

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# 17. (a) Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash

Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	2007	2006
	£	£
Profit or loss on ordinary activities before tax	398,006	547,478
(Profit)/loss attributable to syndicate transactions	(232,457)	(49,919)
Profit or loss – excluding syndicate transactions	165,549	497,559
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(222,180)	(266,739)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	21,499	(63,686)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of intangible assets	(10,455)	(183,202)
Amortisation of syndicate capacity	9,304	9,337
Impairment of syndicate capacity	-	-
Realised/unrealised (gains)/losses on investments		-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(36,283)	(6,731)

#### (b) Movement in cash, portfolio investments and financing

	At 1 January		Changes to At 31 December		
	2007	Cashflow	Market Value	2007	
	£	£	£	£	
Cash	197,528	(132,330)	-	65,198	
Other financial investments	-	_			
	197,528	(132,330)	•	65,198	

#### 18. Related party disclosure

The Company's underwriting is supported by assets made interavailable to it by the shareholders of the company

Nomina plc, a director of the company, administers the conversion scheme in which the company participates. Nomina plc charged a management fee of £2,625 (2006 £2,500) to cover all the costs of basic administration of the company.

#### 19. Ultimate Controlling Party

The Company is controlled by F E Appelbe

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#### 20. Syndicate Participation

The principal syndicates or members' agent pooling arrangements ("MAPA") in which the Company participates as an underwriting member are as follows

Syndicate or MAPA	Managing Agent	2007 Allocated	2006 Allocated	2005 Allocated	2004 Allocated
Number:		Capacity	Capacity	capacity	Capacity
		£	£	£	£
33	Hiscox Syndicates Ltd	233,963	222,725	127,217	139,107
218	Cox Syndicate Management Ltd	155,400	148,000	90,000	90,000
382	Hardy (Underwriting Agencies) Ltd	-	128,546	36,860	42,387
386	Limit Underwriting Ltd	54,400	54,400	68,000	90,000
510	R J Kıln & Co Ltd	213,256	213,256	118,250	110,000
557	R J Kıln & Co Ltd	45,019	34,350	30,000	30,000
570	Atrium Underwriters Limited	119,943	143,937	115,937	85,530
609	Atrium Underwriters Limited	60,000	60,000	-	-
623	Beazley Furlonge Ltd	183,415	177,006	150,338	150,338
780	Advent Underwriting Ltd	-	_	70,000	70,000
807	R J Kılın & Co Ltd	148,491	121,000	110,000	110,000
958	Omega Underwriting Agents Ltd	133,200	133,200	100,000	70,000
1007	Novae Syndicates Ltd	-	-	_	60,000
1084	Chaucer Syndicates Ltd	-	-	192,760	192,760
1200	Heritage Managing Agency Ltd	86,666	60,000	45,000	-
1221	Navigators Underwriting Agency Ltd	-	-	64,800	72,000
1245	Heritage Managing Agency Ltd	-	-	-	52,330
2010	Cathedral Underwriting Ltd	134,966	112,500	75,000	75,000
2020	Wellington U/W Agencies Ltd	-	290,410	200,000	172,071
2791	Managing Agency Partners Ltd	209,717	209,718	148,854	79,456
3245	Heritage Managing Agency Ltd	111,257	100,000	97,331	84,365
4040	Illium Managing Agency Ltd	100,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
6103	Managing Agency Partners Ltd	100,000	-	-	-