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The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Registered office: St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London, EC3P 3DQ

Annual FSA Insurance Returns for the year ended 31st December 2000



Accounts and statements pursuant to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 and the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996 (as amended)

(Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 6)

LONG TERM BUSINESS

THE BRITISH AND EUROPEAN REINSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Return to the Insurance Directorate of HM Treasury under the Insurance Companies Act 1982

Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 6 as at 31st December 2000

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Statement of solvency

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

_		Company registration number	GL/UK/CM		riod en month		(Jnits
	R9	100367	GL	31	12	200	0 1	0003
		As at the end of this financial year				E	Source	Column
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GENERAL BUSINESS

				
Other than long term business assets allocated towards	1	1	ì	See instructions
general business required minimum margin	I 11	į .	Į į	1 and 2
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Required minimum margin

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Required minimum margin for general business	12			12	49	1
Excess (deficiency) of available assets over the required minimum margin (11-12)	13				 	1

LONG TERM BUSINESS Available assets

Long term business admissible assets	21		13677	10 , 11
Other than long term business assets allocated towards long term business required minimum margin	22	465		See instructions 1 and 3
Total mathematical reserves (after distribution of surplus)	23			See instruction 4
Other insurance and non-insurance liabilities	24		7136	See instruction 5
Available assets for long term business required minimum margin (21+22-23-24)	25	465	6541	

Implicit Items admitted under regulation 23(5) of the Insurance Companies Regulations 1994

Future profits	31
Zillmerising	32
Hidden reserves	33

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Total of available assets and implicit items (25+31+32+33)	34	465	6541	

Required minimum margin

Required minimum margin for long term business	41	465	1793	60 . 69
Explicit required minimum margin (1/6 x 41, or minimum guarantee fund if greater)	42	465	511	
Excess (deficiency) of available assets over explicit required minimum margin (25-42)	43		6030	
Excess (deficiency) of available assets and implicit items over the required minimum margin (34-41)	44		4748	

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Quantifiable contingent liabilities in respect of other than long term business as shown in a supplementary note to Form 15	51	See instruction 6	
Quantifiable contingent liabilities in respect of long term business as shown in a supplementary note to Form 14	52	See instruction 6	

Covering sheet to Form 9

Name of company The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

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Analysis of admissible assets

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Category of assets

Total

				Company registration number	GL/UK/CM		eriod en	ded year	Units	Category of assets
			R13	100367	GL	31	12	2000	£000	10
Investments			· ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·		t the end o financial year 1	the	the end of previous year 2
Land and buildings						11			-	
***************************************	UK insurance	Shares				21				
	dependants	Debt securities issued by, and loans to, dependants								
	Other insurance	Shares				23				
	dependants	Debt secu	rities issued	J by, and loans to, d	24					
Investments in group undertakings	Non-insurance	Shares				25				
and participating interests	dependants	Debt secu	rities issued	d by, and loans to, d	ependants	26				
		Shares				27	<u>'</u>			
	Other group undertakings and	Debt secu	urities issue	d by, and loans to, g	s 28	3				
	participating interests	Participat	ing interests	5		29				
<u></u>				d by, and loans to, ι nas a participating in		30				
Total sheet 1 (11 to 3	30)					39	•			

Analysis of admissible assets

Name of company

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Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Category of assets

Total

				Company registration number	GL/UK/CM	day	Period er month	nded year	Units	Category of assets	
			R13	100367	GL	31	12	2000	£000	10	
Deposits w	s (continued) ith ceding underta I to cover linked lia	kings abilities					this	the end o financial year 1	the	the end of previous year 2	
	Equity shares					41				252	
	Other shares and other	variable yield sec	urities			42					
	Holdings in collective in	vestment scheme	s			43				87	
	Rights under derivative	contracts				44					
Other financial investments				Approved securitie	s	45				11755	
		Debt securities and	Fixed interest		Other		46	4.4.00			347
	other fixed income securities	V-7-1-1-1-1		Approved securitie	s	47					
		Variable interest		Other		48	-				
	Participation in investment pools										
	Loans secured by mortgages										
		Loans to public industries or un		authorities and nation	nalised	51		 			
	Other loans	Loans secured company	by polici	es of insurance issue	d by the	52					
		Other				53					
	Deposits with approved credit	Withdrawal sub	ject to a	time restriction of one	e month or less	54		-			
	institutions and approved financial institutions	Withdrawal sub month	Withdrawal subject to a time restriction of more than one month								
	Other .					56	·				
Deposits with ce	ding undertakings	•				57					
Assets hold to m	notab link od linbilitins	Index linked				58					
Assets field to fi	atch linked liabilities	Property linked				59					
		Provision for un	earned p	premiums		60					
Reinsurere' shor	e of technical provisions	Claims outstand	outstanding 61								
nemoures sidi	e or recivilical provisions	Provision for unexpired risks									
		Other				63					
Total sheet 2 (4°	1 to 63)					69				12441	

Analysis of admissible assets

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

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Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Category of asse	ets Tot a			Company registration number	GLUKICM	day	eriod e month		Units	Category of assets
			R13	100367	GL	31	12	2000	£000	10
Debtors Other assets			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			t the end of financial year 1		the end of previous year 2
Debtors arising out of direct insurance	Policyholders					71				
pperations	Intermediaries					72				
Salvage and subrog	ation recoveries					73				
Debtors arising out of reinsurance	Due from ceding i accepted	nsurers and int	emediaries	under reinsurance b	usiness	74				
operations	Due from reinsure	ers and interme	diaries unde	r reinsurance contra	cts ceded	75			<u> </u>	
	Due from	Due in 12 m	onths or les	s after the end of the	financial year	76				
Other debtors	dependants	Due more th	an 12 mont	hs after the end of th	e financial year	77				
Other debtors	0.5	Due in 12 m	onths or les	s after the end of the	78			•	262	
	Other	Due more th	nan 12 mont	hs after the end of th	79					
Tangible assets						80		· · · · · ·		<u>,</u>
Cash at bank and				ithdrawal, with appro		81				690
in hand	Cash in hand		82							
Other assets (partic	ulars to be specified	d by way of sup	plementary	note)		83				
	Accrued interest	and rent				84				284
Prepayments and accrued income	Deferred acquisi	tion costs			85	T				
	Other prepaymen	nts and accrue	d income	86						
	regulations 57(2)(b) regate value of asse		e insurance	Companies Regula	tions	87				
Total sheet 3 (71 to						88				1236
Grand total of adm	issible assets (39+6	9+88)				89				1367
Reconciliation to shareholder acco	asset values deter unts rules	mined in acco	rdance with	n the						
Total admissible a	ssets (as per line 89	above)				91				1367
				f the Insurance Com		s) 92	2	·		281
Solvency margin o	leduction for insurar	nce dependants	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>	93	3			
Other differences	in the valuation of a	ssets (other tha	n for assets	not valued above)	··· <u>·</u>	94	4			51
Assets of a type n	ot valued above, (as	s valued in acc	ordance with	the shareholder acc	counts rules)	9	5	<u> </u>		
Total assets deter	mined in accordance	e with the shar	eholder acc	ounts rules (91 to 95)	9	9			1699
	11-11-10-10			4						
	t in line 89 attributab ance or reinsurance		from relate	d companies, other t	han those under	10	00			

Long term business liabilities and margins

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Category of assets

Total

			_	Company registration number	GL/UK/CM	day	eriod en	ded year	Units	Category of assets
			R14	100367	GL	31	12	2000	£000	10
			<u> </u>		As at the end of this financial year		the pr	e end of evious ear 2	Soi	ırce
Mathematical reserves, after distribution of surplus Cash bonuses which had not been paid to policyholders prior to end of									See Ins	truction 2
the financial year	n nad not been pa	id to policynoloers pri	or to end o	12	·	_			See Ins	truction 3
Balance of surplus/	(valuation deficit)			13				6541	See Ins	truction 4
Long term business	fund carried forwa	ard (11 to 13)		14				6541	See Ins	truction 5
Claims outstan	ding which	15								
Claims outstanding which nad fallen due for payment pefore the end of the inancial year		Reinsurers' share		16						
financial year		Net (15-16)		17						
Provisions for	Taxation			21						
charges	r risks and ges Other			22						
Deposits received for	rom reinsurers		-	23						
-	Ansing out of insurance operations Debenture loans	Direct business		31			*			
		Reinsurance accep	ited	32						
		Reinsurance ceded		33						
Creditors and other		Secured		34						
liabilities		Unsecured		35	·					
	Amounts owed t	o credit institutions	<u> </u>	36	****					
	Other creditors	Taxation		37				5710		
	Other creditors	Other		38		1426		1426		
Accruals and deferr	ed income			39						
Provision for advers 61 of the Insurance	e changes (calcula Companies Regul	ated in accordance wi ations 1994)	th regulation	on 41						
Total other insurance	e and non-insuran	ce liabilities (17 to 41))	49				7136		
Excess of the value of net admissible assets				51					See Inst	ruction 6
Total liabilities and margins								13677		
		le to liabilities to relate		ies, 61		1		586		
		le to liabilities in respe								
		al reserves included in oppointed actuary's cer		nich 63					See Insti	uction 7

Long term business: Revenue account

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Ordinary business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Name and number of fund Ordinary Long Term 1

		Company registration number	GL/UK/CM		riod end	ded year	Uni	ts Oβ/IB	No of fund/ Sumn	ary	No of part of Fund
	R40	100367	GL	31	12	2000	£0(00 OB	1	i	0
Items to be shown	net of rei	nsurance cede	·d	. / <u>-</u> -	 	,		The financial year	F	revi	ous year
								1			2
Earned premiums							11				(30490)
Investment income	receivable	e before deduct	ion of tax				12	154	3		2612
Increase (decrease)	in the val	lue of non-linke	d assets bro	ught it	nto acc	count	13	393	10		(3619)
Increase (decrease)	in the va	lue of linked as	sets				14			*	137
Other income							15				
Total income (11 to	15)		······································				19	547	73		(31360)
Claims incurred							21				2145
Expenses payable							22	20	04	•	736
Interest payable be	fore dedu	ction of tax					23		1	•	
Taxation							24	17	80		1717
Other expenditure					<u> </u>		25				
Transfer to (from) r	non techni	ical account				·	26	100	29		14116
Total expenditure (21 to 26)				. <u> </u>		29	120	114		18714
Increase (decrease	e) in fund	in financial yea	r (19-29)				39	(65-	41)		(50074)
Fund brought forward	ard						49	65	541	_ 	56615
Fund carried forwa	ard (39+49	9)					59				6541

Long term business : Analysis of premiums and expenses

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Ordinary business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Name and number of fund Ordinary Long Term 1

			Company registration number	GL/UK/CM	P	eriod en	ded year	_	Units	OB/IB	No of fund/ Summary	No of part of Fund
		R41	100367	GL	31	12	2000		£000	ОВ	1	0
		1		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Gross 1	1	recove	ble to or rable from surers 2	reins	et of urance 1-2) 3
	Life assurance and general annuity		Single premium		11							
	contracts	nuny	Regular premium		12		27	26		2726		
	Pension bu	ısiness	Single premium		13							
	contracts		Regular premium		14		1:	22		122		
:	Permanent	health	Single premium		15							
Earned premiums in	contracts		Regular premium		16		2	05	-	205		
the financial year	Other contr	and a	Single premium		17							
,	Other corns	acis	Regular premium		18							
	Total premi	ume	Single premium		19							
	Total premi		Regular premium		29		30	53		3053		
	Total premiums at lines 19 and 29		UK contracts		31		14	07		1407		
	attributable		Overseas contracts		32		16	46		1646		
	Commiss acquisition		yable in connection usiness	with	41			į				
	Other co	mmissi	on payable		42		4	92		492		
Expenses	Managei acquisitio		penses in connect Isiness	ion with	43							
payable in the financial		Management expenses in connection with naintenance of business 44 160							160			
year	Other management expenses				45			44				44
	Total exp	penses	(41 to 45)		49	696		96	492			204
	Total exper		UK contracts		51	355		55	179			176
	line 49 attri to	putable	Overseas contrac	:ts	52	-	3-	41		313		28

Long term business: Analysis of claims

Name of company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

Global business

Ordinary business

Financial year ended

31st December 2000

Name and number of fund Ordinary Long Term 1

			Company registration number	GL/UK/CM	day	eriod er month	nded year	- t	Jnits	OB/IB	No of fund/ Summary	No of part of Fund
		R42	100367	GL	31	12	2000		£000	ОВ	1	0
Claims incu	red in th	ne financi	al year	·			Gross 1			overable reinsurers 2		Net of nsurance (1-2) 3
	On dea	 th			11	<u> </u>	Ç	931	,	93	1	
Life assurance and annuity contracts	By way	of lump su	ıms on maturity		12		3	314		31	4	
	By way	of annuity	payments		13			11		1	1	
		of paymer events	nts arising from	other	14							
	On surrender or partial surrender						155			15	5	
	Total life assurance and annuity claims (11 to 15)						1411			141	1	
	On dea	ith			21			65		6	55	
Pension	By way of lump sums on vesting				22	2						
business	By way of vested annuity payments					3						
contracts	On surrender or partial surrender					1						
	Total pension business claims (21 to 24)					•		65	5		65	
Permanent	By way	y of lump s	ums		3	1						
health	By way of periodical payments					2	247			2	47	
contracts	Total permanent health claims (31+32)				3	9		247	7	. 2	47	
	By wa	y of lump s	sums		4	1						
Other contracts	By way of periodical payments				4	2						
	Total	claims (41	+42)		4	9						
Total claims	s (19+29	+39+49)			5	9		172	3	17	23	
Total claims		UK contra	acts		6	1		153	5	15	35	
59 attributa	ble to	Overseas	contracts		6	2		18	8	1	88	

The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Supplementary notes to Schedules 1, 3 and 6

0901 Section 68 orders

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on the application of the company, issued to the company in February 1997 an order under section 68 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 which allows for The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited, and for the purpose of Schedule 4 of the Regulations:

- UK reinsurance contracts to be considered as reinsurance contracts made by the UK head office of other UK establishment of the ceding company (which should be taken to include Lloyds);
- (ii) bulk business may be reported in the same manner as, but separately from, group contracts provided that the nature of such business is described and that such business does not exceed 15% of the total net long term business liabilities; and
- (iii) when the risk reinsured under a linked contract is confined to the mortality risk and/or risk under any supplementary rider, such reinsurance may be reported as non-linked business.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on the application of the company, issued to the company in December 2000 an order under section 68 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 which allows for The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited to substitute certain revised regulations in place of the standing regulations:

- (i). In regulation 6, for the requirement to complete Forms 9 to 15 and 17 (as appropriate), there was substituted a requirement to complete Forms 9, 13 and 14 only;
- (ii). In regulation 17, for the requirement to complete Forms 41 to 45 there was substituted a requirement to complete Forms 41 and 42 only;
- (iii). In regulation 25:
 - (a) the requirement to submit Forms 46 to 49, 51 to 58, 60 and 61 (as may be appropriate) was omitted; and
 - (b) for the requirement to comply with Schedule 4, there was a requirement to produce a valuation report in the form annexed to a letter from the company dated 26 October 2000 to the Financial Services Authority.

0902 Implicit Items

Not applicable

0903 Other than Long Term Business assets allocated towards Long Term Business required minimum margin

For the financial year ending 31st December 2000 the long term business returns state an amount of £465,000 at Form 9 line 22, this being the amount of other than long term business assets of The British an European Reinsurance Company Limited allocated towards the long term business required minimum margin.

1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1314, 1315, 1501, 1502, 1503

As the shareholder funds of the company are included in the company's general business return the aforementioned notes are not applicable.

1308 Aggregate value of unlisted investments, etc. - other than long term business

The long term fund held no unlisted securities. There were no holdings in unregulated collective investment schemes, listed securities which are not readily realisable, or reversionary interests or remainders in property.

1309 Aggregate value of hybrid securities

Not applicable.

1310 Statement of amounts set off

Amounts have been set off to the extent permitted by generally accepted accounting principles.

1311 Counterparty limits during the year

The investment guidelines operated by the Company specify exposure to counterparties by asset type as follows: -

Deposits

The maximum permitted exposure to counterparties is set out in the lending limit list approved by the Group Risk Committee.

Each Fund cannot hold more than 2% of funds under management (or £100m if less) with 'Tier 1' counterparties, 1.5% of funds under management (or £75m if less) with 'Tier 2' counterparties and 0.5% of funds under management (or £25m if less) with 'Tier 3' counterparties. Tier 1 represents AAA rated institutions, Tier 2 represents institutions rated AA- or better whilst Tier 3 represents institutions rated A- or better.

The absolute limit for a particular counterparty holding at the end of the financial year was £400m for Tier 1, £300m for Tier 2 and £100m for Tier 3.

Equities

For listed investments, the maximum of a company's equity held by a particular fund is limited to 5% in the UK, and 2.5% overseas. The maximum of a company's equity held by all funds managed by the Morley Fund Management is limited to 10%, except by prior agreement with senior Norwich Union Life management.

Unlisted holdings in excess of 10% are only held with the approval of senior investment management.

Fixed

No investment in non-government stock is allowed.

Derivatives

Exposure to OTC derivatives is only undertaken with the approval of senior management.

Exposure to one type of contract is limited to 5% and overall exposure is limited to 10% of the relevant fund.

1312 Counterparty exposure at the year end

Not Applicable

1313 Fully secured rights

Not applicable.

1316 Tangible lease assets

Not applicable.

1317 Other assets

Not applicable.

1318 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the company had not been signed by the date on which this return was signed. The reconciliation in lines 91 to 99 is to the draft financial statements.

1401 Provision for adverse changes

No provision for adverse changes is required as no assets are held which would give rise to a future liability which would not be covered by appropriate assets.

1402 Contingent liabilities, etc.

There are no charges over any assets of the Company.

There is no provision for taxation on capital gains and no unprovided potential liability.

Disclosure of a contingent liability in respect of the transfer of the long term business to World-Wide Re is made in the statutory accounts and General business return.

There are no guarantees, indemnities, or other contractual commitments effected other than in the ordinary course of insurance business and in respect of related companies.

Regulation 23 - Additional Information on Derivative Contracts

No derivative transactions were carried out in respect of the long term business of The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited.

Regulation 24 - Additional Information On Shareholder Controllers

The immediate shareholder controller is CGU International Insurance plc. CGU International Insurance plc is 100% owned by General Accident plc, which is 100% owned by CGNU plc, the ultimate parent company

Certificate required by regulation 28(a) of the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996

The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Financial year ended 31st December 2000

We certify:

- 1. (a) That in relation to the part of this return comprising Forms 9, 13,14 and 40 to 42 (including the supplementary notes thereto) and the statements required by regulations 23 and 24 of the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996:
 - (i) the return has been prepared in accordance with the Regulations;
 - (ii) proper accounting records have been maintained and adequate information has been obtained by the Company; and
 - (iii) an appropriate system of control has been established and maintained by the Company over its transactions and records;
 - (b) that in respect of the company's business which is not excluded by Regulation 32 of the Insurance Companies Regulations 1994, the assets held throughout the financial year enabled the company to comply with regulations 27 to 31 (matching and localisation) of those Regulations; and
 - (c) in relation to the statement required by regulation 31 of the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996:
 - (i) that for the purpose of preparing this statement, proper accounts and records have been maintained; and
 - (ii) that the information given has been ascertained in conformity with that regulation.
- That the margin of solvency required by section 32 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 has been maintained throughout the financial year.
- that the requirements of sections 28 to 31 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 have been fully complied with and in particular that, subject to the provisions of section 29(2) to (4) and section 30 of that Act, assets attributable to long term business, the income arising therefrom, the proceeds of any realisation of such assets and any other income or proceeds allocated to the long term business funds have not been applied otherwise than for the purpose of the long term business;
 - (b) that any amount payable from or receivable by the long term business funds in respect of services rendered by or to any other business carried on by the company or by a person who, for the purposes of section 31 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, is connected with it or is a subordinate company of it has been determined and where appropriate apportioned on terms which are believed to be no less than fair to those funds, and any exchange of assets representing such funds for other assets of the company has been made at fair market value;
 - (c) that all guarantees given by the company of the performance by a related company of a contract binding on the related company which would fall to be met by any long term business fund have been disclosed in the return, and that the fund on which each such guarantee would fall has been identified therein;
 - (d) that in respect of each internal linked fund, the investment policy and practice of the company during the financial year was consistent with representations made to policyholders or potential policyholders of the company;
 - (e) that the return in respect of long term business is not distorted by agreements with any other company carrying on insurance business with which the company has financial, commercial or administrative links or by any arrangements which could affect the apportionment of expenses and income; and

- (f) that the company has fully complied with the requirements of section 31A of the Insurance Companies Act 1982.
- 4. (a) that the systems of control established and maintained by the company in respect of its business complied, at the end of the financial year, with the following published guidance:
 - Prudential Guidance Note 1994/6 "Systems of control over the investments (and counterparty exposure) of insurance companies with particular reference to the use of derivatives":
 - Money Laundering Guidance Notes for the Insurance and Retailed products (revised June 1997) issued by the Joint Money Laundering Steering Group;

and it is reasonable to believe that those systems continued to so comply subsequently and will continue to so comply in future; and

- (b) the return has been prepared in accordance with the following published guidance:
 - Prudential Guidance Note 1995/1 "Guidance for insurance companies and auditors on the Valuation of Assets Regulations".
 - Prudential Guidance Note 1995/3 "The use of derivatives in insurance funds"; and
 - Prudential Guidance Note 1998/1 "The preparation of annual returns to Insurance Directorate of HM Treasury".

DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

21st June 2001

Reports of the auditors to the Directors pursuant to regulation 29 of the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996

The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Financial year ended 31st December 2000

We have examined the following documents prepared by the company pursuant to section 17 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ('the Act') and the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996 ('the Regulations'):

- Forms 9, 13 to 14 and 40 to 42 (including the supplementary notes thereto) ('the Forms');
- · the statement required by regulation 23 on page 12 ('the statement') and
- the certificate signed in accordance with regulation 28(a) on pages 13 and 14 ('the certificate').

In the case of the certificate, our examination did not extend to:

- (a) paragraph 1 in relation to the statements required by Regulations 24 and 31; concerning shareholder controllers and the Appointed Actuary;
- (b) paragraph 3d concerning the investment policy and practice of internal linked funds, required by paragraph 4(d) of Schedule 6; and
- (c) paragraph 4 in so far as it relates to controls with respect to Money Laundering.

Respective responsibilities of the Company and its auditors

The company is responsible for the preparation of an annual return (including the Forms, statements and certificate) under the provisions of the Act and the Regulations. The requirements of the Regulations have been modified by Orders issued under section 68 of the Act in February 1997and December 2000. Under regulation 5 the Forms and statements are required to be prepared in the manner specified by the Regulations and to state fairly the information provided on the basis required by the Regulations.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the Forms and statements meet these requirements, and in the case of the certificate whether it was or was not unreasonable for the persons giving the certificate to have made the statements therein, and to report our opinions to you.

Bases of opinions

We conducted our work in accordance with Practice Note 20; 'The audit of insurers in the United Kingdom' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our work included examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Forms and statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the company in the preparation of the Forms and statements.

We planned and performed our work 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 Forms and statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error, and comply with regulation 5.

In the case of the certificate, the work performed involved a review of the procedures undertaken by the signatories to enable them to make the statements therein, and does not extend to an evaluation of the effectiveness of the company's internal control systems.

In giving our opinion we have relied on the certificate of the actuary on page 17 with respect to the mathematical reserves and the required minimum margin.

Opinions

In our opinion:

- (a) the Forms and statements fairly state the information provided on the basis required by the Regulations and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of those Regulations; and
- (b) according to the information and explanations received by us:
- (i) the certificate has been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations; and
- (ii) it was not unreasonable for the persons giving the certificate to have made the statements therein.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Registered Auditors

London

21st June 2001

Certificate by appointed actuary

The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Long Term Business

Financial year ended 31st December 2000

I certify -

- (a) (i) that in my opinion proper records have been kept by the Company adequate for the purpose of the valuation of the liabilities of the long term business;
 - (ii) that the mathematical reserves as shown on Form 14, constitute proper provision as at 31st December 2000 for the liabilities (other than liabilities which had fallen due before the end of the financial year) arising under or in connection with contracts for long term business including the increase in those liabilities arising from a distribution of surplus as a result of the investigation as at that date into the financial condition of the long term business; and
 - (iii) that for the purposes of sub-paragraph (ii) above, the liabilities have been assessed in accordance with Part IX of the Insurance Companies Regulations, in the context of assets valued in accordance with Part VIII of those Regulations, as shown in Form 13;
 - (iv) that the current versions of Guidance Notes issued by the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries, numbered GN1 and GN8, have been complied with; and
 - (v) that in my opinion premiums for contracts entered into during the financial year and the income earned thereon are sufficient, on reasonable actuarial assumptions, and taking into account the other financial resources of the Company that are available for the purpose, to enable the Company to meet its commitments in respect of those contracts and, in particular, to establish adequate mathematical reserves; and
- (b) the amount of the required minimum margin applicable to the Company's long term business immediately following the end of the financial year (including the amounts resulting from the increase in liabilities arising from a distribution of surplus as a result of the investigation into the financial condition of the long term business) is £465,000.

M N Urmston Appointed Actuary

21st June 2001

The British and European Reinsurance Company Limited

Statement of Information on Appointed Actuary

M N Urmston was Appointed Actuary of the Company during the whole of 2000. He has furnished the Company, as required by Regulation 31 of the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Statements) Regulations 1996, with the following information in accordance with Company records:-

(a) 6043 ordinary shares were held at 31 December 2000 in CGNU plc 4089 ordinary shares were held at 31 December 1999

In addition, 14,684 ordinary shares are held under the CGU integration incentive Plan, these shares vest in the year 2001; and 17,998 ordinary shares in the CGNU Integration Incentive Plan, these shares will only vest upon the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

Options were held at 31 December 2000 to subscribe for 116,341 ordinary shares in CGNU plc under UK Employees Savings Related and Executive Share Option schemes.

Options held at 31 December 1999 97,775
Options granted during the year 18,566
Options exercised or lapsed during the year Nil

- (b) Four with profits low cost endowment policies with CGNU Life Assurance Limited, with aggregate sums assured of £67,924 and annual premiums of £1,868. One non-profit term assurance policy with CGNU Life Assurance Limited with sum assured of £75,000 and annual premiums of £332. In addition the actuary held general insurance policies with subsidiaries of CGNU plc for which total premiums of £1208 were paid in the year to 31 December 2000.
- (c) The aggregate amount of remuneration, integration bonuses, emoluments and the value of other benefits (excluding pension rights) under the actuary's contract of employment with Norwich Union Life Services Limited for 2000 was £323,265. Under the contract he was appointed actuary and director of:-

CGNU Life Assurance Limited
Norwich Union Linked Life Assurance Limited
General Accident Managed Pension Funds Limited
Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Limited
Norwich Union Life & Pensions Limited
Norwich Union Annuity Limited
Morley Pooled Pensions Limited
Tesco Personal Finance Limited

appointed actuary of:The Yorkshire Insurance Company Limited
CGU Insurance plc

And a director of:Assecura Versicherung Holding SA
Commercial Union Financial Services Limited
Fidelity Life Assurance Limited
GA Life Property Ireland Limited
GA Unit Trust Managers Limited
General Accident Pensions Management Limited
General Accident PEP Managers Limited
Life and Pensions Administration Services Limited
National Westminster Life Assurance Limited
Norwich Union Commercial Finance Limited
Norwich Union Healthcare Limited
Norwich Union Life Holdings Limited
Norwich Union Life Services Limited

Norwich Union Mortgage Finance Limited
Norwich Union Mortgages (Life) Limited
Norwich Union Mortgage Management Limited
Provident Mutual Life Assurance Limited
Provident Mutual Nominees Limited
Provident Mutual Stevenage Estates Limited
RBS Life Holdings Limited
RBS Life Investments Limited
Royal Scottish Assurance Ltd
Tesco Personal Finance Investments Limited
The General Practice Finance Corporation Limited
The Norwich Union Life Insurance Company Limited

(d) Pensions and life assurance benefits as provided to all employees under the terms and conditions of the CGNU Companies' UK Pensions Schemes. Sickness and accident benefits as provided to all employees under the terms and conditions of these schemes.

THE BRITISH AND EUROPEAN REINSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

SCHEDULE 4

VALUATION REPORT PREPARD BY THE APPOINTED ACTUARY on the LONG-TERM FUND of THE BRITSH & EUROPEAN REINSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED – GLOBAL BUSINESS

The investigation was made at 31st December 2000.

The previous investigation under section 18 of the Act was made at 31st December 1999.

The valuation has been made in conformity with regulation 64 of the Insurance Companies Regulations.

Contracts

On 15th June 2000, the High Court approved the transfer of the company's long term business to World-Wide Reassurance Company Limited with effect from that date. No contracts therefore remain in force at the valuation date.

Prior to the 15th June 2000 all contracts were 100% reinsured and total net mathematical reserves were zero. The original contracts are fully described in the returns for the year ended 31st December 1999.

Guarantees

There are no options or guarantees made to World-Wide Reassurance Limited under the terms of the transfer of long term business.

Required Minimum Margin

No long term liabilities remain at the valuation date. Form 60 has therefore not been completed and the required minimum margin for the long term business of the Company has been set equal to the minimum guarantee fund of £464,720.