# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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# **DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS**

**Directors** 

C H Wiese C Wiese

**Company Secretary** 

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**Auditors** 

Littlejohn LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 1 Westferry Circus

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The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### Results and Dividends

The results for the year are set out on pages 8 and 9 of the Financial Statements. No dividends were declared and paid in the year. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

# **Review of the Business**

The principal activity of the Company in the period under review was that of a corporate underwriting member of Lloyd's

The Financial Statements incorporate the annual accounting results of the syndicates on which the Company participates for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 years of account, as well as any 2006 and prior run-off years

The annual accounting technical result for the year is a profit of £1,630,531 (2008 – profit of £2,036,082)

The lack of any significant hurricane or other major catastrophe activity in 2008 has resulted in the company recording another strong annual accounting result

The 2007 year closed at 31 December 2009 with a profit, net of any calendar year run-off movements of £1,774,925 (2006 profit - £2,830,035) The 2008 and 2009 open underwriting account will normally close at 31 December 2010 and 2011

As detailed in Note 22, certain syndicates on which the Company participates have for a variety of reasons been unable to close. There is therefore a greater than usual degree of uncertainty as to the eventual outcome of these accounts.

# **Future Developments**

The Company continues to write insurance business in the Lloyd's insurance market as a corporate underwriting member of Lloyd's. The capacity being underwritten on the 2010 year of account is £7,040,977 an increase of £306,214 (5%) compared to the 2009 year of account.

## **Key Performance Indicators**

The Directors consider the following to be the key performance indicators of the Company

	2009	2008	Change
Capacity (youngest underwriting year)	6,734,763	7,469,163	(9 8)%
Profit after tax	1,101,884	664,726	65 8%
Underwriting profit of latest closed pure year	1,774,215	2,824,457	(37 2)%
as a % of capacity	17 8%	25 5%	(30 3)%

#### 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 in conjunction with its Members' Agent is limited to selection of syndicate participations and monitoring performance of the syndicates. The Company seeks to achieve a balance of risk and reward in the portfolio of syndicates it chooses to support

#### Syndicate risks

The trading activities of a syndicate 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 in conjunction with its Members' Agent 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 or Members' Agent 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.

# 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. To mitigate this, the surplus company funds are invested in the Money Market. 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 money market deposits. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments to manage either its interest rate risk or its currency risk and, as such, no hedge accounting is applied.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### **WIESCO LIMITED**

# Regulatory Risks

The company is subject to continuing approval by Lloyd's 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 the capital 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 of the Company in office during the year were as follows

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C Wiese

## Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are Directors 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

## **Auditors**

Littlejohn LLP has signified its willingness to continue in office as auditors

By Order of the Board

C H Wiese (Prirector)

30 August 2011

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 accounting 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, and
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and 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 2006. 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 irregulanties.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Wiesco Limited

We have audited the Financial Statements of Wiesco Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the Financial Statement in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors, and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

## **Opinion on Financial Statements**

In our opinion the Financial Statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors' for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

The Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- · certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters

Neil Coulson (Senior statutory auditor) For and on behalf of Littlejohn LLP Statutory Auditor

30 August 2010

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year Ended 31 December 2009

# **TECHNICAL ACCOUNT - GENERAL BUSINESS**

Note	2009	2008
Gross Premiums Written 1	8,406,164	7,470,955
Outward reinsurance premiums	(1,717,695)	(1,357,502)
Net Premiums Written	6,688,469	6,113,453
Change In the provision for unearned premiums		
Gross provision Reinsurers' share	330,351 64,836	650,756 (77,391)
Earned Premiums, Net of Reinsurance	7,083,656	6,686,818
Allocated Investment Return Transferred from the Non-Technical Account	577,786	265,370
Claims Paid		
Gross amount	(4,452,656)	
Reinsurers' share	846,275	920,336
Net claims paid	(3,606,381)	(3,813,123)
Change in Provision for Claims		
Gross amount	490,999	4,868
Reinsurers' share	(143,752)	
Net change in provision for claims	347,247	114,739
Claims Incurred, Net of Reinsurance	(3,259,134)	(3,698,384)
Net operating expenses	(2,771,777)	(1,320,286)
Balance on Technical Account for General Business	£1,630,531	£1,933,518

All the amounts above relate to continuing operations

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year Ended 31 December 2009

# NON TECHNICAL ACCOUNT

	Note	2009	2008
Balance on the General Business Technical Account		1,630,531	1,933,518
Investment income	4	558,306	799,318
Unrealised gains on investments		218,898	193,193
Investment expenses and charges	5	(117,415)	(183,816)
Unrealised losses on investments		(48,681)	(408,639)
Allocated investment return transferred to the general business		, , ,	
technical account		(577,786)	(265,370)
Other income		393,037	95,358
Other charges		(632,179)	(1,198,121)
Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	6	1,424,711	965,441
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(322,827)	(300,715)
Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	13	£1,101,884	£664,726

All operations are continuing

The Company had no recognised gains and losses in the year other than the profit above

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these Financial Statements

# WIESCO LIMITED Registered Number 3641073

	Note	Syndicate Participation	2009 Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	2008 Corporate	Total
ASSETS	Note	Paracipation	Corporate	ICIAI	rarucipation	Corporate	Total
Intangible Assets Syndicate participation rights	8	-	10,508	10,508	-	-	•
Investments				_			
Financial investments Deposits with ceding undertaking	9 s	12,752,093 3,996	2,076,257	14,828,350 3,996	15,368,760 8,643	446,705	15,815,465 8,643
		12,756,089	2,076,257	14,832,346	15,377,403	446,705	15,824,108
Reinsurers' Share of Technical Provisions							
Provision for unearned premiums Claims outstanding		532,082 2,379,382	-	532,082 2,379,382	460,155 3,264,974	-	460,155 3,264,974
		2,911,464		2,911,464	3,725,129		3,725,129
Debtors  Ansing out of direct insuran operations Policyholders Intermedianes Arising out of reinsuran operations Other debtors		1,651,372 1,447,530 1,191,735 4,290,637	5,626	1,651,372 1,447,530 1,197,361 4,296,263	48 2,161,999 1,746,999 2,062,566 5,971,612	: - - -	48 2,161,999 1,746,999 2,062,566 5,971,612
Other Assets Cash at bank and in hand Other	11	596,887 943,491	435,750	1,032,637 943,491	953,470 1,099,963	104,542	1,058,012 1,099,963
		1,540,378	435,750	1,976,128	2,053,433	104,542	2,157,975
Prepayments and Accrued Income							
Accrued interest Deferred acquisition costs Other prepayments and accru	ed	31,774 822,574	-	31,774 822,574	39,868 954,835	-	39,868 954,835
income		32,056		32,056	40,310		40,310
		886,404		886,404	1,035,013		1,035,013
Total Assets		£22,384,972	£2,528,141	£24,913,113	£28,162,590	£551,247	£28,713,837

## WIESCO LIMITED Registered Number 3641073

		Syndicate	2009		Syndicate	2008	<b>-</b> 1
	Note	Participation	Corporate	Total	Participation	Corporate	Total
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS							
Capital and Reserves							
Called-up share capital Share Premium Account	12	-	500	500	-	500	500
Profit and Loss Account	13	2,587,686	537,911	3,125,597	3,787,191	(1,763,478)	2,023,713
Total Shareholders' Funds	14	2,587,686	538,411	3,126,097	3,787,191	(1,762,978)	2,024,213
Technical Provisions					•		
Provision for unearned premium: Claims outstanding - gross amou		3,215,816 13,299,861	•	3,215,816 13,299,861	3,734,336 17,278,376		3,734,338 17,278,376
		16,515,677		16,515,677	21,012,712		21,012,712
Provisions for Other Risks							
Deferred Taxation	15	•	970,000	970,000	-	821,000	821,000
Deposits Received fro Reinsurers	om	75,071	-	75,071	97,065	•	97,065
Creditors							
Arising out of direct insurance operations		568,033	-	568,033	593,477	•	593,477
Ansing out of reinsurance operations		852,131	-	852,131	1,159,266	-	1,159,266
Amounts owed to credit institution Other creditors	ns 18	1,601,195	854,007	2,455,202	1,371,476	214,393	1,585,869
		3,021,359	854,007	3,875,366	3,124,219	214,393	3,338,612
Accruals and Deferred Income		185,179	165,723	350,902	141,403	1,278,832	1,420,235
Total Liabilities		£22,384,972	£2,528,141	£24,913,113	£28,162,590	£551,247	£28,713,837

Approved by the Board on 30 Rugust 2010

C H Wiese (Director)

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these Financial Statements

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year Ended 31 December 2009

No Control of Control of Control	Note	2	009	20	008
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	17		1,083,563		409,052
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance					
Interest received Interest paid		10,820		40,361	
Net Cash Inflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance			10,820		40,361
Taxation					
Corporation Tax (paid)/recovered Overseas Taxation (paid)/recovered		(82,380)		(10,723) (24,715)	
Taxation paid			(82,380)		(35,438)
Capital Expenditure and Financial investment					
Purchase of syndicate participations rights Proceeds from sale of syndicate participations rights		(10,508) 387,411		96,613	
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital					
Expenditure and Financial Investment			376,903		96,613
			1,388,906	•	510,588
Equity Dividends Paid			-		-
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) before Financing			1,388,906	•	510,588
Financing					
Funds lent/(repaid) to the Company by the Shareholders to meet expenses and cash calls		549,352		(1,701,172)	
Net Cash Inflow from Financing			549,352	·····	(1,701,172)
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) in the year			£1,938,258		£(1,190,584)
Cash flows were invested as follows:				•	
Increase/(decrease) in cash holdings Net investment			331,208 1,607,050		(1,190,584)
Net investment of cash flows			£1,938,258	·	£(1,190,584)

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**

#### **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 396(3) of the Companies Act 2006, Schedule 3 of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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

#### **Going Concern**

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Report of the Directors on page 3. In addition, the Report of the Directors includes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing the majority of the risk to the company's future cash flows.

The Company has positive net assets at 31 December 2009 and continues to participate on the 2008 and 2009 underwriting years of account, which will normally close at 31 December 2010 and 2011 respectively, and has continued this participation since the year end on the 2010 year of account. The 2008 and 2009 underwriting years are anticipated to be profitable with future cash distributions to be made from Lloyd's of London. As a consequence, the Directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to meet its underwriting and other operational obligations for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual Financial Statements.

## **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements are prepared under 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 the movements in the calendar year 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.

The information included in these Financial statements in respect of the Syndicates has been supplied by Managing Agents based upon the various accounting policies they have adopted. The following describes the policies they have generally adopted.

#### General Business

#### 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

#### ii 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

# iii Deferred Acquisition Costs

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

#### IV 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 recoverles

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.

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

# v Claims incurred and Reinsurers' Share (continued)

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 Unexplred 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. 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 Lioyd'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.

## ix 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.

#### xi investments

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

#### XII 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.

# xii 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

All differences arising on the translation of foreign currency amounts in syndicates are included in the technical account within net operating expenses irrespective of their treatment by the underlying syndicates. The underlying syndicates have adopted different accounting policies including the non-retranslation of non-monetary items by some and retranslations to year end values within the Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses by others.

## ix 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 intermedianes as appropriate

#### **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.

The taxable results of the syndicates at a syndicate level are calculated by the managing agent and computations submitted to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Company, as a result of any HMRC enquiry into these computations, 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 3 year period beginning in the year after the underwriting commences in respect of the purchased 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

Class of Business						
2009	Gross written premiums	Gross premiums earned	Gross claims incurred	Net operating expenses	Reinsurance balance	Total
Direct						
Accident and health Motor (third party liability) Motor (other classes) Marine, aviation and transport Fire and other damage to property Third party liability Credit and suretyship Legal expenses Other	400,858 22,421 72,244 1,077,997 1,982,127 1,307,833 137,623 8,198 130,416	401,593 32,112 84,571 1,133,390 2,081,547 1,369,466 143,699 9,578 156,465	(191,414) (23,176) (78,009) (413,402) (996,803) (854,676) (186,815) (5,455) (41,748)	(164,736) (7,909) (31,417) (354,214) (746,889) (469,245) (40,988) (3,345) (86,213)	(28,919) (4,072) 20,641 (143,190) (243,464) (23,393) 15,461 (178) (19,915)	16,524 (3,045) (4,214) 222,584 94,391 22,152 (68,643) 600 8,589
Total Direct	5,139,715	5,412,421	(2,791,498)	(1,904,956)	(427,029)	288,938
Reinsurance Business						
Reinsurance balance	3,266,449	3,324,094	(1,170,159)	(866,821)	(523,307)	763,807
Total Reinsurance	3,266,449	3,324,094	(1,170,159)	(866,821)	(523,307)	763,807
Total	£8,406,164	£8,736,515	£(3,961,657)	£(2,771,777)	£(950,336)	£1,052,745
2008			-			
Direct						
Accident and health Motor (third party liability) Motor (other classes) Manne, aviation and transport Fire and other damage to property Third party liability Credit and suretyship Legal expenses Other	328,274 31,441 94,233 1,042,962 1,989,523 1,233,977 131,132 11,995 134,955	358,229 42,744 105,624 1,132,321 2,260,666 1,321,219 137,691 12,523 118,221	(127,364) (36,266) (59,990) (900,058) (1,394,164) (896,162) (45,975) (8,575) (21,761)	(148,116) (13,869) (45,109) 44,708 98,779 67,336 (46,555) (3,347) (59,560)	(9,538) (6) 14,301 47,913 (82,296) 21,950 (17,143) (480) (35,417)	73,211 (7,397) 14,826 324,884 882,985 514,343 28,018 121 1,483
Total Direct	4,998,492	5,489,238	(3,490,315)	(105,733)	(60,716)	1,832,474
Reinsurance Business						
Reinsurance balance	2,472,463	2,632,473	(1,238,276)	65,446	(343,970)	1,115,673
Total Reinsurance	2,472,463	2,632,473	(1,238,276)	65,446	(343,970)	1,115,673
Total	£7,470,955	£8,121,711	£(4,728,591)	£(40,287)	£(404,686)	£2,948,147
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2 Geographical Analysis	2009	2008
Direct Gross Premium Written In United Kingdom Other EU Member States Rest of the World	5,139,715	4,998,492
	£5,139,715	£4,998,492
3 Net Operating Expenses	2009	2008
Acquisition costs Change in deferred acquisition costs Administrative expenses (Profit)/loss on exchange Reinsurers commissions and profit participations	1,868,331 92,674 824,757 178,604 (192,589)	1,812,503 121,238 845,527 (1,340,410) (118,572)
	£2,771,777	£1,320,286
4 Investment Income	2009	2008
Income from investments Realised gains on investments Bank Deposit Interest	429,093 118,393 10,820	573,943 185,014 40,361
	£558,306	£799,318
5 Investment Expenses and Charges	2009	2008
Investment management expenses Losses on the realisation of investments	22,510 94,905	15,271 168,545
	£117,415	£183,816
6 Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	2009	2008
This is stated after charging/(crediting)	£	£
Fees payable to the company's auditor for - audit of the financial statements - taxation services - other services Directors remuneration Amortisation of syndicate capacity	1,300 500 1,000	1,100 800 1,000 - 14,825
Profit/(loss) on sale of syndicate capacity Exchange (gain) or loss - Non Technical Account Interest Payable	(387,411) 67,851 -	(95,358) 293,794
Charge for Funds at Lloyd's	549,352	884,009

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Taxation	2009	2008
Analysis of Charge in Year		
Current tax		
UK Corporation Tax on profits of the year Adjustments in respect of previous years	250,000	-
	250,000	-
Double taxation relief	(158,553)	
	91,447	-
Foreign tex	82,380	24,715
Total current tax	173,827	24,715
Deferred tax		
Ongination and reversal of liming differences Effect of change in tax rate on opening liability or asset	149,000	276,000
Total deferred tax	149,000	276,000
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	£322,827	£300,715
Factors Affecting Tax Charge for the Year		
The tax assessed for the penod is different to the standard rate of corporation tax		
	2009	2008
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	£1,424,711	£965,441
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 28% (2008 - 20 75%)	398,919	200,329
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Timing differences arising on the taxation of the underwriting results Other timing differences Foreign tax Adjustments in respect of previous periods	5,109 171,246 (110) (76,173)	(349,993) (9,409) 24,715
Trading losses carried forward/(utilised) Marginal rate adjustment	(308,635) (10,338)	163,053 -
Income not taxable	(6,191)	(3,979)
Current tax charge for year	£173,827	£24,716
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# Factors that may affect Future Tax Charges

The results of the Company's participation on the 2007, 2008 and 2009 years of account and the calendar year movement on 2006 and prior run-offs, will not be assessed to tax until the year ended 31 December 2010, 2011 and 2012 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. In addition, tax only Claims Equalisation Reserves (CER) may further affect the timing of the taxation of underwriting profits.

The above charge for foreign taxes has been estimated after making provision for double taxation relief with the UK. However due to the differences of timings and tax rates some foreign taxes may ultimately not be fully recoverable

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8	Intangible Assets	Syndicate Participation Rights
	Cost	V.1.g.112
	At 1 January 2009 Additions Disposals	285,660 10,508 (26,564)
	At 31 December 2009	269,604
	Amortisation	
	At 1 January 2009 Charge for the year	285,660
	Disposals	(26,564)
	At 31 December 2009	259,098
	Net Book Value	
	At 31 December 2009	£10,508
	At 31 December 2008	£-

# 9 Investments

# Other Financial Investments - Syndicate

Other Financial Investments - Syndicate	2009		20	08
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts. Debt securities and other fixed income securities.	1,187,067 10,871,013	1,161,568 10,827,201	1,653,545 12,980,112	1,793,701 13,168,323
Participation in investment pools  Loans secured by mortgage  Other Loans	392,159 14,195 624	356,948 15,457 624	287,176 18,146 74,464	323,499 23,214 74,368
Deposits with credit institutions Overseas deposits Other	284,889 - 2,146	282,369 - 1,787	346,383 2,634 6,300	347,229 2,634 6,211
	£12,752,093	£12,645,954	£15,368,760	£15,739,179
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Listed investments included within the above	£12,450,239	£12,345,717	£14,920,833	£15,285,523
Other Financial Investments - Corporate				
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	2,076,257	1,804,933	446,705	200,510
	£2,076,257	£1,804,933	£446,705	£200,510
Listed investments included within the above	£2,076,257	£1,804,933	£446,705	£200,510

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## 10 Debtors

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		2009			2008	
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Deferred Tax (Note 15) Other	1,191,735	5,626	1,197,361	2,062,566	-	2,062,566
	£1,191,735	£5,626	£1,197,361	£2,062,566	£-	£2,062,566

Other debtors includes £Nit (2008 - £Nii) in respect of cash calls paid to Lloyd's syndicates. This amount will be recoverable when the year of account on whose behalf the call was made is closed at a profit, or will be treated as a payment on account if the year is closed at a loss.

#### 11 Cash at Bank and in hand

		2009			2008	
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Lloyd's deposit Cash at bank and in hand	596,887	435,582 168	435,582 597,055	953,470	67,960 36,582	67,960 990,052
	£596,887	£435,750	£1,032,637	£953,470	£104,542	£1,058,012

The Lloyd's deposit represents monies 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	2009	2009	2008	2008
		Authorised	Allotted, Called-up and Fully Paid	Authorised	Allotted, Called-up and Fully Paid
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	£100,000	£500	£100,000	£500
13	Profit and Loss Account			2009	
			Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
	Retained profit/(loss) brought forward Transfer Profit/(loss) for the financial year Equity dividends paid and declared		3,787,191 (2,830,036) 1,630,531	(1,763,478) 2,830,036 (528,647)	2,023,713 - 1,101,884 -
	Retained profit/(loss) carried forward		£2,587,686	£537,911	£3,125,597

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14	Reconciliation of Movements i	n Shareholders'	Funds			2009	2008
	Opening shareholders' funds Profil / (loss) for the financial yea Equity dividends paid and declar					2,024,213 1,101,884	1,359,487 664,726
	Closing shareholders' funds					£3,126,097	£2,024,213
15	Provision for Deferred Tax					2009	2008
	Liability/(asset) at start of year  Deferred tax charge/(credit) in Profit and Loss Account for year						545,000 276,000
	Liability/(asset) at end of year					£970,000	£821,000
	Analysis of Provision for Defer	red Taxation					
	Timing differences arising from the Cliams Equalisation Reserves	ne taxation of the	underwnting res	uits		733,038 167,638	1,060,421
	Other timing differences Tax losses carned forward					69,324	69,214 (308,635)
						£970,000	£821,000
16	Other Creditors						
			2009			2008	
		Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
	Other creditors Corporation Tax	1,601,195	10,915 91,447	1,612,110 91,447	1,371,476	12,100	1,383,576
	Related party loan account	-	751,645	751,645	•	202,293	202,293
		£1,601,195	£854,007	£2,455,202	£1,371,476	£214,393	£1,585,869
47	Becomplication of Operation During	-54 / ()> t- N-	4 Cook				
17	Reconciliation of Operating Pro Inflow / (Outflow) from Operation		( Casn			2009	2008
	Operating Profit/(Loss)					1,424,711	965,441
	Interest and dividends received -					(32,930)	(59,535)
	Realised and unrealised profits a Interest charged - non-technical a		orate invesimen	its		(392)	(75,150) -
	Underwiting result in year					(1,630,531)	(1,933,518)
	Closed Year result distributable in Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	•				2,830,036 (1,114,294)	195,104 954,550
	(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	•				(5,626)	442,693
	(Profit ) / Loss on sale of capacity					(387,411)	(95,358)
	Amortisation of syndicate capacit	у					14,825
	Net cash Inflow / (Outflow) from o	perating activities	•			£1,083,563	£409,052

#### 18 Movement in Cash and Portfolio Investments

	At 1 January 2009	Non-cash Transactions	Cash Flow	Changes to Market Values	At 31 December 2009
Cash at bank and in hand Other portfolio investments	104,542 446,705	22,110	331,208 1,607,050	392	435,750 2,076,257
	£551,247	£22,110	£1,938,258	£392	£2,512,007

#### 19 Funds at Lloyd's

in addition to the Funds held in the Lloyd's Deposit (Note11) the Company's Lloyd's underwriting is supported by further amounts of £1,623,820 (2008 £1,623,736). These funds are also available to Lloyd's to meet the personal underwriting liabilities of the shareholders for underwriting years commencing prior to 1 January 1999.

## 20 Related Party Transactions

C H Wiese and C Wiese are Directors of the Company During 2009 they and Myrtledare Corp have provided funding of £Nil (2008 - £10,723) and made charges of £549,352 (2008 £884,009) for providing Funds at Lloyd's on behalf of the company During 2009 £Nil (2008 - £2,595,904) was repaid and included within creditors at 31 December 2009 is £751,645 (2008 - £202,293) which is due to C H Wiese and C Wiese and Myrtledare Corp This amount is shown separately in Note 16 under Related party loan account No interest has been charged on the amount outstanding

As detailed in note 19 additional Funds at Lloyd's have been provided to support the company's underwriting. As part of an agreement for the continuation of this funding the company has agreed to pay a fee to Myrtiedare Corp.

#### 21 Ultimate Parent Undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking is Myrtledare Corp a company registered in the British Virgin Islands that is owned by C H Wiese

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## 22 Syndicate Participation

# Allocated capacity per underwriting year

Syndicate No	Managing Agent	2010	2009	2008	2007
		£,000	£'000	£,000	£,000
22	Hannan Orandinatan Harifa d	4.050	900	960	1,355
33	Hiscox Syndicates Limited	1,050			•
	R J Kiin & Company Limited	950	800	960	1,738
557	R J Kiln & Company Limited	400	500	900	1,301
570	Atrium Underwriting Limited	723	625	625	625
609	Atrium Underwriting Limited	510	371	400	400
623	Beazley Furlonge Limited	972	851	900	1,043
727	S A Meacock & Co Limited	759	700	700	700
779	Jubilee Managing Agency Limited	150	118	118	150
	Omega Underwriting Agents Limited	-	600	600	888
2010	Cathedral Underwriting Limited	350	300	300	375
	Managing Agency Partners Limited	990	800	1,006	1,308
	Managing Agency Partners Limited	•	-	-	100
	Amlın SPS	187	170	-	-
		£7,041	£6,735	£7,469	£9,983
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In addition the company is still participating on the following syndicates or MAPA's in runoff

Syn. No		2001 Allocated Capacity	2000 Allocated Capacity
340	Travelers Syndicate Management Limited	50,000	40,000
7103	(MAPA)	69,682	38,468

# Technical Provisions - Run-off years of account

Certain syndicate years of account, representing £198,150 of capacity, on which the Company participated have not been closed at their normal date or subsequently

Whilst the Directors consider the technical provision for outstanding claims is the best estimate that can be made on the basis of information currently available, the estimate is subject to change for run-off syndicates. Further information may cause the estimate to be revised. The timing of the conclusions on these estimates is unknown. Accordingly the determination of the underwriting result for the year and any related provision for run-off account losses is fundamentally uncertain and the eventual result might be higher or lower.