

## RenaissanceRe Reports Operating Income of \$143.1 Million for 2004 Second Quarter

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- Operating EPS of \$2.00 Per Common Share for the Second Quarter of 2004 Vs. \$1.84 for the Second Quarter of 2003
- \$116.2 Million Net Income for the Second Quarter of 2004; EPS of \$1.62 for the Second Quarter of 2004 vs. \$2.54 for the Second Quarter of 2003
- Achieves Second Quarter 2004 Annualized Operating Return on Equity of 25.2%
- Increases 2004 Operating Earnings Estimates to a Range of \$6.95 to \$7.25 per Common Share, from Prior Estimate of \$6.10 to \$6.50

PEMBROKE, Bermuda--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 27, 2004-- RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) today reported net operating income available to common shareholders of \$143.1 million for the second quarter of 2004, versus \$130.5 million for the comparable period in 2003. Operating income excludes realized investment gains (losses) of (\$26.9) million and \$49.7 million in the second quarters of 2004 and 2003, respectively. Operating income per common share grew to \$2.00 in the second quarter of 2004, from \$1.84 per common share in the second quarter of 2003. Net income available to common shareholders was \$116.2 million or \$1.62 per common share in the quarter, compared to \$180.2 million or \$2.54 per common share for the same quarter of 2003. The decline in net income resulted primarily from normal course investment activities, with the change in realized investment gains (losses) reflecting the broadly favorable investment environment of 2003 compared with the rising interest rate environment of this past second quarter.

James N. Stanard, Chairman and CEO, commented: "Our strong premium growth reflects two conflicting trends. First, Renaissance has preferred positions on various attractive reinsurance and insurance programs as a result of our strong customer relationships and credit ratings. Second, however, we continue to see price declines, and increasingly have had to turn down business that does not meet our return requirements. For 2004 we have increased estimates of our managed specialty reinsurance premium growth to over 30% compared to 2003; for our individual risk business we are maintaining our estimates of 30% growth; and for cat reinsurance we continue to expect gross managed premium declines of 5% or more. Our current expectation for 2005 is that we will continue to see growth in the individual risk business, but we will likely see a flattening of specialty reinsurance premium and further decreases in cat reinsurance premium."

Mr. Stanard further stated, "In light of the low losses in the first half of the year, we have raised our operating EPS guidance for 2004 to a range of \$6.95 to \$7.25 compared with our previous range of \$6.10 to \$6.50. These earnings estimates assume normal loss activity in the second half of the year."

#### SECOND QUARTER 2004 RESULTS:

#### Premiums

Gross premiums written for the second quarter of 2004 were \$326.9 million, compared to \$212.6 million for the same quarter of 2003. Gross premiums written include \$215.3 million attributable to the Company's Reinsurance segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$114.9 million in the comparable 2003 period; and \$111.6 million attributable to the Company's Individual Risk segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$97.7 million for the same quarter of 2003. Net premiums written for the second quarter of 2004 were \$262.8 million, compared to \$160.2 million for the same quarter of 2003. Net premiums written include \$153.2 million attributable to the Company's Reinsurance segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$65.4 million for the same quarter of 2003; and \$109.7 million attributable to the Company's Individual Risk segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$94.8 million for the same quarter of 2003.

Net premiums earned for the second quarter of 2004 were \$344.0 million, compared to \$275.5 million for the same quarter of 2003. Net premiums earned include \$235.9 million in net premiums earned for the Company's Reinsurance segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$208.9 million for the same quarter of 2003; and \$108.1 million in net premiums earned for the Company's Individual Risk segment in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$66.6 million for the same quarter of 2003.

Premiums for the second quarter of 2004 include \$34.2 million of gross written premiums, \$38.3 million of net written premiums and \$53.7 million of net premiums earned by the Company's consolidated joint venture, DaVinci Re during the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$17.1 million of gross written premiums, \$19.0 million of net written premiums and \$46.7 million of net premiums earned by DaVinci Re during the second quarter of 2003.

Total managed cat premiums written, representing gross catastrophe premiums written by Renaissance Reinsurance and by related joint ventures, were \$175.5 million for the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$103.8 million for the same quarter of 2003, representing an increase of 69.1%. The increase was primarily due to timing differences. See the attached supplemental financial data for additional information regarding managed premiums.

#### Joint Venture Income

During the quarter, income from the DaVinci joint venture and other fee income was \$37.9 million, compared to \$31.6 million during the second quarter of 2003. Of this, \$23.9 million reflects fees and profit commissions, compared to \$15.6 million in the second quarter of 2003, and \$15.7 million reflects equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures and DaVinci, versus \$16.5 million in the comparable quarter of 2003.

Underwriting Ratios, Reserve Development

For the second quarter of 2004, the Company generated a combined ratio of 58.5%, a loss ratio of 35.1% and an expense ratio of 23.4%, compared to

a combined ratio, loss ratio and expense ratio of 57.0%, 36.3% and 20.7%, respectively, for the second quarter of 2003. The increase in the expense ratio primarily relates to the increased scale of the Company's Individual Risk segment, which typically generates higher expense ratios than the Reinsurance segment. For the quarter, the Company's Reinsurance segment generated a loss ratio of 27.6% and an expense ratio of 16.3%, compared to 29.2% and 16.9%, respectively, during the second quarter of 2003. For the quarter, the Company's Individual Risk segment generated a loss ratio of 51.5% and an expense ratio of 38.8%, compared to 58.5% and 32.6%, respectively, during the second quarter of 2003.

During the quarter, the Company recorded favorable development on prior year reserves of \$29.7 million or a benefit of 8.6 percentage points to the Company's quarterly loss ratio. The Company's Reinsurance segment contributed \$27.4 million of favorable development, and the Company's Individual Risk segment contributed \$2.3 million of favorable development. Net recovered losses for the quarter were \$7.8 million. The Company had net recoveries in the second quarter due to the timing of collections on certain reinsurance recoverables. See the attached supplemental financial data for additional information regarding claims and claim expenses incurred and loss ratios by segment.

#### Investments

Net investment income for the second quarter of 2004 was \$29.8 million, compared to \$34.1 million for the same quarter in 2003. Net investment income includes appreciation (depreciation) related to investments in hedge funds and private equity funds recorded during the second quarter of 2004 of (\$1.3) million compared to \$6.1 million of net appreciation recorded during the second quarter of 2003.

The Company's cash flows from operations were \$231.0 million for the second quarter of 2004.

#### Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity attributable to common shareholders was \$2.3 billion at June 30, 2004, compared to \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2003. Book value per common share at June 30, 2004 was \$32.60 compared to \$29.61 per common share at December 31, 2003.

This Press Release includes certain non-GAAP financial measures including "operating income," "operating EPS or operating income per common share," "annualized operating return on equity," "managed cat premium" and "summary of income from joint venture relationships." A reconciliation of such measures to the most comparable GAAP figures in accordance with Regulation G is presented in the attached supplemental financial data.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. will host a conference call on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. (EST) to discuss this release. Live broadcast of the conference call will be available through the Investor Section of RenaissanceRe's website at www.renre.com.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance. Our business consists of two segments: (1) Reinsurance, which includes catastrophe reinsurance, specialty reinsurance and certain joint ventures and other structured relationships managed by our subsidiary Renaissance Underwriting Managers, and (2) Individual Risk business, which includes primary insurance and quota share reinsurance.

Cautionary Statement under "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements made in this news release contain information about the Company's future business prospects. These statements may be considered "forward-looking." These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. For further information regarding cautionary statements and factors affecting future results, please refer to RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.'s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Subsidiaries Summary Consolidated Statements of Income For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 (in thousands of United States Dollars, except per share amounts)

Three months ended Six months ended

June 30, June 30, June 30, June 30,

2004 2003 2004 2003

(Unaudited) (Unaudited)

Revenues

Gross premiums written \$326,876 \$212,560 \$1,107,164 \$897,727

Net premiums written \$262,842 \$160,223 \$968,863 \$750,593 Decrease (increase) in

unearned premiums 81,142 115,312 (315,310)(211,584)

 Net premiums earned
 343,984
 275,535
 653,553
 539,009

 Net investment income
 29,833
 34,109
 64,883
 65,543

 Net foreign exchange gains
 786
 7,640
 2,873
 11,591

Equity in earnings of

unconsolidated ventures 4,923 6,493 11,443 12,561 Other income (loss) (689) 745 420 182

Net realized gains (losses) on investments (26,920) 49,660 5,601 70,772 Total revenues 351,917 374,182 738,773 699,658 -----Expenses Claims and claim expenses incurred 120,737 100,076 232,915 182,856 Acquisition expenses 64,047 40,704 122,078 82,837 Operational expenses 16,502 16,332 28,878 31,239 Corporate expenses 4,986 4,677 9,538 8,145 Interest expense 6,334 5,335 12,605 9,834 -----Total expenses 212,606 167,124 406,014 314,911 -----Income before minority interest and taxes 139,311 207,058 332,759 384,747 Minority interest - Capital Securities - 1,827 - 3,282 Minority interest - DaVinci 14,492 20,150 32,482 41,035 -----Income before taxes 124,819 185,081 300,277 340,430 Income tax benefit - - 55 -----124,819 185,081 300,277 340,485 Net income Dividends on preference shares 8,609 4,917 13,713 9,036 \_\_\_\_\_ Net income available to common shareholders \$116,210 \$180,164 \$286,564 \$331,449 Operating income per Common Share - diluted (1) \$2.00 \$1.84 \$3.92 \$3.68 Net income available to common shareholders per Common Share - basic \$1.67 \$2.62 \$4.12 \$4.82 Net income available to common shareholders per Common Share diluted \$1.62 \$2.54 \$4.00 \$4.68 Average common shares outstanding - basic 69,664 68,914 69,554 68,754 Average common shares outstanding - diluted 71,683 71,056 71,638 70,810 Claims and claim expense ratio 35.1% 36.3% 35.6% 33.9% Expense ratio 23.4% 20.7% 23.1% 21.2% -----Combined ratio 58.5% 57.0% 58.7% 55.1% \_\_\_\_\_\_ Operating return on average common equity (annualized) (1) 25.2% 30.2% 25.4% 31.6% 

(1) Excludes realized gains (losses) on investments (see comments on Regulation G)

(in thousands of United S	States L	Oollars, except per share amounts)			
	At				
	 (Unaudi	ted) (Audited)			
Assets Fixed maturity investment at fair value Short term investments Other investments Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,	117,925 \$2,947,841 1,009,011 660,564 503,884 369,242 74,130 63,397			
Total managed investment portfolio and cash 4,704,950 4,041,044  Equity investments in reinsurance company, at fair value 147,962 145,535  Investments in other ventures, under equity					
method	17 	8,052 41,130			
Total investments and Premiums receivable Ceded reinsurance balance Losses recoverable Accrued investment income Deferred acquisition costs Other assets	es	5,030,964 4,227,709 404,676 167,996 88,326 56,852 90,055 149,201 31,811 22,793 107,718 75,261 39,498 29,890			
Total assets		5,793,048 \$4,729,702			
Liabilities, Minority Interest and Shareholders' Equity Liabilities Reserve for claims and claim expenses Reserve for unearned premiums 50,000 Subordinated obligation to capital trust Reinsurance balances payable Net payable on investments purchased Other liabilities  88,773 Subordinated obligation to capital trust 103,093 103,093 88,741 131,629 166,772 - 0ther liabilities 88,773 52,123					
Total liabilities	2,	594,146 1,964,561 			
Minority interest - DaVinci Shareholders' Equity Preference shares Common shares and addit Accumulated other compre Retained earnings					
Total shareholders' equ	ity	2,800,688 2,334,643			
Total liabilities, minority interest, and shareholders' equity \$5,793,048 \$4,729,702					
Book value per common sh	nare	==== =================================			
Common shares outstanding		=====			

# RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Financial Data (in thousands of United States Dollars)

# Segment Information

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Three months ended June 30, 2004						
Reinsurance Individual Other Total Risk						
Gross premiums written (1) \$215,284 \$111,592 \$- \$326,876						
Net premiums written \$153,162 \$109,680 - \$262,842						
Net premiums earned \$235,862 \$108,122 - \$343,984 Claims and claim						
expenses incurred 65,016 55,721 - 120,737 Acquisition						
expenses 27,936 36,111 - 64,047 Operational						
expenses 10,624 5,878 - 16,502						
Underwriting income \$132,286 \$10,412 - 142,698						
Other items \$(26,488) (26,488)						
Net income available to common shareholders \$116,210						
Claims and claim expenses incurred - current accident year \$92,375 \$58,060 \$150,435 Claims and claim expenses incurred - prior years (27,359) (2,339) (29,698)						
Net claims and claim expenses incurred - total \$65,016 \$55,721 \$120,737						

Claims and claim expense ratio - accident year	39.2%	53.7%	43.7%
Claims and claim expense ratio -			
calendar year Underwriting	27.6%	51.5%	35.1%
expense ratio	16.3%	38.8%	23.4%
Combined ratio	43.9%	90.3%	58.5%

 Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$0.8 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

Three months ended June 30, 2003

earned \$208,905 \$66,630 - \$275,535 Claims and

claim expenses incurred 61,

ncurred 61,100 38,976 - 100,076

Acquisition

expenses 22,220 18,484 - 40,704

Operational

expenses 13,107 3,225 - 16,332

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Underwriting

income \$112,478 \$5,945 - 118,423

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Other items \$61,741 61,741

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Net income available to

common shareholders \$180,164

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Claims and claim expenses incurred - current

accident year \$66,270 \$46,563 \$112,833

Claims and claim expenses incurred -

prior years (5,170) (7,587) (12,757)

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Net claims and claim expenses incurred total \$61,100 \$38,976 \$100,076 Claims and claim expense ratio accident year 31.7% 69.9% 41.0% ======= Claims and claim expense ratio calendar year 29.2% 58.5% 36.3% Underwriting expense ratio 16.9% 32.6% 20.7% -----Combined ratio 46.1% 91.1% 57.0% \_\_\_\_\_\_ =======

 Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$1.0 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Financial Data (in thousands of United States Dollars)

Six months ended June 30, 2004

Segment Information, cont'd

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Other items

-----Reinsurance Individual Other Total Risk -----Gross premiums written (1) \$875,634 \$231,530 \$- \$1,107,164 ======== Net premiums \$749,400 \$219,463 - \$968,863 written ======== Net premiums earned \$444,655 \$208,898 -\$653,553 Claims and claim expenses incurred 123,555 109,360 232,915 Acquisition expenses 51,747 70,331 122,078 Operational 16,750 12,128 expenses 28,878 -----Underwriting income \$252,603 \$17,079 -

> \$16,882 16,882 ======

Net income available to common shareholders

\$286,564

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Claims and claim expenses incurred current accident year \$167,785 \$116,517 \$284,302 Claims and claim expenses incurred prior years (44,230) (7,157) (51,387)-----

Net claims and

claim expenses incurred -

\$123,555 \$109,360 \$232,915 total

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Claims and claim expense ratio -

accident year 37.7% 55.8% 43.5% ========

Claims and claim expense ratio -

calendar year 27.8% 52.4% 35.6% Underwriting

expense ratio 15.4% 39.5% 23.1% -----

Combined ratio 43.2% 91.9% 58.7% ========

(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$0.8 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

Six months ended June 30, 2003 -----Reinsurance Individual Other Total

Risk

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Gross premiums

written (1) \$736,196 \$161,531 \$- \$897,727

Net premiums

written \$623,277 \$127,316 - \$750,593 

Net premiums

\$409,338 \$129,671 - \$539,009 earned

Claims and claim expenses

incurred 117,996 64,860 - 182,856

Acquisition

expenses 45,077 37,760 - 82,837 Operational expenses 25,191 6,048 - 31,239 -----Underwriting income \$221,074 \$21,003 - 242,077 Other items \$89,372 89,372 ======= ------Net income available to common shareholders \$331,449 ======== Claims and claim expenses incurred current accident year \$135,784 \$71,555 \$207,339 Claims and claim expenses incurred prior years (17,788) (6,695) (24,483) Net claims and claim expenses incurred total \$117,996 \$64,860 \$182,856 

Claims and claim expense

ratio -

accident year 33.2% 55.2% 38.5% ========

Claims and claim expense ratio -

calendar year 28.8% 50.0%

33.9%

Underwriting

expense ratio 17.2% 33.8% 21.2% -----

Combined ratio 46.0% 83.8% 55.1% 

(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$5.7 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Financial Data (in thousands of United States Dollars)

Three months ended Six months ended Gross Written Premiums

June 30, June 30, June 30, June 30, 2004 2003 2004 2003

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Renaissance cat premium \$120,405 \$64,211 \$419,541 \$372,930 Renaissance specialty premium 60,675 33,557 291,130 219,639 -----Total Renaissance Reinsurance premium 181,080 97,768 710,671 592,569 -----DaVinci cat premium (1) 29,885 16,402 133,081 123,218 DaVinci specialty premium 4,319 702 31,882 20,409 \_\_\_\_\_ Total DaVinci Reinsurance 34,204 17,104 164,963 143,627 premium \_\_\_\_\_ Total Reinsurance premium 215,284 114,872 875,634 736,196 Individual Risk premium (2) 111,592 97,688 231,530 161,531 -----Total premiums \$326,876 \$212,560 \$1,107,164 \$897,727 

Total Managed Cat Premiums (3) \$175,506 \$103,774 \$616,893 \$568,509

Total Managed Specialty Premiums \$64,994 \$34,259 \$323,012 \$240,048

- (1) Excludes premium ceded to Renaissance of \$3.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and \$8.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004.
- (2) Includes combined premium ceded to Renaissance and DaVinci of \$1.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 and \$5.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003. Such amounts of premium are excluded from the Renaissance and DaVinci premiums shown above.
- (3) Total Managed Cat Premiums include Renaissance and DaVinci Cat Premium, as above, and Cat Premium of \$25.2 million and \$23.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and Cat premium of \$64.3 million and \$72.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, written on behalf of our joint venture, Top Layer Re.

Other Income and Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Three months ended Six months ended Ventures -----June 30, June 30, June 30, June 30, 2004 2003 2004 2003 -----As Reported -----Fee income \$1,074 \$1,250 \$2,189 \$2,478 Other items (1,763) (505) (1,769) (2,296) Total other income (loss) as reported (689) 745 420 182 Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures 4,923 6,493 11,443 12,561 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$4,234 \$7,238 \$11,863 \$12,743

### venture relationships (1)

Fee income (2) Other items \$23,933 \$15,616 \$40,901 \$35,820

(1,763) (505) (1,769) (2,296)

Total other income 22,170 15,111 39,132 33,524

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures and

DaVinci 15,743 16,522 32,522 34,224 -----

\$37,913 \$31,633 \$71,654 \$67,748 Total

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- (1) Reported GAAP presentation adjusted to reflect:
  - fee income and the Company's interest in DaVinci as if DaVinci were accounted for under the equity method.
  - other fee income on managed cat business which is reflected on the income statement as a reduction of acquisition and operational expenses.
- (2) Excludes fee income received on capital invested by RenaissanceRe Holdings.

### Comments on Regulation G

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in this Press Release, the Company has included certain non-GAAP financial measures in this Press Release within the meaning of Regulation G. The Company has consistently provided these financial measurements in previous investor communications and the Company's management believes that these measurements are important to investors and other interested persons, and that investors and such other persons benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison between quarters and for the comparison with other companies within the industry. These measures may not, however, be comparable to similarly titled measures used by companies outside of the insurance industry. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these non-GAAP measures in assessing the Company's overall financial performance.

The Company uses "operating income" as a measure to evaluate the underlying fundamentals of its operations and believes it to be a useful measure of its corporate performance. "Operating income" as used herein differs from "net income available to common shareholders", which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, by the exclusion of net realized gains and losses on investments. In addition, the Company's management believes that "operating income" is useful to investors because it more accurately measures and predicts the Company's results of operations by removing the variability arising from fluctuations in the Company's investment portfolio, which is not considered by management to be a relevant indicator of business operations. The Company also uses operating income to calculate operating income per common share and operating return on average common equity. The following is a reconciliation of 1) net income available to common shareholders to operating income; 2) net income available to common shareholders per common share to operating income per common share; and 3) return on average common equity to operating return on average common equity:

Three months ended Six months ended

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) June 30, June 30, June 30, June 30,

2004 2003 2004 2003

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Net income available to common

shareholders \$116,210 \$180,164 \$286,564 \$331,449

Adjustment for net realized losses

(gains) on investments 26,920 (49,660) (5,601) (70,772)

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Operating income \$143,130 \$130,504 \$280,963 \$260,677

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Net income available to common shareholders per common share -

diluted \$1.62 \$2.54 \$4.00 \$4.68

Adjustment for net realized losses

(gains) on investments 0.38 (0.70) (0.08) (1.00)

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Operating income per common share

- diluted \$2.00 \$1.84 \$3.92 \$3.68

Return on average common equity
(annualized) 20.5% 41.7% 25.9% 40.2%
Adjustment for net realized losses
(gains) on investments 4.7% (11.5%) (0.5%) (8.6%)

Operating return on average common
equity (annualized) 25.2% 30.2% 25.4% 31.6%

The Company has also included in this Press Release "managed cat premium". "Managed cat premium" is defined as gross catastrophe premium written by Renaissance Reinsurance and its related joint ventures. "Managed cat premium" differs from total catastrophe premium, which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, due to the inclusion of catastrophe premium written on behalf of our joint venture Top Layer Re, which is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Refer to supplemental financial data on gross written premiums.

The Company has also included in this Press Release "summary of income from joint venture relationships" which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal differences between "summary of income from joint venture relationships" and "other income and equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, are that the results of DaVinci Reinsurance Ltd., a joint venture the financial results of which are consolidated in the Company's financial statements, are reflected in "summary of income from joint venture relationships" as if reported under the equity accounting method, and that this presentation also includes fees earned on certain quota share cessions of catastrophe business by the Company which are reflected on its income statement as a reduction of acquisition and operational expenses.

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