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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2004

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Bermuda</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>34-0-26512</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>98-014-1974</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<u>Renaissance House 8-12 East Broadway, Pembroke Bermuda</u> (Address of principal executive offices)	<u>HM 19</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-4513

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2004, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing the Company's preliminary results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. This Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 hereto are each being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and are therefore not to be considered "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in the Press Release, the Company has included certain non-GAAP financial measures in the Press Release within the meaning of Regulation G. The Company has consistently provided these financial measurements in previous earnings releases 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 comparison with other companies in the industry. These measures may not, however, be comparable to similarly titled measures used by companies outside of the insurance industry, or by other insurers. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these non-GAAP measure in assessing the Company's overall financial performance.

The Company has included in the Press Release "net operating loss attributable to common shareholders" of \$372 million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with "net operating income available to common shareholders" of \$112 million in the third quarter of 2003) and of \$91 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with "net operating income available to common shareholders" of \$373 million

for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003). The Company has also included in the Press Release "net operating loss per common share" of (\$5.31) during in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with "net operating income per common share" of \$1.57 in the third quarter of 2003) and of (\$1.31) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with "net operating income per common share" of \$5.25 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003). Each of these measures is a non-GAAP financial measure.

The Company uses "operating income (loss)" 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 (loss)," as used in the Press Release and herein, differs from "net income (loss)," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, by the exclusion of net realized gains and losses on investments. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "net loss attributable to common shareholders" was \$357 million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with "net income available to common shareholders" of \$113 million in the third quarter of 2003) and was \$71 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with "net income available to common shareholders" of \$445 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003). In the Press Release, the Company also provides that "net loss per common share" was (\$5.10) in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with "net income per common share" of \$1.59 for the third quarter of 2003) and was (\$1.02) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with "net income per common share" of \$6.27 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003). In addition to the reasons for this presentation set forth above, the Company's management also believes that presentation of "operating income (loss)" is useful to investors because it presents the Company's results of operations without the variability arising from fluctuations in realized investment gains and losses from the Company's investment portfolio, which is not considered by the Company's management to be a relevant indicator of business operations.

The Company has also included in the Press Release "total managed cat premium" of \$105 million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with \$109 million in the third quarter of 2003) and of \$722 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with \$678 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003), which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal difference between "total managed cat premium" and "total catastrophe premium," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is the inclusion in "total managed cat premium" of catastrophe premium written by Top Layer

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Reinsurance Ltd., a joint venture which is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "total catastrophe premium" was \$99 million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with \$107 million during the third quarter of 2003) and was \$651 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with \$604 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003).

The Company has also included in the Press Release "summary of other income and income (loss) from joint venture relationships" of (\$44) million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with \$33 million in the third quarter of 2003) and of \$28 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with \$100 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003), which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal differences between "summary of other income and income (loss) from joint venture relationships" and "other income (loss) and equity in earnings (losses) 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 other income and income (loss) 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. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "other income (loss) and equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated ventures" was \$4 million in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with \$8 million during the third quarter of 2003) and was \$16 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with \$21 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003).

The Company has also included in the Press Release "operating return on average common equity (annualized)" of (70.0%) for the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with 23.9% for the third quarter of 2003) and of (5.7%) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with 28.9% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003), which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal difference between "operating return on average common equity (annualized)" and "return on average common equity (annualized)," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is that "operating return on average common equity (annualized)" excludes net realized gains and losses on investments. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "return on average common equity (annualized)" was (67.2%) in the third quarter of 2004 (as compared with 24.1% for the third quarter of 2003) and was (4.4%) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (as compared with 34.5% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003).

The Press Release also sets forth an estimate of "operating income per common share" for 2005 in the range of \$6.30 to \$6.70, assuming normal loss activity during 2005. The forecast of "operating income per common share" for 2005 is a non-GAAP financial measure and excludes net realized gains (losses) on investments. The Company is unable to forecast "net income per common share" for 2005, which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, as predictions as to the amount of net realized gains and losses on investments for 2005 are dependent on the performance of the financial markets.

The Press Release also sets forth a revised estimate of "operating income per common share" for 2004 to a range of \$0.75 and \$0.95 versus a previous forecast of \$6.95 to \$7.25, which revised estimate assumes normal loss activity for the remainder of the year. The forecast of "operating income per common share" for 2004 is a non-GAAP financial measure and excludes net realized gains (losses) on investments of \$21 million for the first nine months of 2004 and all potential net realized gains and losses on investments for the final three months of 2004. The Company is unable to forecast "net income per common share for 2004", which the Company believes

is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, as predictions as to the amount of net realized gains and losses on investments for the final three months of 2004 are dependent on the performance of the financial markets.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

<u>Exhibit #</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1*	Copy of the Company's press release, issued October 27, 2004.

* Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished to the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 and is not being filed with the SEC. Therefore, this exhibit is not incorporated by reference in any of the registrant's other SEC filings.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: October 27, 2004 By: /s/ John M. Lummis
Name: John M. Lummis
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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[RENAISSANCERE LOGO OMITTED]

RENAISSANCERE REPORTS OPERATING LOSS OF \$372 MILLION
FOR 2004 THIRD QUARTER AS A RESULT OF HURRICANES;
OPERATING LOSS OF (\$5.31) PER COMMON SHARE FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2004 VS. OPERATING INCOME
PER COMMON SHARE OF \$1.57 FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2003

\$357 MILLION NET LOSS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2004;
NET LOSS OF (\$5.10) PER COMMON SHARE FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2004 VS. NET INCOME OF \$1.59 PER COMMON SHARE
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2003

PROVIDES EARNINGS GUIDANCE FOR 2005 OF \$6.30 TO \$6.70
OPERATING INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, OCTOBER 27, 2004 -- RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) today reported net operating loss attributable to common shareholders of \$372 million for the third quarter of 2004, versus net operating income available to common shareholders of \$112 million for the comparable period in 2003. Net operating income (loss) excludes net realized investment gains of \$15 million and \$1 million in the third quarters of 2004 and 2003, respectively. Net operating loss per common share was (\$5.31) in the third quarter of 2004, compared to net operating income per common share of \$1.57 per common share in the third quarter of 2003. Net loss attributable to common shareholders was \$357 million or (\$5.10) per common share in the quarter, compared to net income available to common shareholders of \$113 million or \$1.59 per common share for the same quarter of 2003. The net loss resulted primarily from the negative impact of \$520 million sustained during the quarter from hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

James N. Stanard, Chairman and CEO, commented: "Our third quarter results were obviously dominated by the four large hurricanes. We have recorded a negative impact in the quarter from these events of \$520 million, an increase from the \$425 million that we had previously reported on a preliminary basis. We raised our estimates based on an increase in our assumption of total industry losses in the U.S. and Caribbean, to over \$30 billion. Our results remain consistent with the assessment from our risk management system, and reflect our decision to have a relatively large share of the Florida market."

Mr. Stanard also stated: "For 2005, we are projecting operating EPS of \$6.30 to \$6.70, assuming normal loss activity. We project roughly flat premium in catastrophe and specialty reinsurance, excluding backup covers and reinstatements written in 2004. We continue to foresee strong growth in the Individual Risk unit of over 40% as we add additional program managers. Some of the growth that we had expected in Individual Risk in 2004 is now projected in 2005 due to later inceptions of two programs."

Mr. Stanard further stated, "In light of the catastrophe losses that we have sustained in this quarter, we have reduced our operating EPS guidance for 2004 to a range of \$0.75 to \$0.95 compared with our previous range of \$6.95 to \$7.25. These earnings estimates assume normal loss activity for the remainder of the year and include an expected benefit of \$20 million as we begin to record the value of our Platinum warrant through our income statement in the fourth quarter, as required by generally accepted accounting principles."

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THIRD QUARTER 2004 RESULTS:

NET IMPACT OF HURRICANES

The Company has recorded a net negative impact of \$520 million from hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. This impact is reflected in the following items: net losses of \$650 million, reinstatement premiums written of \$20 million, minority interest offset of \$123 million and profit commission impact of negative \$13 million. These amounts are based on management's estimates following a review of our potential exposures and discussions with our counterparties. Given the magnitude of these loss events and due to delays in receiving claims data, these results are subject to change based on new or revised data received from our counterparties. In addition, the Company's 2005 earnings projection assumes no profit commission from DaVinci as a result of loss carryforwards resulting from the 2004 hurricane losses.

PREMIUMS

Gross premiums written for the third quarter of 2004 were \$273 million, compared to \$313 million for the same quarter of 2003. Gross premiums written include \$132 million attributable to the Company's Reinsurance segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$140 million in the comparable 2003 period; and \$141 million attributable to the Company's Individual Risk segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$174 million for the same quarter of 2003. Gross premiums written include \$20 million in reinstatement premiums and \$27 million in premiums written for additional backup covers written in the Reinsurance segment as a result of the hurricanes occurring during the quarter. Net premiums

written for the third quarter of 2004 were \$219 million, compared to \$237 million for the same quarter of 2003. Net premiums written include \$113 million attributable to the Company's Reinsurance segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$113 million for the same quarter of 2003; and \$106 million attributable to the Company's Individual Risk segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$124 million for the same quarter of 2003.

Net premiums earned for the third quarter of 2004 were \$341 million, compared to \$277 million for the same quarter of 2003. Net premiums earned include \$257 million in net premiums earned for the Company's Reinsurance segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$196 million for the same quarter of 2003; and \$84 million in net premiums earned for the Company's Individual Risk segment in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$82 million for the same quarter of 2003.

Premiums for the third quarter of 2004 include \$10 million of gross premiums written, \$25 million of net premiums written and \$58 million of net premiums earned by the Company's consolidated joint venture, DaVinci during the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$25 million of gross premiums written, \$30 million of net premiums written and \$50 million of net premiums earned by DaVinci during the third quarter of 2003. DaVinci gross premiums written included \$3 million in reinstatement premiums and \$3 million in premiums written for additional backup covers written as a result of the hurricanes occurring during the quarter.

Total managed cat premiums written, representing gross catastrophe premiums written by Renaissance Reinsurance and by related joint ventures, were \$105 million for the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$109 million for the same quarter of 2003. The decrease was primarily due to the previously disclosed timing differences which caused an increase in reinsurance premiums during the second quarter of 2004 and an offsetting decrease in premiums written during the current quarter. These decreases were partially offset by the reinstatement and other additional premiums arising as a result of the hurricane losses during the quarter. See the attached supplemental financial data for additional information regarding managed premiums.

JOINT VENTURE INCOME (LOSS)

During the quarter, we incurred a loss from the DaVinci joint venture and other activities of \$44 million, compared to income of \$33 million during the third quarter of 2003. Of this, \$15 million reflects a loss from fees and profit commissions, compared to income from profit commissions of \$19 million in the third quarter of 2003, and \$23 million reflects equity in losses of unconsolidated ventures and DaVinci, versus \$14 million of equity in earnings of

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unconsolidated ventures and DaVinci in the comparable quarter of 2003. The decrease in fees and profit commissions in the third quarter of 2004 is directly attributable to the hurricane losses recorded in the quarter. The reduction in equity in unconsolidated ventures reflects a loss on the DaVinci joint venture in the quarter which is also due to the hurricane losses, and which was partially offset by our first full quarter of recognition of income from Channel Re.

UNDERWRITING RATIOS, RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

For the third quarter of 2004, the Company generated a combined ratio of 240.9%, a loss ratio of 216.7% and an expense ratio of 24.2%, compared to a combined ratio, loss ratio and expense ratio of 61.7%, 34.9% and 26.8%, respectively, for the third quarter of 2003. For the quarter, the Company's Reinsurance segment generated a loss ratio of 222.2% and an expense ratio of 17.7%, compared to 28.9% and 20.2%, respectively, during the third quarter of 2003. For the quarter, the Company's Individual Risk segment generated a loss ratio of 199.8% and an expense ratio of 44.1%, compared to 49.3% and 42.3%, respectively, during the third quarter of 2003. The decrease in the third quarter 2004 expense ratio from the third quarter of 2003 was generated primarily by a reduction in compensation-related accruals.

Excluding a) the net claims associated with the four hurricanes, and b) premiums from related reinstatements, the combined ratio, loss ratio, and expense ratio would have been 49.4%, 27.6% and 21.8%, respectively, on a consolidated basis, comprised of a combined ratio of 31.9%, loss ratio of 17.2% and expense ratio of 14.7% for the Reinsurance segment and combined ratio of 88.6%, loss ratio of 51.0% and expense ratio of 37.6% for the Individual Risk segment.

During the quarter, the Company recorded favorable development on prior year reserves of \$24 million or a benefit of 7.1 percentage points to the Company's quarterly loss ratio. The Company's Reinsurance segment contributed \$16 million of favorable development, and the Company's Individual Risk segment contributed \$8 million of favorable development. Net paid losses for the quarter were \$173 million. See the attached supplemental financial data for additional information regarding claims and claim expenses incurred and loss ratios by segment.

OTHER ITEMS

The increase in the loss on other items in the summary of income (loss) from joint venture relationships is primarily due to \$6 million of losses from short positions in credit derivatives in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$1

million loss in the third quarter of 2003.

The Company's cash flows from operations were \$230 million for the third quarter of 2004.

During the quarter, the Company increased the valuation allowance on its deferred tax asset to reflect a valuation allowance of 100% of the deferred tax asset, resulting in income tax expense of \$4 million.

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Shareholders' equity attributable to common shareholders was \$2.0 billion at September 30, 2004, compared to \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2003. Book value per common share at September 30, 2004 was \$27.58 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.

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RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. will host a conference call on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 8:00 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 Forms 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2004.

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RENAISSANCE HOLDINGS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 Summary Consolidated Statements of Operations
 For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 (in thousands of United States Dollars, except per share amounts)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
REVENUES				
Gross premiums written	\$ 273,218	\$ 313,317	\$ 1,380,382	\$ 1,211,044
Net premiums written	\$ 219,237	\$ 236,570	\$ 1,188,100	\$ 987,163
Decrease (increase) in unearned premiums	121,610	40,794	(193,700)	(170,790)
Net premiums earned	340,847	277,364	994,400	816,373
Net investment income	39,487	28,280	104,370	93,823
Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	(1,839)	252	1,034	11,843
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures	9,058	5,273	20,501	17,834
Other income (loss)	(4,855)	2,706	(4,435)	2,888
Net realized gains on investments	15,023	1,172	20,624	71,944

TOTAL REVENUES	397,721	315,047	1,136,494	1,014,705
EXPENSES				
Claims and claim expenses incurred	738,502	96,856	971,417	279,712
Acquisition expenses	72,434	56,317	194,512	139,154
Operational expenses	10,116	17,882	38,994	49,121
Corporate expenses	4,520	4,456	14,058	12,601
Interest expense	6,683	4,318	19,288	15,979
TOTAL EXPENSES	832,255	179,829	1,238,269	496,567
Income (loss) before minority interest and taxes	(434,534)	135,218	(101,775)	518,138
Minority interest - Capital Securities	--	1,827	--	3,282
Minority interest - DaVinci Re Holdings	(89,888)	15,211	(57,406)	56,246
Income (loss) before taxes	(344,646)	118,180	(44,369)	458,610
Income tax benefit (expense)	(4,003)	(37)	(4,003)	18
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(348,649)	118,143	(48,372)	458,628
Dividends on preference shares	8,758	4,903	22,471	13,939
NET INCOME (LOSS) AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ (357,407)	\$ 113,240	\$ (70,843)	\$ 444,689
Operating income (loss) per Common Share (1), (2)	\$ (5.31)	\$ 1.57	\$ (1.31)	\$ 5.25
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders per Common Share - basic	\$ (5.10)	\$ 1.63	\$ (1.02)	\$ 6.45
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders per Common Share - diluted (2)	\$ (5.10)	\$ 1.59	\$ (1.02)	\$ 6.27
Average common shares outstanding - basic	70,098	69,307	69,735	68,938
Average common shares outstanding - diluted (2)	70,098	71,187	69,735	70,936
Claims and claim expense ratio	216.7%	34.9%	97.7%	34.3%
Expense ratio	24.2%	26.8%	23.5%	23.0%
Combined ratio	240.9%	61.7%	121.2%	57.3%
Operating return on average common equity (annualized) (1)	(70.0%)	23.9%	(5.7%)	28.9%

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

(2) In accordance with SFAS 128, EPS calculations utilize average common shares outstanding - basic, when in a net loss position.

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RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Summary Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands of United States Dollars, except per share amounts)

	AT	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	DECEMBER 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Fixed maturity investments available for sale, at fair value	\$3,389,065	\$2,947,841
Short term investments	697,380	660,564
Other investments	590,461	369,242
Total managed investment portfolio	4,676,906	3,977,647
Equity investments in reinsurance company, at fair value	139,712	145,535
Investments in other ventures, under equity method	150,551	41,130
Total investments	4,967,169	4,164,312
Cash and cash equivalents	139,337	63,397
Premiums receivable	270,845	167,996
Ceded reinsurance balances	95,798	56,852
Losses recoverable	161,050	149,201
Accrued investment income	26,252	22,793
Deferred acquisition costs	97,756	75,261
Other assets	60,806	29,890
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,819,013	\$4,729,702
LIABILITIES, MINORITY INTEREST AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Reserve for claims and claim expenses	\$1,736,058	\$ 977,892
Reserve for unearned premiums	582,470	349,824
Debt	350,000	350,000
Subordinated obligation to capital trust	103,093	103,093

Reinsurance balances payable	195,134	131,629
Other liabilities	84,269	52,123
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,051,024	1,964,561
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Minority interest - DaVinciRe Holdings	310,874	430,498
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preference shares	500,000	250,000
Common shares and additional paid-in capital	324,028	314,414
Accumulated other comprehensive income	87,357	113,382
Retained earnings	1,545,730	1,656,847
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	2,457,115	2,334,643
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TOTAL LIABILITIES, MINORITY INTEREST, AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$5,819,013	\$4,729,702
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BOOK VALUE PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 27.58	\$ 29.61
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COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	70,953	70,399
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RENAISSANCE HOLDINGS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Supplemental Financial Data
(in thousands of United States Dollars)

SEGMENT INFORMATION

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004			
	REINSURANCE	INDIVIDUAL RISK	OTHER	TOTAL
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Gross premiums written (1)	\$ 132,191	\$ 141,027	\$ --	\$ 273,218
	=====	=====		=====
Net premiums written	\$ 113,244	\$ 105,993	--	\$ 219,237
	=====	=====		=====
Net premiums earned	\$ 256,623	\$ 84,224	--	\$ 340,847
Claims and claim expenses incurred	570,225	168,277	--	738,502
Acquisition expenses	40,264	32,170	--	72,434
Operational expenses	5,135	4,981	--	10,116
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Underwriting loss	\$(359,001)	\$(121,204)	--	(480,205)
	=====	=====		=====
Other items			\$ 122,798	122,798
			=====	-----
Net loss attributable to common shareholders				\$(357,407)
				=====
Claims and claim expenses incurred - current accident year	\$ 586,436	\$ 176,510		\$ 762,946
Claims and claim expenses incurred - prior years	(16,211)	(8,233)		(24,444)
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Net claims and claim expenses incurred - total	\$ 570,225	\$ 168,277		\$ 738,502
	=====	=====		=====
Claims and claim expense ratio - accident year	228.5%	209.6%		223.8%
	=====	=====		=====
Claims and claim expense ratio - calendar year	222.2%	199.8%		216.7%
Underwriting expense ratio	17.7%	44.1%		24.2%
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Combined ratio	239.9%	243.9%		240.9%
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(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$16.7 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003			
	REINSURANCE	INDIVIDUAL RISK	OTHER	TOTAL
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Gross premiums written (1)	\$ 139,645	\$ 173,672	\$ --	\$ 313,317
	=====	=====		=====
Net premiums written	\$ 113,032	\$ 123,538	--	\$ 236,570
	=====	=====		=====
Net premiums earned	\$ 195,578	\$ 81,786	--	\$ 277,364
Claims and claim expenses incurred	56,527	40,329	--	96,856
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Acquisition expenses	24,941	31,376	--	56,317
Operational expenses	14,635	3,247	--	17,882
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Underwriting income	\$ 99,475	\$ 6,834	--	106,309
	=====	=====		
Other items			\$ 6,931	6,931
			=====	-----
Net income available to common shareholders				\$ 113,240
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Claims and claim expenses incurred - current accident year	\$ 69,229	\$ 53,165		\$ 122,394
Claims and claim expenses incurred - prior years	(12,702)	(12,836)		(25,538)
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Net claims and claim expenses incurred - total	\$ 56,527	\$ 40,329		\$ 96,856
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Claims and claim expense ratio - accident year	35.4%	65.0%		44.1%
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Claims and claim expense ratio - calendar year	28.9%	49.3%		34.9%
Underwriting expense ratio	20.2%	42.3%		26.8%
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Combined ratio	49.1%	91.6%		61.7%
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(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$18.5 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

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SEGMENT INFORMATION, CONT'D

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004			
	REINSURANCE	INDIVIDUAL RISK	OTHER	TOTAL
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Gross premiums written (1)	\$ 1,007,825	\$ 372,557	\$ --	\$ 1,380,382
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Net premiums written	\$ 862,644	\$ 325,456	--	\$ 1,188,100
	=====	=====		=====
Net premiums earned	\$ 701,278	\$ 293,122	--	\$ 994,400
Claims and claim expenses incurred	693,780	277,637	--	971,417
Acquisition expenses	92,011	102,501	--	194,512
Operational expenses	21,885	17,109	--	38,994
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Underwriting loss	\$ (106,398)	\$ (104,125)	--	(210,523)
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Other items			\$ 139,680	139,680
			=====	-----
Net loss attributable to common shareholders				\$ (70,843)
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Claims and claim expenses incurred - current accident year	\$ 754,221	\$ 293,027		\$ 1,047,248
Claims and claim expenses incurred - prior years	(60,441)	(15,390)		(75,831)
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Net claims and claim expenses incurred - total	\$ 693,780	\$ 277,637		\$ 971,417
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Claims and claim expense ratio - accident year	107.5%	100.0%		105.3%
	=====	=====		=====
Claims and claim expense ratio - calendar year	98.9%	94.7%		97.7%
Underwriting expense ratio	16.3%	40.8%		23.5%
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Combined ratio	115.2%	135.5%		121.2%
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(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$17.4 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003			
	REINSURANCE	INDIVIDUAL RISK	OTHER	TOTAL
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Gross premiums written (1)	\$ 875,841	\$ 335,203	\$ --	\$ 1,211,044
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Net premiums written	\$ 736,309	\$ 250,854	--	\$ 987,163

Net premiums earned	\$ 604,916	\$ 211,457	--	\$ 816,373
Claims and claim expenses incurred	174,523	105,189	--	279,712
Acquisition expenses	70,018	69,136	--	139,154
Operational expenses	39,826	9,295	--	49,121
Underwriting income	\$ 320,549	\$ 27,837	--	348,386
Other items			\$ 96,303	96,303
Net income available to common shareholders				\$ 444,689
Claims and claim expenses incurred - current accident year	\$ 205,013	\$ 124,720		\$ 329,733
Claims and claim expenses incurred - prior years	(30,490)	(19,531)		(50,021)
Net claims and claim expenses incurred - total	\$ 174,523	\$ 105,189		\$ 279,712
Claims and claim expense ratio - accident year	33.9%	59.0%		40.4%
Claims and claim expense ratio - calendar year	28.8%	49.7%		34.3%
Underwriting expense ratio	18.2%	37.1%		23.0%
Combined ratio	47.0%	86.8%		57.3%

(1) Reinsurance segment gross premiums written excludes \$24.2 million of premiums ceded from the Individual Risk segment.

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GROSS WRITTEN PREMIUMS	THREE MONTHS ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
Renaissance cat premium	\$ 88,292	\$ 84,780	\$ 507,833	\$ 457,710
Renaissance specialty premium	33,786	29,806	324,916	249,445
Total Renaissance Reinsurance premium	122,078	114,586	832,749	707,155
DaVinci cat premium (1)	10,548	22,735	143,629	145,953
DaVinci specialty premium	(435)	2,324	31,447	22,733
Total DaVinci Reinsurance premium	10,113	25,059	175,076	168,686
Total Reinsurance premium	132,191	139,645	1,007,825	875,841
Individual Risk premium (2)	141,027	173,672	372,557	335,203
Total premiums	\$ 273,218	\$313,317	\$1,380,382	\$1,211,044
Total Managed Cat Premiums (3)	\$ 104,704	\$109,285	\$ 721,597	\$ 677,794
Total Managed Specialty Premiums	\$ 33,351	\$ 32,130	\$ 356,363	\$ 272,178

(1) Excludes premium ceded to Renaissance of \$nil for the three months ended September 30, 2004 and \$8.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

(2) Includes combined premium ceded to Renaissance and DaVinci of \$16.7 million and \$18.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and \$17.4 million and \$24.2 million for the nine months ended September 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 \$5.9 million and \$1.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and Cat premium of \$70.1 million and \$74.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, written on behalf of our joint venture, Top Layer Re.

OTHER INCOME (LOSS) AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS (LOSSES) OF UNCONSOLIDATED VENTURES

THREE MONTHS ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

As Reported

Fee income	\$ 1,206	\$ 3,529	\$ 3,395	\$ 6,007
Other items	(6,061)	(823)	(7,830)	(3,119)
Total other income (loss) - as reported	(4,855)	2,706	(4,435)	2,888
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures	9,058	5,273	20,501	17,834
Total	\$ 4,203	\$ 7,979	\$ 16,066	\$ 20,722

Summary of other income and income (loss) from joint venture relationships (1)

Fee income (expense) (2)	\$(14,628)	\$ 19,312	\$ 26,273	\$ 55,132
Other items	(6,061)	(823)	(7,830)	(3,119)
Total other income (loss)	(20,689)	18,489	18,443	52,013
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated ventures and DaVinci	(23,150)	14,112	9,372	48,336
Total	\$(43,839)	\$ 32,601	\$ 27,815	\$ 100,349

(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.

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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:

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)	THREE MONTHS ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (357,407)	\$ 113,240	\$ (70,843)	\$ 444,689
Adjustment for net realized gains on investments	(15,023)	(1,172)	(20,624)	(71,944)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (372,430)	\$ 112,068	\$ (91,467)	\$ 372,745
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders per common share *	\$ (5.10)	\$ 1.59	\$ (1.02)	\$ 6.27
Adjustment for net realized gains on investments*	(0.21)	(0.02)	(0.29)	(1.02)
Operating income (loss) per common share - diluted*	\$ (5.31)	\$ 1.57	\$ (1.31)	\$ 5.25
Return on average common equity (annualized)	(67.2%)	24.1%	(4.4%)	34.5%

Adjustment for net realized gains on investments	(2.8%)	(0.2%)	(1.3%)	(5.6%)
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Operating return on average common equity (annualized)	(70.0%)	23.9%	(5.7%)	28.9%
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* In accordance with SFAS 128, EPS calculations utilize average common shares outstanding - basic, when in a net loss position.

While the Company provides herein estimates of operating income for 2005, the Company has not provided estimates of net income for such period as it believes it is unable to accurately predict future gains and losses on investments, which investment results could influence the Company's net income for this period.

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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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