

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

MARITIME LIFE (CARIBBEAN) LIMITED

To be presented at the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the shareholders to be held at the Corporate Offices, Maritime Centre, 29 Tenth Avenue, Barataria on April 09, 2008.

Your directors have pleasure in submitting their report for the year ended December 31, 2007.

		Company 2007 \$'000	Group 2007 \$'000
1.	Income for the year		
	Net income for the year Less: Taxation	3,951 2,860	14,690 6,720
	Net income for the year Less: Minority interest Amount transferred to Catastrophe Reserve Amount transferred to Statutory Reserves Dividends paid – 2006 (22¢)	1,091 - - - - 2,393	7,970 674 1,173 1,939 2,393
	Leaving a balance to be carried forward of	(1,302)	1,791
2.	Capital reserve	<u>69,930</u>	<u></u>
3.	Insurance contracts liabilities	<u>863,389</u>	<u>1,027,100</u>

- 4. The directors have proposed a dividend of 22¢ per share, amounting to \$2,391,705 payable on April 09, 2008 to shareholders on record at March 18, 2008.
- 5. In accordance with By Law 4.3 all the directors with the exception of the Managing Director, retire from office and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
- 6. The auditors, Messrs. PKF Accountants and Business Advisors, retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment as auditors of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

THE MARITIME FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED

Secretary

CORPORATE INFORMATION

MARITIME LIFE (CARIBBEAN) LIMITED

ADVISORY BOARD

Bruce A. Mc I. Procope, QC - Chairman

Hugh P. Eastman Barbara Gomes Jean Khoury

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John H. Smith, FCCA, CA

Andrew Ferguson BSc, CPCU, ARe, FLMI

Jacinta P. Sohun, FCCA Lesley J. Alfonso, BBA

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

John H. Smith, FCCA, CA

Chairman/Managing Director

Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Ferguson, BSc, CPCU, ARe, FLMI Chief Operating Officer/Director-

Enterprise Risk Management

Jacinta P. Sohun, FCCA

Executive Director - Finance/

Chief Financial Officer

Oliver Camps

Chairman - General Insurance

Services

Lesley J. Alfonso, BBA

Manager - Corporate Relations

Salahudeen Ali, FCCA, CA

General Manager - Finance

Andre Baptiste, FLMI

General Manager - Career

Agency Development

Roger Gomes, FCCA

Acting General Manager -

Financial and Trust Services

Baliram Sawh, ACII

General Manager - General

Insurance Services

Kenny Sohun

General Manager - Retail

Operations

BANKERS

Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago Limited, Port of Spain.

RBTT Bank Limited, Port of Spain. Republic Bank Limited, Port of Spain.

ATTORNEYS

Chersons, Port of Spain.

Lex Caribbean, Port of Spain.

Pollonais, Blanc, de la Bastide & Jacelon, Port of Spain.

CONSULTING ACTUARY

Michelle P. Chong Tai-Bell, FSA

AUDITORS

PKF Accountants and Business Advisors, Port of Spain.

REGISTERED OFFICE

29 Tenth Avenue, Barataria

NOTICE OF MEETING

MARITIME LIFE (CARIBBEAN) LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Corporate Offices, Maritime Centre, 29 Tenth Avenue, Barataria on Wednesday April 09, 2008 at 2:30 pm for the following purposes:-

- 1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare a dividend.
- 3. To re-elect retiring directors.
- 4. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of such Auditors.
- 5. To transact any other ordinary business.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

THE MARITIME FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED

Secretary

March 18, 2008

Registered Office: Maritime Centre 29 Tenth Avenue, Barataria, Trinidad, W.I.

NOTES:

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf and such proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

If the appointer is a corporation, the form of proxy must be under its common seal or under the hand of an officer of the corporation or attorney duly authorised in that behalf.

To be valid the instrument appointing a proxy duly completed and executed must be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting.

ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATE

Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited

In accordance with section 56 (2) of the Insurance Act 1980, I have made a valuation of the actuarial liabilities of Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited for its balance sheet as at December 31, 2007. In my opinion, the aggregate amount of the liabilities of the Company in relation to its long term insurance business as at December 31, 2007 did not exceed the aggregate amount of those liabilities shown in the balance sheet of the Company.

Michelle P. Chong Tai-Bell, F.S.A.

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Consulting Actuary

March 18, 2008



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2007, the consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control, relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as of December 31, 2007 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to Note 36 to the consolidated financial statements. The State laid several charges on the Company and two of its subsidiaries, together with other companies and individuals. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined, and no provision for any liability that may result has been made in the consolidated financial statements.

Port-of-Spain TRINIDAD

PKF

ACCOUNTANTS & BUSINESS ADVISORS

BALANCE SHEETS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

Сетрапу					Group		
2006	2007			2007	2006		
\$'000	\$'000		Notes	\$'000	\$'000		
272,657	252,616	Current assets	4	301,330	323,576		
-		Deferred tax assets	5	670	839		
55,585	55,585	Investments in subsidiaries	6	-	-		
444,836	486,100	Financial assets	7	774,949	700,514		
72,200	72,885	Investment properties	8	84,885	84,200		
<u> 153,357</u>	<u> 156,259</u>	Property, plant and equipment	9	<u> 184,548</u>	<u> 184,234</u>		
<u>998,635</u>	<u>1,023,445</u>	Total Assets		1,346,382	1,293,363		
		Financed By:					
45,495	45,948	Current liabilities	10	121,703	106,992		
723	1,194	Deferred tax liabilities	11	1,521	1,279		
841,275	863,389	Insurance contracts liabilities	12	<u>1,027,100</u>	<u>997,685</u>		
<u>887,493</u>	910,531	Total Liabilities		1,150,324	1,105,956		
10,871	10,871	Stated capital	13	10,871	10,871		
65,319	69,930	Capital reserve	14	72,352	67,741		
-	-	Catastrophe reserve	15	5,955	4,782		
15,500	15,500	General reserve	16	19,415	19,415		
(7,344)	(8,881)	Investment revaluation reserve	17	(8,881)	(7,344)		
-	-	Statutory reserves	18	20,439	18,500		
<u>26,796</u>	<u>25,494</u>	Retained earnings		<u>68,453</u>	<u>66,662</u>		
		Equity attributable to					
111,142	112,914	Shareholders of the Company		188,604	180,627		
		Minority interest	19	7,454	6,780		
111,142	112,914	Total Equity		196,058	187,407		
<u>998,635</u>	<u>1,023,445</u>	Total Liabilities and Equity		1,346,382	<u>1,293,363</u>		

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on March 18, 2008 and are signed on their behalf by:

H. Smith

Jacinta P. Sohu

STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Company			Group		
2006	2007			2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	_	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
		Revenue			
84,816	95,873	Premium income		242,272	236,941
990	223	Reinsurance recoveries		4,577	13,041
67,231	55,979	Investment income	20	73,419	76,881
10,804	9,757	Other income	21	<u>71,243</u>	68,721
163,841	161,832			<u>391,511</u>	395,584
		Expenses			
85,052	83,754	Policyholders' benefits	22	162,001	150,363
3,921	6,036	Reinsurance premiums		45,570	81,592
-	· -	Interest on deposits		1,207	615
16,497	19,653	Other direct costs	23	89,418	73,619
54,743	48,438	Expenses of management	24	78,625	<u>78,757</u>
160,213	157,881			376,821	384,946
3,628	3,951	Surplus before taxation		14,690	10,638
1,329	2,860	Taxation	25	6,720	3,275
1,529	2,800	Taxation	4.5	0,720	
2,299	<u> 1,091</u>	Surplus after taxation		<u>7,970</u>	<u>7,363</u>
		Surplus attributable to:			
-	-	Minority interest		674	623
2,299	1,091	Shareholders of the Company		<u>7,296</u>	<u>6,740</u>
2,299	<u> 1,091</u>			<u> 7,970</u>	<u>7,363</u>

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Stated capital \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Catastrophe reserve \$'000	General reserve \$'000	Investment revaluation reserve \$'000	Statutory reserves \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
•					Group			
Balance at December 31, 2005	10,871	31,341	<u>3,856</u>	19,415	(5,035)	<u>16,727</u>	65,013	142,188
Surplus attributable to shareholders	-		-	-	-	-	6,740	6,740
Revaluation surplus	-	36,400	-	-	-	-	-	36,400
Fair value adjustment – available for sale financial assets		-			<u>(2,309)</u>			(2,309)
	_	36,400	_	-	(2,309)	_	6,740	40,831
Dividends paid 2005 (22 ¢)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,392)	(2,392)
Transfers from retained earnings	<u> </u>		926	<u>-</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,773</u>	(2,699)	=
		<u>36,400</u>	926	=	(2,309)	1,773	1,649	38,439
Balance at December 31, 2006	10,871	67,741	4,782	19,415	_(7,344)	_18,500	66,662	180,627
Surplus attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	_	-	-	7,296	7,296
Revaluation surplus	-	4,611	-	-	-	-	-	4,611
Fair value adjustment – available for sale financial								
assets			<u></u> .	<u>-</u> _	(1,537)		-	(1,537)
Dividends paid	-	4,611	-	-	(1,537)	-	7,296	10,370
2006 (22¢)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,393)	(2,393)
Transfers from retained earnings	-		1,173			1,939	(3,112)	
	-	4,611	1,173	-	(1,537)	1.939	1,791	<u>7,977</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007	<u> 10,871</u>	<u>72,352</u>	<u>5,955</u>	<u> 19,415</u>	<u>(8,881</u>)	20,439	68,453	<u> 188,604</u>

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 (CONTINUED)

	Stated capital \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Catastrophe reserve \$'000	General reserve \$'000	Investment revaluation reserve \$'000	Statutory reserves \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Delegae et				Co	mpany			
Balance at December 31, 2005	10,871	28,919		15,500	_(5,035)		26,889	77,144
Surplus attributable to shareholders	-		-	-	-	-	2,299	2,299
Revaluation surplus	-	36,400	-	-	-	-	-	36,400
Fair value adjustment – available for sale financial								
assets					(2,309)			(2,309)
Dividends paid	-	36,400	-	-	(2,309)	-	2,299	36,390
2005 (22 ¢)							(2,392)	(2,392)
		_36,400			(2,309)		(93)	33,998
Balance at December 31, 2006	10,871	65,319	-	15,500	<u>(7,344</u>)		26,796	111,142
Surplus attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,091	1,091
Revaluation surplus	-	4,611	-	-	-	-	-	4,611
Fair value adjustment – available for sale financial								
assets					<u>(1,537</u>)		-	(1,537)
Dividends paid	-	4,611	-	-	(1,537)	-	1,091	4,165
2006 (22¢)					-	.	(2,393)	(2,393)
		<u>4,611</u>	- -		(1,537)	 -	(1,302)	1,772
Balance at December 31, 2007	10,871	<u>69,930</u>		<u>15,500</u>	(8,881)		<u> 25,494</u>	<u>112,914</u>

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Company			Group			
2006	2007		2007	2006		
\$'000	\$'000	Clark Whomas Co., Co., 12, 13, 14, 14	\$'000	\$'000		
		Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
3,628	3,951	Surplus before taxation	14,690	10,638		
		Adjustments for:	,	10,000		
6,086	6,171	Depreciation (net)	15,261	13,178		
(19,338)	(4,110)	Gain on sale/revaluation of financial assets	(3,543)	(19,659)		
<u>30,994</u>	22,762	Increase in insurance contracts liabilities	30,063	55,822		
21 270	20.554					
21,370	28,774	Operating surplus before working capital changes	56,471	59,979		
(1,886)	5,231	Change in receivables	20,683	(21,253)		
-	-	Change in customers' deposits	11,163	2,378		
4.021	-	Change in other funding instruments	138	58		
4,931	550	Change in other payables	3,704	13,026		
24,415	34,555	Cash generated from operations	92,159	54,188		
(606)	(648)	Dividends paid to policyholders	(648)	·		
-	(0.0)	Dividends paid to minority interest	(040)	(606) (261)		
(1,310)	(2,058)	Corporation taxes paid (net)	(5,430)	(261) (2,636)		
,	(=(==)	osiponinon unios para (not)	(5,450)	(2,030)		
22,499	31,849	Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>86,081</u>	<u>50,685</u>		
		Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
21,324	7,320	Sale/redemption of financial assets	7,593	29,402		
106	452	Sale of property, plant and equipment	987	739		
(22,297)	(17,656)	Change in loans and receivables	(41,667)	(90,450)		
(55,575)	(28,355)	Purchase of other financial assets	(38,355)	(61,875)		
(1,421)	(685)	Additions to investment properties	(685)	(1,421)		
(3,864)	(4,914)	Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(003) (11,951)	(1,421) (17,847)		
	/	1 aremade of property, plant and equipment	(11,951)	(17,047)		
<u>(61,727</u>)	(43,838)	Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(84,078</u>)	_(141,452)		
		Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
(2,392)	(2,393)	Dividends paid to shareholders	(2,393)	(2,392)		
(2,392)	(2,393)	Net cash used in financing activities	(2,393)	(2,392)		
(41,620)	(14,382)	Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(390)	(93,159)		
		Cash and cash equivalents				
237,135	195,515	- at beginning of year	162,622	<u>255,781</u>		
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	102,022	233,701		
<u>195,515</u>	<u> 181,133</u>	- at end of year (Note 26)	<u>162,232</u>	<u>_162,622</u>		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

1. Incorporation and Principal Activity

Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited is incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and was continued under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1995 on 23rd March, 1999. Its principal activity is the carrying on of all classes of long term insurance business in Trinidad and Tobago. The Company's registered office and principal place of business are located at 29 Tenth Avenue, Barataria.

A listing of the subsidiaries, their principal activities and place of incorporation is given in Note 38.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and are stated in thousands of Trinidad and Tobago dollars. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, available for sale financial assets, and land and buildings.

The accounting policies used are consistent with those of the previous years.

b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

- i) The Group has applied IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and the consequential amendment to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Capital Disclosures, that became effective during the current financial year. These standards do not have any quantifiable impact on the financial statements but require additional disclosures about the Group's financial instruments and its management of capital.
- ii) The Group has not applied the following International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations that became effective during the current year, as they do not apply to the activities of the Group:

IFRIC 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
IFRIC 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
IFRIC 11	Group and Treasury Share Transactions

iii) The Group has not applied the following IFRIC interpretation that is applicable to the activities of the Group as it is not yet effective:

IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008)

The application of this interpretation will not have any material effect on the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (continued)

iv) The Group has not applied the following IFRS and IFRIC interpretation as they are not applicable to the activities of the Group and are not yet effective:

IFRS 8 Operating Segments (effective for accounting periods beginning on or

after 1 January 2009)

IFRIC 12 Service Concession Arrangements (effective for accounting periods

beginning on or after 1 January 2008)

c) Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures were restated to facilitate changes in presentation. These changes had no effect on the previously reported surplus.

d) Basis of consolidation

i) Group

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Maritime Life (Caribbean) Limited and its subsidiaries. All significant intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses have been eliminated on consolidation.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than 50% of the voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

The Group uses the purchase method of accounting for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of the acquisition is measured as the fair values, at the date of exchange, of the assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed and equity instruments issued plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. The excess of the cost of the acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill.

There were no acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries during the year.

Minority interest is that portion of the net surplus and net assets of a subsidiary that are not owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company.

ii) Company

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances, bank overdrafts and short term investments.

Short term investments are highly liquid investments and comprise deposits placed with licensed banks and financial institutions and investments in treasury bills.

f) Inventories

Inventories comprise goods held for resale in the ordinary course of business and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first in first out basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business.

The carrying amount of inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which the write-down or loss occurs.

g) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are contracts that give rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial instruments are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

h) Financial assets

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised or derecognised on the trade date i.e. the date on which the Group commits itself to purchase or sell an asset. A regular way purchase and sale of financial assets is a purchase or sale of an asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the timeframe established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned.

When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value of the consideration given plus transactions costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receive the cash flows expire or where the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets have been transferred.

The Group classifies, at the time of initial recognition, financial assets into the following categories depending on the nature and purpose of the assets: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, available for sale financial assets, held to maturity investments and loans and receivables. Management re-evaluates these classifications at each balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

h) Financial assets (continued)

i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprise financial assets held for trading and those so designated.

Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future or if they are part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent pattern of short term profit taking. The Group does not currently have any financial assets classified as held for trading.

Financial assets are classified as at fair value through profit or loss if it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise (an accounting mismatch) or a group of financial assets, financial liabilities or both is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the group is provided internally on that basis to the Group's key management personnel. Financial assets included in this classification support those long term insurance contracts that contain an investment element.

Financial assets are not reclassified into or out of the fair value through profit or loss category while they are held.

Investments in quoted securities are stated at fair values based on quoted market prices without deduction of transaction costs. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair values are recognised in investment income in the period in which they arise.

ii) Available for sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are so designated or not classified in any of the other categories. They are intended to be held for an undefined period of time, but may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices.

Investments in quoted securities are stated at fair values based on quoted market prices without deduction of transaction costs. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair values are recognised in investment revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses. When the financial asset is derecognised the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in investment income.

Investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are measured at cost less provision for impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

h) Financial assets (continued)

ii) Available for sale financial assets (continued)

Interest income is calculated using the effective interest rate method and dividends are recognised in investment income when the shareholders' right to receive the dividend is established.

iii) Held to maturity investments

Held to maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity, purchased with the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

They are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income is recognised in investment income on an effective yield basis. Gains or losses are recognised in investment income when the financial asset is derecognised or impaired and through the amortisation process.

If, as a result of a change in intention or ability, it is no longer appropriate to classify an investment as held to maturity, it is reclassified as available for sale and re-measured at fair value.

Whenever there are sales or reclassification of more than an insignificant amount of held to maturity investments, any remaining held to maturity investments are reclassified as available for sale.

iv) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These comprise policy loans, automatic premium loans, mortgage loans and other loans.

Policy loans and automatic premium loans are stated at outstanding principal plus accrued interest and are secured by the cash surrender values of the respective policies.

Mortgage loans and other loans are stated at amortised principal using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment losses. Specific provisions are made for potential losses on non-performing loans on the basis of net realisable value. Periodic portfolio reviews are conducted during the course of each year to determine the adequacy of provisions.

Mortgage loans are secured by residential and commercial properties whereas other loans are secured by various forms of collateral, including charges over tangible assets, hire purchase agreements, certificates of deposit, assignment of funds and personal guarantees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

i) Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

A financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about the following loss events:

- i) Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor.
- ii) A breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in interest or principal payments.
- iii) It becoming probable that the borrower will enter in bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.
- iv) The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.
- v) Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated cashflows from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with individual financial assets in the group, including adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group or national or economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the group.
- vi) For investments in equity instruments, information about significant changes with an adverse effect, that have taken place in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the issuer operates which indicates that the cost of the investment may not be recovered, as well as a significant and prolonged declined in fair value of an investment in an equity instrument below its cost.

The Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

Impairment losses are recorded in an allowance account and are measured and recognised as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

i) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

i) Financial assets measured at amortised cost

The difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate is recognised in the statement of income.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognised loss is reversed to the extent that the carrying amount of the financial asset does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date that the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal in recognised in the statement of income.

ii) Financial assets measured at cost

The difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the current market's rate of return for similar financial assets is recognised in the statement of income. These losses are not reversed.

iii) Available for sale financial assets

The cumulative loss recognised directly in equity, (representing the difference between the acquisition cost and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in the statement of income), is recognised in the statement of income even though the financial assets has not been derecognised. These losses are not reversed.

j) Investment properties

Investment properties comprise land and buildings held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation rather than occupied by the Group for use in the supply of goods and services or for administrative purposes. Land and buildings that comprise a portion held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation and another portion that is occupied by the Group for administrative purposes are classified as investment properties only if an insignificant portion is held for administrative purposes. Otherwise, it is classified under property, plant and equipment.

An investment property is recognised as an asset only if it is probable that the future economic benefits that are associated with the investment property will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost including transaction costs. Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of other consideration given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or construction.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

j) Investment properties (continued)

After initial recognition investment properties are measured at fair values. Fair values are based on independent professional open market valuations that are conducted at least once every three years. The last valuations were done in 2006. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair values are included in statement of income in the period in which they arise.

Transfers to or from investment properties are only made when there is a change in use.

An investment property is derecognised on disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal. The gain or loss arising from the retirement or disposal is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in statement of income in the period of retirement or disposal.

k) Property, plant and equipment

i) The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably.

Cost includes the purchase price and any expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of the item. Expenditures incurred for repairs and maintenance are recognised in the statement of income as incurred.

The carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of the item is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and is recognised in statement of income when the item is derecognised.

ii) Owner occupied properties comprise land and buildings used by the Group for the supply of goods and services or for administrative purposes and are stated at fair values less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Fair values are based on independent professional open market valuations that are conducted at least once every three years. The last valuations were done in 2006 and 2007. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the property and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount.

Increases in carrying amounts arising from revaluations are credited to revaluation surplus in capital reserve. Decreases in carrying amounts arising from revaluations are debited to revaluation surplus in capital reserve to the extent that it reverses a previous increase arising from the same asset. All other decreases are recognised in the statement of income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

k) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

- iii) Plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.
- iv) Property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method at the following rates:

Buildings

2% per annum

Furniture/equipment

8.33-25% per annum

Motor vehicles

25% per annum

Equipment on lease

10-50% per annum

Land is not depreciated.

The depreciation method, useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed annually. During the current year no changes were required.

l) Financial liabilities

When financial liabilities are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value of the consideration given plus transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the liability. Financial liabilities are re-measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability extinguished and the consideration paid is recognised in the statement of income.

Financial liabilities comprise accounts payable, bank overdrafts, customer deposits and other funding instruments.

m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when there is a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

n) Insurance contracts

i) Insurance contracts are those contracts under which the Group accepts significant insurance risk from the policyholder by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if an uncertain future event (insured event) adversely affects the policyholder.

Insurance risk is risk other than financial risk transferred from the policyholder to the Group. Investment contracts transfer financial risk but not insurance risk. Financial risk is the risk of a possible future change in either a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable, provided in the case of a non-financial variable that the variable is not specific to a party to the contract.

Insurance risk is significant if and only if an insured event could cause the payment of significant additional benefits in any scenario, excluding scenarios that lack commercial substance.

Uncertainty under insurance contracts arises as to whether an insured event will occur, when it will occur or how much will be payable if it occurs.

Significant additional benefits are amounts that exceed those that would be payable if no insured event occurred.

ii) Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract it remains an insurance contract until all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire.

The liability under an insurance contract is removed from the balance sheet when and only when, it is extinguished i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Reinsurance contracts are those contracts entered into with reinsurers under which the Group is compensated for losses under one or more insurance contract issued.

o) Long term insurance contracts

i) Long term insurance contracts insure human life events (for example death, survival, permanent disability) over a long duration and include life assurance, annuity, and deposit administration contracts. These contracts are classified as those with discretionary participation features and those without discretionary participation features. For insurance contracts with discretionary participation features, the guaranteed element has not been recognized separately.

Discretionary participation features are contractual rights to receive, as a supplement to guaranteed benefits, additional benefits that are likely to be a significant portion of the total contractual benefits, whose amount or timing is contractually at the discretion of the issuer, and that are contractually based on the performance of a specified pool of contracts or a specified type of contract, realised or unrealised investment returns on a specified pool of assets by the issuer or the surplus of the Group.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

o) Long term insurance contracts (continued)

Guaranteed benefits are payments or other benefits to which a particular policyholder has an unconditional right that is not at the discretion of the Group.

- ii) The liabilities arising from long term insurance contracts include provisions for future policy benefits and provisions for outstanding claims.
- Long term insurance contracts are valued using a modified net premium method for traditional insurances and fund value for insurance contracts with fund accumulations.

The valuation by the Group's consulting actuary at December 31, 2007 revealed a surplus before tax amounting to \$2,624,000 (2006: \$2,570,000), of which \$1,801,000 (2006: \$1,788,000) is allocated to shareholders' equity and \$823,000 (2006: \$782,000) is allocated to "participating" policyholders.

Provisions for outstanding claims comprise the estimated cost of all claims and claims expenses incurred but not settled at the balance sheet date. Provisions are also made for claims and claims expenses incurred in 2007 but not reported until after the balance sheet date. Differences between the provisions for outstanding claims and claims expenses and subsequent settlements and revisions are included in the statement of income in later years.

p) Short term insurance contracts

- Short term insurance contracts generally run for a period of twelve months and are subject to review and renewal at the end of that period. These contracts include property, motor, liability, marine, pecuniary loss and personal accident insurance contracts.
- ii) The liabilities arising from short term insurance contracts include provisions for unearned premiums, unexpired risks and outstanding claims.

iii) Provisions for unearned premiums

Provisions for unearned premiums represent the proportions of the premiums written in the year which relate to periods of insurance subsequent to the balance sheet date and are computed on the daily pro-rata fractional basis - the "365ths" method, except for mortgage indemnity, contractors all risk, erection all risk and performance bond business (some of which carry a policy period in excess of twelve months). The unearned premiums on these policies are pro-rated over the periods of the guarantees/policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

p) Short term insurance contracts (continued)

iv) Provisions for unexpired risks

Provisions for unexpired risks represent amounts set aside at the year-end, in addition to unearned premiums, in respect of the subsequent risks to be borne by the Group under insurance contracts in force at the year-end and are computed as a percentage of unearned premiums.

v) Provisions for outstanding claims

Provisions for outstanding claims comprise the estimated cost of all claims and claims expenses incurred but not settled at the balance sheet date. Provisions are also made for claims and claims expenses incurred in 2007 but not reported until after the balance sheet date. Differences between the provisions for outstanding claims and claims expenses and subsequent settlements and revisions are included in the statement of income in later years.

vi) Catastrophe reserves

Amounts set aside for catastrophe reserves are included in shareholders' equity.

q) Liability adequacy test

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether its recognised insurance liabilities are adequate, using current estimates of future cash flows under its insurance contracts. If that assessment shows that the carrying amount of its insurance liabilities is inadequate in the light of the estimated future cash flows, the entire deficiency is recognised in the statement of income and the amount of the relevant insurance contract liabilities is increased. The minimum reserves calculated based on the liability adequacy test at December 31, 2007 were lower than the actual reserves held in the balance sheet.

r) Impairment of reinsurance assets

If a reinsurance asset is impaired the carrying amount is reduced accordingly and the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of income.

A reinsurance asset is impaired if and only if there is objective evidence, as a result of an event that occurred after initial recognition of the reinsurance asset, that the Group may not receive all amounts due to it under the terms of the contract and that event has a reliably measurable impact on the amount that the Group will receive from the reinsurer.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

s) Revenue recognition

i) Premiums from insurance contracts are shown on a receivable basis.

Premiums on life and annuity policies that became due within the last thirty days but not collected at the balance sheet date are shown as outstanding premiums. Premiums that are not collected within thirty days of the due date are advanced as automatic premium loans on the security of the cash surrender values of the respective policies, or the policies lapse or expire.

Premiums due on short term insurance policies are accounted for upon issuance or renewal of the respective policies and include amounts due from brokers and agents. These premiums are recognised as revenue on a pro-rata basis over the period of coverage of the respective policy.

Premiums received in advance of the due date are credited to premium suspense.

- ii) Investment income derived from long term insurance business is allocated to policyholders, whilst that derived from short term insurance and other operations is allocated to shareholders.
- iii) Interest income is accounted for using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the carrying amount of the financial instrument.

Accrual of interest income ceases when a payment on a loan is contractually ninety days in arrears and will only be recognised on a cash basis when the loan status is determined to be current.

- iv) Dividends are accounted for when the shareholders' right to receive the dividends is established.
- Commissions received are recognized upon the billing of the respective premiums.
- iv) Rentals under operating leases are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership are classified as operating leases. Assets leased under operating leases include land and buildings classified as investment properties and owner occupied properties, as well as motor vehicles and other equipment categorised as equipment on lease and included in property, plant and equipment. The lease terms range from three to five years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

s) Revenue recognition (continued)

- vii) Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon delivery and stated net of discounts and value added tax.
- viii) Miscellaneous income comprises fees and other sundry income.

t) Policyholders' benefits

- i) Death claims, disability claims and surrenders are recognised upon notification.
- ii) Maturities and annuities are accounted for when due.
- claims arising from short term insurance contracts are recorded as an expense when they are incurred and are stated net of recoveries from subrogations and salvages. Subrogations are accounted for when received, whereas salvages are accounted for when the damaged properties (usually motor vehicle wrecks) are sold.

u) Reinsurance premiums and recoveries

- Reinsurance premiums on long term insurance contracts are expensed when due, which generally coincides with when the policy premium is due. Reinsurance claim recoveries are established at the time of the recording of the claim notification.
- ii) Premiums ceded on short term insurance contracts are expensed on a pro-rata basis over the term on the respective policy coverage or of the respective reinsurance contract as appropriate. Reinsurance claim recoveries are established at the time of the recording of the claim liability.
- iii) Profit sharing commissions due to the Group are only recognised as commission income when there is reasonable certainty of collectibility.

v) Other direct costs

- i) Commissions payable are recognised on settlement of the respective premiums.
- ii) Other costs include underwriting expenses and other direct expenses related to the retail operations.

w) Expenses of management

i) Employee benefits

Employee benefits are all forms of consideration given by the Group in exchange for service rendered by the employees and include both short term and post-employment benefits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

w) Expenses of management (continued)

i) Employee benefits (continued)

Short term benefits comprise wages and salaries, bonuses, national insurance contributions, paid annual vacation and sick leave and other non-monetary benefits including group health and group life coverage. They are recognised as a liability, net of payments made and charged as expenses to the statement of income.

The expected cost of accumulating compensated absences for vacation and sick leave not yet taken is measured as the additional amount that the Group expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the balance sheet date.

Post-employment benefits: All full time employees of the Group participate in a Defined Contribution Pension Plan. The Group's contribution to this plan is charged to the statement of income as incurred.

ii) Other administrative expenses

Other administrative expenses include office, technology, real estate, legal and professional fees, advertising and sales promotions, and miscellaneous expenses.

x) Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Trinidad and Tobago dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars at the exchange rates ruling at that date. Profits and losses thus arising are dealt with in the statement of income.

y) Taxation

- Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method for all temporary differences between the carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities using current corporation tax rates. The principal temporary differences arise from depreciation of property, plant and equipment, unrealised gain/losses and tax losses carried forward. Deferred tax assets relating to the carry forward of unused tax losses are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised.
- ii) Corporation tax is charged annually at 15% of investment income relating to long term insurance funds (other than approved pension plans) less investment expenses allowable in relation thereto. A further 10% corporation tax is chargeable on net surpluses arising from the annual actuarial valuations, when these are transferred to shareholders' equity
- iii) Corporation tax is charged annually at 25% in respect of surpluses from short term insurance and other operations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

z) Administered funds

The assets and liabilities under administration by the Group have not been included in these financial statements. Gross assets under administration amounted to \$22,250,000 at December 31, 2007 (2006: \$21,842,000).

3. Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

a) The preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

These are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Changes in accounting estimates are recognised in the statement of income in the period in which the estimate is changed, if the change affects that period only, or in the period of the change and future periods if the change affects both current and future periods.

b) Critical judgements

The critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements, are as follows:

- i) Whether investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, available for sale financial assets, held to maturity investments or loans and receivables.
- ii) Whether land and buildings are classified as land development, investment properties or owner-occupied properties.
- iii) Whether leases are classified as operating leases or finance leases.
- iv) Which depreciation method for property, plant and equipment is used.
- v) Which cost formula is used for the valuation of inventories.
- vi) Whether policy contracts issued are classified as insurance contracts or investment contracts.
- vii) The methods used for the valuation of liabilities arising under insurance contracts.
- viii) When insurance premiums are recognised in the statement of income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

3. <u>Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty</u> (continued)

c) Key assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date (requiring management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgements) that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

i) Fair values

The fair values of financial assets are based on quoted market prices for specific or similar instruments.

The fair values of land and buildings are based on independent professional open market valuations.

ii) Impairment of assets

Management assesses at each balance sheet date whether assets are impaired. An asset is impaired when the carrying value is greater than its recoverable amount and there is objective evidence of impairment. Recoverable amount is the present value of the future cash flows. Provisions are made for the excess of the carrying value over the recoverable amount.

iii) Deferred tax assets

Management uses judgement in determining whether it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which unused tax losses can be utilised before deferred tax assets arising therefrom are recognised.

iv) Property, plant and equipment

Management exercises judgement in determining whether future economic benefits can be derived from expenditures to be capitalised, and the useful lives and residual values of these assets.

v) Long term insurance contracts liabilities

Management determines, at the inception of the contract, assumptions regarding mortality, morbidity, lapses, surrenders, return on investments, and the level of expenses that have a material effect on the valuation of insurance liabilities. These assumptions are based on past experience as well as prevailing and expected future conditions. They are reviewed annually and are changed as current and future expected circumstances change.

vi) Short term insurance contracts liabilities

Management estimates the cost of claims incurred but not settled at the balance sheet date and claims incurred but not reported until after the balance sheet date, based on input from adjustors and past claims development experience. Estimates are also made for unexpired risks, calculated as a percentage of unearned premiums. The estimates are reviewed for adequacy on an ongoing basis and the provisions are adjusted accordingly.

	Company				Group
2006	2007			2007	· 2006
\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
		4. <u>Cu</u>	rrent Assets		
233	818	Cas	sh and bank balances	6,773	6,122
201,019	185,624		ort term investments	163,679	165,500
-	•	=	ntral Bank reserve account	16,203	13,858
46,421	46,655		counts receivable	31,734	29,736
12,622	9,490		tstanding premiums	9,490	12,622
12,362	10,029		nsurance assets	63,068 3,974	85,653 3,283
-	-		entories	5,762	5,762
•	-		nd development kation recoverable	647	1,040
	_	147	Ration recoverable		
<u>272,657</u>	<u>252,616</u>			<u>301,330</u>	<u>323,576</u>
		a)	Short term investments Concentration:		
			Concenti ation.		
			Deposits with licensed banks and		
175,009	166,120		financial institutions	115,990	122,954
<u>26,010</u>	<u>19,504</u>		Treasury bills	<u>47,689</u>	42,546
<u>_201,019</u>	<u> 185,624</u>			<u>163,679</u>	<u> 165,500</u>
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		b)	Central Bank reserve account		
			The Financial Institutions Act 1993,		
			requires that the subsidiary, Fidelity		
			Finance and Leasing Company Limited,		
			hold and maintain an account with the		
			Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago to		
			be called a reserve account which at		
			present, is to be equivalent to 9% of the total liabilities to depositors. This		
			account is non-interest bearing.		
		•	account is non interest couring.		
		c) .	Accounts receivable		
			i) Balances outstanding		
6,261	7,192		Accrued investment income	9,150	6,802
30,929	26,019		Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	- ^
			Brokers and agents balances	6,215	6,075
22,062	22,109		Other receivables	28,784	<u>27,876</u>
59,252	55,320			44,149	40,753
12,831	8,665		Less: impairment provision	12,415	11,017
<u>46,421</u>	<u>46,655</u>			<u>31,734</u>	<u>29,736</u>

Company					Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		4. <u>C</u>	urrent Assets (continued)		
		c)	Accounts receivable (continued)		
			ii) Impairment provision:		
13,018 (187)	12,831 <u>(4,166</u>)		Balance brought forward Provision for the year	11,017 1,398	11,417 (400)
<u> 12,831</u>	<u>8,665</u>			<u>12,415</u>	<u> 11,017</u>
			iii) Brokers and agents balances: Aged analysis		
-	-		Up to 30 days	1,861	3,295
-	-		31 to 45 days	930	948
-	-		46 to 60 days	1,876	1,335
-			Over 60 days	1,548	<u>497</u>
				6,215	<u>6,075</u>
		d)	Reinsurance assets		
5,449	1,758		i) Amounts due from reinsurers	2,486	<u>7,608</u>
			Other amounts		
5,662	7,276		Long term insurance contracts Reinsurers share of:	7,276	5,662
1,251	995		Outstanding claims	32,987	37,415
-	-		Claims incurred but not reported	6,398	7,233
-	-		Unearned premiums	12,949	25,800
	<u> </u>		Unexpired risks	<u>972</u>	1,935
6,913	8,271			60,582	<u> 78,045</u>
<u>12,362</u>	_10,029			63,068	<u>85,653</u>

Company			•	C	Group
2006 [.] \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		4.	Current Assets (continued)		
			d) Reinsurance assets (continued)		
			ii) Reconciliation		
			Amounts due from reinsurers	•	
5,449	5,449		Balance brought forward	7,608	11,481
990	223		Recoverable for the year	4,577	13,041
-	(1,066)		Adjustments	(1,066)	-
(990)	<u>(2,848</u>)		Payments received during the year	(8,633)	<u>(16,914</u>)
<u>5,449</u>	1,758			2,486	<u>7,608</u>
			Other amounts		
5,633	6,913		Balance brought forward Increases/(decreases) in:	78,045	67,147
1,328	1,614		Long term insurance contracts	1,614	1,328
(48)	(256)		Outstanding claims	(4,428)	3,093
(40)	(250)		Claims incurred but not reported	(835)	628
-	_		Unearned premiums	(12,851)	5,441
-	-		Unexpired risks	(963)	408
_	 		Onexpired risks	<u>(905</u>)	
6,913	8,271		•	60,582	78,045
12,362	10,029		Total	<u>63,068</u>	<u>85,653</u>
		5.	Deferred Tax Assets		
			Deferred tax assets arising from:		
-	-		Tax losses carried forward	417	705
			Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	253	134
	-		and equipment		
			a) Movements for the year	<u>670</u>	<u>839</u>
-	-		Balance brought forward	839	1,554
	-		Provision for the year	(169)	<u>(715</u>)
<u></u>				<u>670</u>	<u>839</u>

2006 \$'000	ompany 2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	Group 2006 \$'000
		6.	Investment in Subsidiaries		
<u> 55,585</u>	<u>55,585</u>		Shares at cost		
		7.	Financial Assets		
176,982 28,367	176,729 27,028		Investment securities Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Available for sale financial assets	181,880 39,651	182,201 40,956
141,001	166,201		Held to maturity investments	<u>238,904</u>	203,782
346,350	<u>369,958</u>		Loans and receivables	460,435	426,939
46,682 51,804	52,160 63,982		Policy and automatic premium loans Mortgages and other loans	52,160 <u>262,354</u>	46,682 226,893
98,486	116,142			314,514	273,575
<u>444,836</u>	486,100		Total	<u>774,949</u>	<u>_700,514</u>
			a) Fair values		
<u>176,982</u>	<u> 176,729</u>		 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss 	<u> 181,880</u>	<u> 182,201</u>
<u>28,367</u>	<u>27,028</u>		ii) Available for sale financial assets	<u>39,651</u>	<u>40,956</u>
<u>141,867</u>	<u>162,243</u>		iii) Held to maturity investments	<u>234,599</u>	<u> 205,075</u>
<u>51,804</u>	<u>63,982</u>		iv) Mortgages and other loans	<u>262,354</u>	<u>226,893</u>
			b) Investment securities - Concentration		
196,298 79,868 70,184	213,035 80,068 76,855		Government bonds Corporate bonds Equities	234,818 132,629 92,988	208,356 132,252 <u>86,331</u>
<u>346,350</u>	<u>_369,958</u>			<u>460,435</u>	<u>426,939</u>

C						Group	
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000					2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		7.	7. Financial Assets (continued)				
			c)	Inv	estment securities - Bonds		
				i)	Contracted maturity		
8,448 64,958 202,760	8,460 65,090 219,553				Up to one year Two to five years Over five years	14,234 108,208 245,005	8,722 89,542 <u>242,344</u>
<u>276,166</u>	<u>293,103</u>					<u>367,447</u>	<u>340,608</u>
% per annum	% per annum					% per annum	% per annum
				ii)	Range of interest rates		
10.75 - 10.75 6.00 - 10.75 6.00 - 10.75	10.75 - 10.75 6.00 - 10.75 6.00 - 10.75				Up to one year Two to five years Over five years	6.00 - 10.88 5.46 - 10.88 6.00 - 10.88	10.75 - 10.88 6.00 - 10.88 5.46 - 10.88
Co	mpany						Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000					2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
			d)		estment securities — quoted equities		
1,849 1,320	1,997 1,270			i)	At cost Less: impairment provision	14,620 1,270	14,438 1,320
529	<u>727</u>					<u>13,350</u>	<u>13,118</u>
				ii)	Impairment provision		
1,370 (50)	1,320 (50)				Balance brought forward Provision for the year	1,320 (50)	1,370 (50)
1,320	1,270					1,270	1,320

Company					Group	
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	
		7.	Financial Assets (continued)			
			e) Policy and automatic premium loans			
25,806 18,982 	25,031 25,162 		Policy loans Automatic premium loans Accrued interest	25,031 25,162 1,967	25,806 18,982 1,894	
<u>46,682</u>	<u>52.160</u>			<u>52,160</u>	46,682	
			f) Mortgages and other loans			
51,939 	64,117 		i) Mortgage loans Other loans	64,376 200,743	52,238 176,692	
51,939 135	64,117 135		Less: impairment provision	265,119 2,765	228,930 2,037	
<u>51,804</u>	<u>63,982</u>			<u>262,354</u>	<u>226,893</u>	
			ii) Impairment provision:			
550 (415)	135 		Balance brought forward Provision for the year Write offs and adjustments	2,037 902 (174)	3,140 14 (1,117)	
<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>			2,765	2,037	
			iii) Concentration - sectoral analysis:			
46,133 5,671	57,246 <u>6,736</u>		Consumer Commercial and industrial	180,960 81,394	159,083 <u>67,810</u>	
51,804	63,982			<u>262,354</u>	<u>226,893</u>	
<u>1,047</u>	3,820		iv) Loans on which interest is not being accrued	<u>9,711</u>	5,707	

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Company			Group	
2006	2007		2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
		8. <u>Investment Properties</u>		
55,203	72,200	At beginning of year	84,200	67,203
1,421	685	Additions	685	1,421
<u>15,576</u>	-	Gains from fair value adjustments		<u>15,576</u>
<u>72,200</u>	<u>72,885</u>		<u>84,885</u>	<u>84,200</u>
<u>2,279</u>	<u>2,279</u>	a) Rental income	2,279	<u>2,279</u>
<u>711</u>	<u>475</u>	b) Director operating expenses	<u>475</u>	<u>711</u>

9. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Properties \$'000	Furniture/ Equipment \$'000	Motor Vehicles \$'000	Equipment on lease \$'000	Total \$'000-
			Group		
Cost/Valuation					
At beginning of year	147,817	69,885	4,422	33,087	255,211
Additions	8	4,684	769	6,490	11,951
Revaluation	4,207	-	-	•	4,207
Disposals	-		<u>(1,260</u>)	<u>(1,800</u>)	(3,060)
	152,032	<u>74,569</u>	3,931	<u>37,777</u>	268,309
Accumulated depreciation					
At beginning of year	957	54,331	2,729	12,960	70,977
Charge for the year	2,518	4,768	891	7,488	15,665
Revaluation	(404)	-	-	-	(404)
Disposals			(1,013)	<u>(1,464</u>)	(2,477)
	3,071	<u>59,099</u>	2,607	18,984	<u>83,761</u>
Net book value					
At December 31, 2007	<u> 148,961</u>	<u> 15,470</u>	<u>1,324</u>	<u> 18,793</u>	184,548
At December 31, 2006	<u>146,860</u>	<u> 15.554</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>20,127</u>	<u> 184,234</u>

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9. Property, Plant and Equipment (continue)

		Properties \$'000	Furniture/ Equipment \$'000	Motor Vehicles \$'000	Equipment on lease \$'000	Total \$'000
				Company		
Cost/Valuation						
At beginning	of year	141,893	50,938	3,287	-	196,118
Additions Revaluation		4,207	4,250	664	-	4,914 4,207
Disposals				(1,117)		(1,117)
		146,100	55,188	2,834	_	204,122
Accumulated d						
At beginning of		264	40,592	1,905	-	42,761
Charge for the	year	2,426	3,226	736	-	6,388 (404)
Revaluation Disposals		(404) 	<u></u>	(882)		(88 <u>2</u>)
		2,286	43,818	1,759		47,863
Net book value						
At December 3	31, 2007	<u>143,814</u>	<u> 11,370</u>	<u> </u>		<u>156,259</u>
At December 3	31, 2006	<u>141,629</u>	<u>10,346</u>	1,382		<u> 153,357</u>
Cor	mpany				Gr	оир
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000				2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Ψ 000	φ 000	a) Written	down value of pr	operties	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•
		Written	down value of the	properties had		
<u>89,703</u>	<u>87,964</u>		ions not been done		<u>88,698</u>	<u>90,529</u>
		b) Revalua	ition surplus			
23,207	59,607	Balance	brought forward		59,607	23,207
<u>36,400</u>	4,611	Revalua	tion surplus for the	year	<u>4,611</u>	<u>36,400</u>
<u>59,607</u>	<u>64,218</u>				64,218	<u>59,607</u>

Co	mpany				Group
2006	2007			2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	40.00		\$,000	\$'000
		10. <u>C</u>	Current Liabilities		
5,737	5,309	В	ank overdraft	8,220	9,000
-	-	C	ustomers' deposits	19,913	8,750
-	-		ther funding instruments	1,646	1,508
11,563	13,265		remium suspense	21,425	19,698
24,258	22,550		ccounts payable and accruals	53,064	49,183
2,296	2,273		rovision for employees benefits	3,066	3,122
1,424	2,003	R	einsurance liabilities	13,666	15,514
217	<u>548</u>	T	axation payable	703	217
<u>45,495</u>	45,948			121,703	<u> 106,992</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	a)	Bank overdraft	<u> </u>	
			The Company's overdraft facility for \$6,000,000 at Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited is unsecured and bears interest at 11.75% (2006: 11.75%) per annum.		
		b)	Customers' deposits and other funding instruments Concentration:		g.'
_	-		Corporate and commercial	3,805	2,471
-	_		Other financial institutions	3,669	1,530
-	_		Personal	14,085	6,257
	<u> </u>				
				<u>21,559</u>	10,258
		c)	Other funding instruments		
			Other funding instruments are secured by specific assets including Trinidad and Tobago Government Securities.		
		d)	Reinsurance liabilities		
1,665	1,424		Balance brought forward	15,514	12,486
3,921	6,036		Reinsurance premiums for the year	45,570	81,592
(4,162)	(5,457)		Payments made during the year	(47,4 <u>18</u>)	<u>(78,564)</u>
	,				
<u>1,424</u>	<u> 2,003</u>			<u>13,666</u>	<u> 15,514</u>

C	ompany			Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000		2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		11. Deferred Tax Liabilities		
		Deferred tax liabilities arising from:		
		Depreciation of property, plant		
86	268	and equipment	595	642
637	<u>926</u>	Other temporary differences	<u> 926</u>	<u>637</u>
<u>723</u>	<u>1,194</u>			<u>1,279</u>
		a) Movements for the year		
816	723	Balance brought forward	1,279	1,493
<u>(93</u>)	<u>471</u>	Provision for the year	242	(214)
===		5		1 050
<u>723</u>	<u>1,194</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>1,521</u>	<u> </u>
		12. <u>Insurance Contracts Liabilities</u> -		
397,906	403,929	With discretionary participation features	403,929	397,906
433,624	448,624	Without discretionary participation features	448,624	433,624
9,745	10,836	Provisions for outstanding claims	96,629	88,515
		Provisions for claims incurred but not	17.160	15.754
-	-	reported	17,159	15,754
-	-	Provisions for unearned premiums	56,484 4 275	57,522 4.364
	-	Provisions for unexpired risks	<u>4,275</u>	<u>4,364</u>
<u>841,275</u>	<u>863,389</u>		1,027,100	<u>997,685</u>
		a) Reconciliation of changes for the year		
810,887	841,275	Balance brought forward	997,685	942,469
28,010	19,409	Increase in reserves	32,097	38,543
1,098	1,347	Increase in claims	14,781	5,775
1,280	1,358	Increase in reinsurance assets	<u>(17,463</u>)	<u>10,898</u>
<u>841,275</u>	<u>863,389</u>		<u>1,027,100</u>	<u>997,685</u>

C	ompany			Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000		2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		12. <u>Insurance Contracts Liabilities (continued)</u>		
941 275	972 200	b) Net insurance contracts liabilities	1 027 100	007 695
841,275 _6,91 <u>3</u>	863,389 8,271	Insurance contracts liabilities	1,027,100 60,582	997,685 <u>78,045</u>
0,915	0,271	Less: reinsurance assets	00,502	70,075
<u>834,362</u>	<u>855,118</u>		<u>966,518</u>	<u>919,640</u>
		Represents		
397,906	403,929	With discretionary participation features	403,929	397,906
427,962	441,348	Without discretionary participation features	441,348	427,962
8,494	9,841	Provisions for outstanding claims	63,642	51,100
		Provisions for claims incurred but not		
-	-	героrted	10,760	8,521
-	-	Provisions for unearned premiums	43,535	31,722
		Provisions for unexpired risks	3,304	<u>2,429</u>
<u>834,362</u>	<u>855,118</u>		<u>966,518</u>	<u>919.640</u>
		c) Concentration by lines of business		
371,914	383,123	Life assurance funds	383,123	371,914
404,698	410,467	Annuities	410,467	404,698
50,740	54,343	Deposit administration contracts	54,343	50,740
7,010	7,185	Policyholder dividends	7,185	7,010
· _	· -	Property	6,161	5,963
-	-	Motor	98,246	72,446
-	-	Liability	4,915	4,220
-	-	Marine	761	751
-	-	Pecuniary loss	1,314	1,735
	-	Personal accident	3	<u>163</u>
<u>834,362</u>	<u>855,118</u>		<u>966,518</u>	<u>919,640</u>
		d) Provision for outstanding claims		
8,695	9,745	Balance brought forward	88,515	80,426
43,184	51,287	Claims incurred for the year	116,996	98,187
<u>(42,134</u>)	(50,196)	Payments made during the year	(108,882)	<u>(90,098</u>)
9,745	<u>10,836</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>96,629</u>	<u>88,515</u>

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Com	ipany			C	Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		12. <u>Ins</u>	urance Contracts Liabilities (continued)		
		e)	Aged analysis of outstanding claims		
			Short term insurance		
			Up to 2002	27,458	34,121
			2003	3,400	2,565
			2004	12,747	9,313
			2005	8,859	12,050
			2006	12,661	20,721
			2007	20,668	
				<u>85,793</u>	<u>78,770</u>

13. Stated Capital

Authorised

An unlimited number of ordinary shares of no par value.

Issued and fully paid

10,871,387 shares of no par value.

14. Capital Reserve

Capital reserve comprises share premium and revaluation surpluses.

15. Catastrophe Reserve

The Corporation Taxes Act was amended in 1994 by Section 10D such that contributions to the catastrophe reserve fund up to a maximum of 20% of net premium income on property business is allowed as a deduction in computing chargeable income.

16. General Reserve

The general reserve represents appropriations of retained earnings for any possible unforeseen losses on financial assets for which alternative specific provision is not made.

17. Investment Revaluation Reserve

The investment revaluation reserve represents gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of available for sale financial assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

18. Statutory Reserve

- a) Section 171 of the Insurance Act, 1980 requires that at least 25% of the profit of the subsidiary, Maritime General Insurance Company Limited, for the current year shall be appropriated towards surplus until such surplus equals or exceeds the reserves in respect of its outstanding unexpired policies.
- b) The Financial Institutions Act, 1993 provides that no less than 10% of the net profit after deduction of taxes of the subsidiary, Fidelity Finance and Leasing Company Limited, shall be transferred to a reserve fund until the amount standing to the credit of the reserve fund is equal at least to its paid up capital.

Co	mpany				Group
2006 \$'000	2007			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
\$.000	\$'000			\$.000	\$ 000
		19.	Minority interests		
_	-		Balance brought forward	6,780	6,418
-	-		Share of surplus after taxation	674	623
			Dividends paid		(261)
	<u></u>			<u>7,454</u>	<u>6,780</u>
		20.	Investment Income		
39,362	43,638		Interest income	65,859	54,804
8,383	2,699		Dividends	2,813	2,728
73	322		Foreign exchange gains	901	365
<u>19,413</u>	9,320		Unrealised gains	3,846	<u> 18,984</u>
<u>67,231</u>	<u> 55,979</u>			<u>73,419</u>	<u>76,881</u>
			a) Interest income		
11,801	12,928		Cash and cash equivalents	9,302	10,423
11,454	12,437		At fair value through profit or loss	12,594	11,609
8,098	10,421		Held to maturity	15,155	12,087
7,869	9,191		Loans and receivables	29,174	21,107
140	(1,339)		Other	<u>(366</u>)	<u>(422</u>)
<u>39,362</u>	<u>43,638</u>			<u>65,859</u>	<u>_54,804</u>

Co	mpany				Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
		20.	Investment Income (continued)		
			b) Unrealised gains		
3,346 50 415 15,576 - 26	3,860 50 - - 5,405 5		At fair value through profit or loss Available for sale Loans and receivables Investment properties Subsidiaries Other assets	3,791 50 - - - - 5	2,917 50 415 15,576 - 26
<u>19,413</u>	9,320			<u>3,846</u>	<u> 18,984</u>
		21.	Other Income		
5,278 5,460 - - 66	3,432 6,163 - 162		Commissions received Rental income from operating leases Revenue from sale of goods Fees from trustee services Miscellaneous income	7,402 16,859 45,572 18 	15,344 13,748 38,449 33 1,147
<u>10,804</u>	<u>9,757</u>			<u>71,243</u>	<u>68,721</u>
		22.	Policyholders' Benefits		
56,436 782 27,834	63,697 823 19,234		Claims and surrenders Dividends to participating policyholders Provision for future policy benefits	130,281 823 30,897	112,158 782 <u>37,423</u>
<u>85,052</u>	<u>83,754</u>			<u> 192,001</u>	<u>150,363</u>
		23.	Other Direct Costs		
15,091 1,406 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	18,214 1,439 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		Commissions Policy issue expenses Depreciation on leased assets (net) Cost of sales Other costs	39,333 1,439 7,488 37,848 3,310 89,418	31,858 1,406 5,641 31,924 2,790 73,619
			Direct labour included in other costs	<u>1,142</u>	<u>1,033</u>

C	Company				Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000			2007 \$*000	2006 \$'000
		24.	Expenses of Management		
19,956	24,193		Employee benefits	33,255	28,294
6,086	6,171		Depreciation (net)	7,957	7,594
617	617		Operating leases rentals	689	689
<u>28,084</u>	<u>17,457</u>		Other administrative expenses	<u>36,724</u>	42,180
<u>_54,743</u>	<u>48,438</u>			<u>78,625</u>	<u> 78,757</u>
<u> 570</u>	310		Pension costs included in employee benefits	<u> 571</u>	<u>823</u>
		25.	<u>Taxation</u>		
			a) Tax charge for the year		
			Current year		
1,840	2,150		Insurance revenue statement	2,150	1,840
239	239		Shareholders	<u>4,159</u>	2,000
2,079	2,389			6,309	3,840
(657)			Prior year	-	(1,066)
<u>(93</u>)	<u>471</u>		Deferred taxation	411	501
<u> 1,329</u>	2,860			6,720	3,275
	-		b) Reconciliation		
			Income taxes in the statements of income vary from amounts that would be computed by applying the statutory tax rates for the following reasons:		
<u>3,628</u>	<u>3,951</u>		Surplus before taxation	<u>14,690</u>	<u>10,638</u>
907	988		Tax at applicable statutory rates Effect of different tax rates of life	3,673	2,660
(184)	(215)		insurance companies	(215)	(184)
`819 [´]	1,069		Items not subject to tax	1,044	277
302	941		Temporary differences	1,004	396
-	-		Tax losses	(355)	(480)
<u>(515</u>)	<u>77</u>		Other	1,569	<u>606</u>
<u>1,329</u>	<u> 2,860</u>			<u>6,720</u>	<u>3,275</u>

Company				Group	
2006	2007			2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	25.	Taxation (continued)	\$,000	\$'000
		45.	Taxation (continued)		
			c) Tax losses		
			At December 31, 2007 there were unrelieved tax losses available in subsidiary amounting to approximately \$21,789,000 (2006: \$22,759,000) available for set off against future chargeable profits of those companies.		
		26.	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
233	818		Cash and bank balances	6,773	6,122
(5,737)	(5,309)		Bank overdraft	(8,220)	(9,000)
201,019	<u> 185,624</u>		Short term instruments	<u>163,679</u>	<u>165,500</u>
<u>195,515</u>	<u> 181,133</u>			<u>162,232</u>	<u>162,622</u>
		27.	Capital Commitments		
5,314	3,090		Loans	4,389	10,298
	-		Property, plant and equipment	17,000	
<u>5,314</u>	3,090			<u>21,389</u>	10,298
		28.	Operating Leases		
			Future rental income due on non-cancellable operating leases		
5,425	5,425		Up to one year	16,373	11,536
10,850	10,850		Two to three years	21,362	16,756
<u>16,275</u>	<u>16,275</u>			<u>37,735</u>	28,292

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	Company				Group
2006	2007			2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	••		\$'000	\$'000
		29.	Assets Pledged – Statutory Deposit and Statutory Fund		
			Statutory Fund		
			Fair value of assets deposited with and/or pledged to the order of the Inspector of Financial Institutions under the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1980		
201,961	178,069		Current assets	238,804	249,996
34,442	37,879		Investment in subsidiaries	37,879	34,442
399,195	430,586		Financial assets	468,956	429,663
72,200	72,200		Investments properties	72,200	72,200
<u>130,500</u>	130,500		Owner occupied properties	130,500	_130,500
<u>838,298</u>	<u>849,234</u>			<u>948,339</u>	<u>916,801</u>

30. Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one has the ability to control or exercise significant influence over the other in making financial and operational decisions.

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group.

A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. These transactions were carried out on commercial terms and conditions at market rates.

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30. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Balances and transaction with related parties and key management personnel during the year were as follows:

Company				Group	
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000		2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	
		a) Assets			
87,431	95,331	Short term investments	-	-	
1,497	410	Accrued investment income	~	-	
30,934	26,024	Amount due form subsidiaries	-	-	
(7,272)	(1,876)	Provisions for doubtful debts	-	-	
<u>2,986</u>	<u>1,999</u>	Loans to key management personnel	<u>4,723</u>	<u>6,293</u>	
		b) Liabilities			
-	••	Key management personnel	320	225	
		c) Income			
14,509	16,417	Subsidiaries	-	_	
-	5,405	Provision for doubtful debts	_	-	
<u> 172</u>	<u>154</u>	Key management personnel	391	<u>213</u>	
		d) Expenses			
1,154	1,234	Subsidiaries	_	~	
	-	Provision for doubtful debts	-	-	
	<u> </u>	Key management personnel	<u>25</u>	11	
		e) Key management compensation			
4,966	5,206	Short term benefits	6,559	6,293	
215	233	Post employment benefits	273	249	
- · · · -		Other long term benefits		 -	
2,529	7,219	Termination benefits	7,219	2,529	
	<u></u>	Share-based payments	<u> </u>	-	
<u>7,710</u>	12,658		<u>14,051</u>	<u> </u>	

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31. Insurance Contracts - Assumptions, Changes in Assumptions and Sensitivity

a) Long term insurance contracts

i) The Actuarial liabilities for long term insurance contracts are determined in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1980 and following generally accepted actuarial practice in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The Insurance Act requires that the actuary place a "proper" value on the liabilities. Adjustments are made if projected future cash flows using best estimate assumptions indicate that net premium reserves are inadequate. During the current year no such adjustments were required and no changes were made to net premium assumptions.

ii) Sensitivity

Typically, net premium assumptions may not be changed for the life of a policy. Current best estimate assumptions were used for the liability adequacy tests. The sensitivity of the liability adequacy test carried out was as follows:

Scenario	Change in Variable	% Change in Minimum reserve based on Liability Adequacy test
-Increase in interest and expense inflation	+1%	-7.1%
Decrease in interest and expense inflation	-1%	+8.6%
Increase in mortality (life insurance) Decrease in mortality (annuities)	+10%	+1.1%
Decrease in mortality (life insurance) Increase in mortality (annuities)	-10%	-1.1%
Increase in lapses	+10%	-1.2%
Decrease in lapses	-10%	+1.2%
Increase in expenses	+20%	+4.9%
Decrease in expenses	-20%	-4.8%
Increase in critical illness incidence	+10%	+0.4%
Decrease in critical illness incidence	-10%	-0.4%

b) Short term insurance contracts

i) The most significant liability arising from short term insurance contracts is the provisions for outstanding claims. These provisions are determined using input from loss adjustors and past experience. To this is added provisions made for claims and claims expenses incurred but not reported until after the balance sheet date. These provisions cannot be determined with certainty because of the substantial delay between the occurrences, reporting and final settlement of the claims. They are reviewed and amended on an ongoing basis as new information becomes available, claims are settled and new claims reported.

Experience and industry information is used to assess the impact of external factors such as legislative changes, judicial decisions and technological changes. The claims reserves are sensitive to these assumptions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

31. <u>Insurance Contracts – assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity</u>

b) Short term insurance contracts (continued)

ii) Claims development – short term insurance

Underwriting year	2003 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	Total \$'000
Estimate of cumulative claims						
At end of year One year later Two years later Three years later Four years later	54,983 30,098 41,919 43,651 49,011	51,547 30,923 36,955 55,811	63,155 34,510 55,502	57,337 52,990	59,479	286,501
Estimate of cumulative claims	49,011	55,811	55,502	52,990	59,479	272,793
Cumulative payments	(45,611)	(43,064)	(46,643)	(40,329)	(38,811)	(214,458)
Claims outstanding	<u>3,400</u>	<u>12,747</u>	<u>8,859</u>	<u>12,661</u>	20,668	58,335
Liability in respect of prior years						27,458
Total Liability						<u>85,793</u>

32. Insurance Risk

The Group is involved in underwriting, pricing, and accepting various kinds of risks in exchange for premiums. The insurance contract gives rise to the traditional insurance risk, which is the uncertainty that an insured event will occur resulting in financial consequences covered by the insurance contract, in addition to regulatory, legal, and pricing risk. Regulatory risk is associated with the potential of laws, directives and guidelines affecting the insurance industry to change and impact the insurance operations. Legal risk arises out of the costs associated with a possible dispute over policy terms and conditions, subrogation, and any other legal matter arising from the insurance contract. Pricing risk is the possibility that the premiums paid for the transfer of various risk are not sufficient.

The objective of risk management of insurance contracts is to properly identify, assess, control and evaluate and price all risks so as to increase stakeholder value.

As part of the Group's enterprise risk management strategy, risks are managed through the underwriting processes, claims management, reinsurance, diversification among various products, asset liability management, and actuarial consultation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

32. Insurance Risk (continued)

a) Underwriting

The principal area of risk management begins in the underwriting process. Underwriting is the entire process that entails selecting policyholders by recognizing and evaluating hazards, establishing prices and determining policy terms and conditions. These processes are continually reviewed as it is at this stage that the Group determines if a risk will be accepted, rejected, or modified.

The Group has strict underwriting guidelines that have been developed with the assistance of actuarial support. These guidelines are reviewed and audited to ensure compliance.

b) Long term insurance contracts

Policy benefits under long term insurance contracts become payable when an insurable event such as death or critical illness occurs, at a specified time such as at the retirement date specified by an annuity contract and on the exercise of policy options such as surrender or request for a policy loan by a policyowner.

i) Underwriting

Underwriting risk inherent in long term insurance contracts is the risk that the company's rates will prove inadequate because experience (mortality, morbidity, lapse, expense, average size cases etc.) worsens vis a vis pricing parameters.

ii) Longevity risk on annuity business

The Group is exposed to a risk exposure to improvement in mortality on its annuity business. This risk is managed by using a conservative mortality assumption in pricing including mortality improvement projections.

iii) Mortality and morbidity risk

Mortality and morbidity risks including critical illness incidence are managed through pricing and underwriting strategies and reinsurance arrangements. Mortality improvement continues to be experienced, however the Group is exposed to the risk of a sudden and severe spike in mortality rates due to either a global or region specific pandemic. These risks are mitigated through catastrophe reinsurance arrangements.

iv) Lapse risk

Lapse risk is managed through product design and conservation strategies.

v) Experience studies

Experience studies are carried out on a regular basis to monitor experience vis a vis pricing assumptions and to determine experience assumptions for cash flow and profitability projections.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

32. <u>Insurance Risk (continued)</u>

b) Long term insurance contracts (continued)

vi) Reinsurance

Reinsurance is used to reduce any single exposure of an insured. Limits and retentions are set according to the risk tolerance of stakeholders. The Group in certain cases also relies on the reinsurers' expertise in analyzing risks, product development and training.

vii) Pricing risk

The Group's insurance contracts are subject to pricing risk, which includes risks associated with mortality, expenses, and investments. The Group manages its pricing risk through actuarial support in the review of existing products and new product development. The Consulting Actuary assists in managing the development and deployment of an appropriate and efficient product development process that is tailored to the organizational structure and available resources. The Consulting Actuary approves all product pricing that requires special quotations and conducts experience studies on mortality and morbidity, lapses and expenses.

c) Short term insurance contracts

Insurance risks are accepted from insureds in consideration for premiums calculated on the basis of the client, company and the industry experience with particular types of risks. The Group carries significant exposure on the various lines of business written, with the most significant being the motor and property lines. Material losses arise from low frequency, high severity events such as catastrophes, major fires and motor liability claims. The loss potential for these events is limited by ceding certain portions of these risks to reinsurers.

i) Underwriting

The Group has underwriting guidelines for various product lines that are followed by staff underwriters and agents that have been authorized to bind coverage. These guidelines are reviewed annually.

ii) Reinsurance

The Group relies on a significant amount of reinsurance. Reinsurance is used as a risk transfer mechanism, to smooth the Group's loss experience and to provide for large line capacity, catastrophe protection and underwriting guidance.

Because some risk exposures can be very large in nature, the Group utilizes reinsurance to accept the liability for loss exposures that the Group is unwilling or unable to retain. Reinsurance allows the Group to increase its market share while limiting the financial consequences of potential losses. Further, the Group insures various property and major exposures that are subject to earthquakes and windstorms. The Group purchases excess of loss insurance to mitigate the losses of these catastrophic events. The Group also utilizes the reinsurers for underwriting assistance, claims management and overall guidance.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

32. <u>Insurance Risk (continued)</u>

c) Short term insurance contracts (continued)

ii) Reinsurance (continued)

Reinsurers are selected based on their track record and capability to meet their contractual obligations. In addition, the ratings assigned to reinsurers by the international rating agencies such as A.M. Best and Standard and Poors are used in determining whether or not reinsurers are acceptable. These ratings are monitored on an ongoing basis.

d) Concentration of insurance risk

- i) The Group is exposed to significant insurance risk on the various lines of business written.
- ii) The total sums assured/insured analysed by major classes of business is as follows:

		Group
	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Gross		
Long term insurance	5,180,495	4,061,965
Short term insurance	<u>9,431,634</u>	12,748,755
	<u>14,612,129</u>	<u>16,810,720</u>
Net	·	
Long term insurance	4,196,599	3,273,307
Short term insurance	_3,311,442	512,986
	7,508,041	3,786,293

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk

a) Enterprise risk management

The Group's overall strategy is to move away from traditional risk management to enterprise risk management (ERM), whereby each company within the Group assesses, controls, exploits, finances and monitors risks from all sources affecting it for the purpose of increasing stakeholder value, and also within the context of the Group as a whole. This holistic approach allows the Group to mitigate risk and create value. In essence, the Group can increase stakeholder value while maintaining an acceptable level of risk to stakeholders. As a part of the ERM strategy the Group identifies and evaluates all risks in the context of one another as opposed to distinct risks.

The Group is exposed to financial risk including credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk. In particular, the key financial risk is that proceeds from its financial and reinsurance assets are not sufficient to fund obligations arising from insurance contracts and financial liabilities.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Group is exposed to credit risk mainly on its short term investments, balances due from brokers and agents, reinsurance assets, other receivables and investments in bonds, mortgages and other loans and advances.

i) Short term investments

The credit risk on short term investments is limited because the funds are invested in deposits with licensed banks and financial institutions, and in treasury bills.

ii) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at amounts outstanding less impairment provision. Adequate provisions have been made for any uncollectible amounts.

iii) Reinsurance assets

The Company reduces its credit risk associated with reinsurance assets by entering into treaty agreements only with reinsurers who have acceptable credit ratings.

iv) Bonds

The Group invests in bonds issued only by governments, financial institutions and corporations with acceptable credit ratings. The Group actively reviews all bond-issuing entities in which investments are being considered. The Group also limits the size of any given bond issue compared to size of its investment portfolio.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

b) Credit risk (continued)

v) Mortgage loans

The value at risk associated with mortgage loans is very insignificant as they are secured by property, which has been experiencing a significant increase in value over the past three years and because of the continued growth of the local economy.

vi) Other loans

The Group relies heavily on a written Credit Advances Policy Manual, which sets out in detail the current policies governing the lending function and provides a comprehensive framework for prudent risk management of the credit function. Adherence to these guidelines is expected to communicate the Group's lending philosophy, provide policy guidelines to team members involve in lending, establish minimum standards for credit analysis, documentation, decision making and post-disbursement administration, as well as create the foundation for a sound credit portfolio.

All team members involved with the lending activity are required to be familiar with the contents of the Credit Advance Policy Manual and are required to adhere to the policies therein; serious breaches results in disciplinary measures being taken. It is the responsibility of the Acting - General Manager to ensure that policies are adhered to.

The Group's loan portfolio is adequately secured by collateral and where necessary, provisions are made for estimated losses when, in the opinion of the directors, the related loans are impaired.

vii) Concentration

The Group has set an upper limit of total assets that can be invested with any one company or group of related companies so as to avoid any significant concentration of credit risk.

viii) Global economic developments and government policies

The Group actively monitors global economic developments and government policies that may affect the growth rate of the local economy.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

b) Credit risk (continued)

ix) Maximum exposure to credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements is as follows:

Company				Group
2006	2007		2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
601 353	611,393	Maximum exposure to credit risk	899,937	<u>860,708</u>

e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources to settle trade, financial and insurance liabilities.

i) Risk environment

The Group operates in an environment in which most investments are subject to liquidity risk. There is no active bond market and the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange lists less than forty public companies. There are also only a few local licensed banking and financial institutions to deposit funds. Liquidity risk is also increased because of restrictions imposed by the provisions of the Insurance Act 1980 that govern the investments of statutory deposits and statutory funds.

ii) Risk management

The Group operates a central treasury function. To manage and reduce liquidity risk the Group's Asset Liability Committee actively meets to match cash inflows with liability requirements. The Group maintains a minimum percentage of its assets in short term investments and has un-drawn credit lines available to meet its short term obligations as they fall due. In addition, the Group's investments in marketable bonds and equities can be used for liquidity support if the need arises.

iii) Liquidity gap

The Group's exposure to liquidity risk is summarised in the table below which analyses assets and liabilities by relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date, except for insurance contracts liabilities which are analysed by estimated timings:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

c) Liquidity risk (continued)

iii) Liquidity gap (continued)

	·		Group 2007		
	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Undated \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets	•	*	•	·	
Liquid assets	170,452	-	-	· -	170,452
Financial assets	90,393	236,995	302,413	145,148	774,949
Other assets	125,116			<u>275,865</u>	400,981
	385,961	236,995	302,413	421,013	1,346,382
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	8,220	-	-	-	8,220
Insurance contracts	168,414	28,519	692,948	137,219	1,027,100
Other liabilities	109,840	3,643		1,521	<u>115,004</u>
	286,474	32,162	692,948	138,740	1,150,324
Net gap	99,487	204,833	<u>(390,535</u>)	282,273	<u>196,058</u>
Cumulative gap	99,487	<u>304,320</u>	(86,215)	<u>196,058</u>	
	Up to one year	Two to five years	Group 2006 Over five years \$2000	' Undated \$'000	Total \$2000
Assets	-		2006 Over five	Undated \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets Liquid assets	year	five years	2006 Over five years		
	year \$'000	five years	2006 Over five years		\$'000
Liquid assets	year \$'000	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	\$'000	\$'000 171,622
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000 171,622 68,578	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	\$'000 - 133,013	\$'000 171,622 700,514
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 288,690	\$'000 133,013 275,035	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 146,192 386,392	five years \$'000 210,233 	2006 Over five years \$'000 	\$'000 133,013 275,035 408,048	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 146,192 386,392	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 288,690	\$'000 133,013 275,035 408,048	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000 997,685
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 146,192 386,392	five years \$'000 210,233 	2006 Over five years \$'000 	\$'000 133,013 275,035 408,048	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 146,192 386,392 9,000 158,745	five years \$'000 210,233 210,233	2006 Over five years \$'000 	\$'000 133,013 275,035 408,048	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000 997,685
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 171,622 68,578 146,192 386,392 9,000 158,745 94,712	five years \$'000 210,233 	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 288,690 - 288,690	\$'000 133,013 275,035 408,048 - 134,423 1,279	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000 997,685 99,271

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

c) Liquidity risk (continued)

iii) Liquidity gap (continued)

,	·		Company 2007		,
	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Undated \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets	4 000	Ψ 000	4 000		7
Liquid assets	186,442	_	-	-	186,442
Financial assets	11,820	79,574	265,691	129,015	486,100
Other assets	66,174	· <u>-</u>	=	284,729	350,903
	264,436	79,574	<u>265,691</u>	413,744	1,023,445
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	5,309	-	_	-	5,309
Insurance contracts	4,920	28,302	692,948	137,219	863,389
Other liabilities	40,639			1,194	41,833
	50,868	28,302	692,948	138,413	910,531
Net gap	<u>213,568</u>	<u>51,272</u>	<u>(427,257</u>)	275,331	<u>112,914</u>
Cumulative gap	<u>213,568</u>	<u>264,840</u>	(162,417)	<u>112,914</u>	
			Company 2006		
	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Undated \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets					
Liquid assets	201,252	-		-	201,252
Financial assets	11,249	77,114	239,607	116,866	444,836
Other assets	<u>71,405</u>	_		281,142	352,547
	283,906	77,114	239,607	398,008	998,635
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	5,737	-	•	-	5,737
Insurance contracts	2,698	27,729	676,425	134,423	841,275
Other liabilities	<u>39,758</u>		<u> </u>	<u>723</u>	40,481
				125 146	997 402
	48,193	27,729	676,425	135,146	<u>887,493</u>
Net gap	48,193 235,713	<u>27,729</u> <u>49,385</u>	<u>(436,818)</u>	<u>262,862</u>	<u>111,142</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

e) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group operates primarily in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Most of the Group's liabilities are denominated in local currency and are matched with local assets. The strategy for dealing with foreign exchange risk is to, as far as possible, offset foreign currency liabilities with assets denominated in the same currency.

Due to the unavailability of United States Dollars from the local banking system, the Group holds foreign currency assets for investment purposes and to settle reinsurance liabilities.

The Group's net exposure to currency risk is as follows:

Company			•	Group
2006	2007		2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	Net Foreign Currency Assets	\$'000	\$'000
<u> 113 113</u>	<u>119,780</u>	United States Dollars	<u> 190,450</u>	<u>187,103</u>

f) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk through the effect of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of interest rates on interest bearing financial assets and liabilities, including short term investments, investments in bonds, mortgage loans, other loans, bank overdraft, customer deposits and other funding instruments.

i) Risk management

Exposure is managed using interest rate sensitivity management.

In the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the availability of creative hedging strategies is very limited. Therefore, the Group attempts to maintain a well-balanced portfolio by matching interest sensitive assets with interest sensitive liabilities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

f) Interest rate risk (continued)

ii) Short term investments

The short maturities of these investments allow the Group to take advantage of rising interest rates. However, the Group is exposed to falling interest rates. As part of a well-balanced portfolio, if interest rates decrease, the increase in value of the bond portfolio will reduce the negative effect of the reduction in interest rate.

iii) Bonds

The Group invests mainly in medium to long term bonds consisting of both floating rate and fixed rate instruments.

Financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss comprise mainly floating rate securities. The market values of these bonds are not very sensitive to changes in interest rates.

Financial assets classified as held to maturity comprise mainly fixed rate bonds. The market values of these bonds are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The longer the maturity of the bonds, the greater is the-sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Because these assets are being held to maturity and are not traded, any changes in market value will not impact the statement of income.

The Group actively monitors bonds with maturities greater than ten years, as well as the interest rate policies of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

iv) Mortgage loans

Mortgage loans are for terms of up to thirty years. The interest rates on mortgage loans are generally fixed for the first three years and adjustable thereafter.

v) Other loans

The Group invests in fixed rate loans for terms not exceeding five years. These are funded mainly by borrowings in the form of customer deposits and other funding instruments.

vi) Interest rate sensitivity gap

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk is summarised in the table below which analyses assets and liabilities at their carrying amounts categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates except for insurance contracts liabilities which are analysed by estimated timings.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

f) Interest rate risk (continued)

vi) Interest rate sensitivity gap (continued)

vi) Interest rate se	monthly gap (ex	onemucu,	Group 2007		
·	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Non-Interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets					
Liquid assets	170,452	-	-	-	170,452
Financial assets	222,370	187,905	271,686	92,988	774,949
Other assets	-			400,981	400,981
	392,822	187,905	<u>271,686</u>	493,969	1,346,382
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	8,220	-	-	-	8,220
Insurance contracts	405,990	-	321,101	300,009	1,027,100
Other-liabilities	21,559			93,445	115,004
	435,769	-	321,101	393,454	1,150,324
Net gap	<u>(42,947</u>)	<u> 187,905</u>	<u>(49,415</u>)	<u>100,515</u>	<u>196,058</u>
Cumulative gap	<u>(42,947</u>)	<u>144,958</u>	95,543	<u>196,058</u>	
			Group		
	Up to one year	Two to	2006 Over five years	Non-Interest bearing	Total
Assets	-		2006 Over five		Total \$'000
Assets Liquid assets	year	five years	2006 Over five years	bearing	
	year \$'000	five years	2006 Over five years	bearing	\$'000
Liquid assets	year \$'000	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	bearing \$'000 -	\$'000 171,622
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	\$'000 \$'000 - 86,331	\$'000 171,622 700,514
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000 171,622 215,033	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892	\$'000 \$'000 - 86,331 421,227	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets	year \$'000 171,622 215,033	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892	\$'000 \$'000 - 86,331 421,227	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities	year \$'000 171,622 215,033 	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892	\$'000 \$'000 - 86,331 421,227	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft	year \$'000 171,622 215,033 	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892 - 240,892	86,331 421,227 507,558	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 171,622 215,033 	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892 - 240,892	\$'000 \$'000 86,331 421,227 507,558	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000 997,685
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 171,622 215,033 	five years \$'000 - 158,258	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 240,892 - 240,892	\$6,331 421,227 507,558	\$'000 171,622 700,514 421,227 1,293,363 9,000 997,685 99,271

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

33. Financial Risk (continued)

f) Interest rate risk (continued)

vi) Interest rate sensitivity gap (continued)

•		•	Company 2007		
	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Non-Interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets	•	,			·
Liquid assets	186,442	-	-	-	186,442
Financial assets	132,563	33,913	242,769	76,855	486,100
Other assets	_		-	350,903	350,903
	319,005	33,913	242,769	427,758	1,023,445
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	5,309	-	-	-	5,309
Insurance contracts	405,990	-	321,101	136,298	863,389
Other liabilities				41,833	41,833
	411,299	-	321,101	<u>178,131</u>	910,531
Net gap	<u>(92,294</u>)	<u>33,913</u>	(78,332)	<u>249,627</u>	<u>112,914</u>
Cumulative gap	(92,294)	(58,381)	<u>(136,713</u>)	<u>112,914</u>	
			Commons		
			Company 2006		
	Up to one year \$'000	Two to five years \$'000	2006 Over five years	Non-Interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets	-		2006 Over five		Total \$'000
Assets Liquid assets	year	five years	2006 Over five years	bearing	
	year \$'000	five years	2006 Over five years	bearing	\$'000
Liquid assets	year \$'000 201,252	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	bearing \$'000	\$'000 201,252
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000 201,252	five years \$'000	2006 Over five years \$'000	bearing \$'000 - 70,184	\$'000 201,252 444,836
Liquid assets Financial assets	year \$'000 201,252 140,812	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357	5'000 5'000 - 70,184 	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets	year \$'000 201,252 140,812	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357	5'000 5'000 - 70,184 	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities	year \$'000 201,252 140,812 	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357	5'000 5'000 - 70,184 	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547 998,635
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft	year \$'000 201,252 140,812 342,064 5,737	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357 - 200,357	5'000 70,184 352,547 422,731	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547 998,635
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 201,252 140,812 342,064 5,737	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357 - 200,357	5'000 - 70,184 - 352,547 - 422,731 - 135,407	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547 998,635 5,737 841,275
Liquid assets Financial assets Other assets Liabilities Bank overdraft Insurance contracts	year \$'000 201,252 140,812 342,064 5,737 397,958	five years \$'000 - 33,483	2006 Over five years \$'000 - 200,357 - 307,910	\$'000 70,184 352,547 422,731 135,407 40,481	\$'000 201,252 444,836 352,547 998,635 5,737 841,275 40,481

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33. Financial Risk (continued)

g) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (equity and commodity prices) whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

i) Equity price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risk because its investments in equity instruments are classified as available for sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Most of these investments are listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange. The Group actively reviews the financial performance, future growth potential and economic environment before investing in any equities.

The Group manages its exposure to price risk by trading these investments to reduce the impact of any adverse price movements.

The Group has very limited investments in unquoted equity instruments. These investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses.

The Group's total exposure to investments in equity instruments is as follows:

Company			1	Group
2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	Investments in Equity Instruments	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
41,817	49,827	At fair value through profit or loss	53,337	45,375
28,367	27,028	Available for sale	39,651	40,956
<u>70,184</u>	<u> 76,855</u>		92,988	<u>86,331</u>

ii) Commodity price risk

The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk.

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34. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The existence of published price quotation in an active market is the best evidence of fair value. Where market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using various valuation techniques, including using recent arm's length market transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties, if available, current fair value of another financial instrument that is substantially the same and discounted cash flow analysis.

The following methods have been used to estimate the fair values of various classes of financial assets and liabilities:

a) Current assets and current liabilities

The carrying amounts of current assets and current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values because of their short-term nature.

b) Quoted Securities

The fair values of quoted securities are determined on the basis of quoted market prices available at December 31, 2007.

c) Unquoted Securities

The fair values of unquoted securities are determined using various valuation techniques. Unquoted securities are stated at cost less accumulated impairment provisions.

d) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are stated net of specific provisions for impairment losses. These assets result from transactions under typical market conditions and their values are not adversely affected by unusual terms. The inherent rates of interest in the portfolio approximate market conditions and yield discounted cash flow values which are substantially in accordance with financial statement amounts.

35. Capital Risk Management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that companies in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from 2006.

The capital structure of the Group consists of equity attributable to shareholders, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings.

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36. Contingent Liabilities

- a) During the period from March to June 2002, the State laid several charges indictably on several individuals and companies including two of the Company's subsidiaries. The charges cover offences that are alleged to have occurred between the period from July 1, 1996 to December 21, 2000, and constitute for the greater part the following:
 - corruptly receiving significant funds on account of and paying such funds to and on behalf of an individual who was at the time performing duties in which the public had an interest;
 - ii) aiding and abetting the said individual to misbehave in public office; and
 - conspiring to convert funds that the State alleges the subsidiaries had reasonable grounds to suspect were part of proceeds of a specified offence.

On January 7, 2008, the Chief Magistrate discharged all of the accused persons, including two of the Company's subsidiaries, in respect of all of the original charges preferred against them. Thereafter, the Chief Magistrate committed all of the accused persons including two of the Company's subsidiaries to stand trial on new and substituted charges all of which are denied by the accused.

- Additionally, on May 20, 2004 the Company and two of its subsidiaries together with other companies were charged with the offence of conspiring with other persons to obtain contracts and payments or settlements thereafter, of a total face value of up to \$1,600,000,000 contrary to Section 34(1) of the Larceny Act Chapter 11:12. The Company has been advised by its attorneys that this offence is not known to the law.
- c) All of these matters are currently before the Courts. No provision has been made in these financial statements in respect to any of the alleged charges. Legal fees in connection with these matters are expensed as incurred.

37. Dividends

The Board of Directors has proposed a dividend of 22¢ per share for the year ended December 31, 2007 (2006: 22¢ per share). This dividend, amounting to \$2,391,705 is not recorded as a liability in the Balance Sheet in accordance with International Accounting Standard 10.

		Place of incorporation	2007 % shareholding	2006 % shareholding
38.	<u>Subsidiaries</u>			·
	Fidelity Finance and Leasing Company Limited Acceptance of deposits and carrying on the business of a finance house or finance company, trust company and leasing corporation	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Inter-Island Mortgage Finance Limited Granting of mortgage loans	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Keystone Property Developers Limited Building contractors and real estate developers	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Las Cuevas South West Limited Land development	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Maritime General Insurance Company Limited Underwriting all classes of general insurance business in Trinidad and Tobago	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	92	92
	Maritime Leasing Company Limited Leasing of equipment and commercial properties	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Maritime Residences Limited Development, trade and rental of newly constructed dwelling houses	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Nettletons Limited Retail operations	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Comteq Technological Services Company Limited On-line sales	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100
	Marnett Security Company Limited Provision of security services	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	100	100