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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

- QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2007

OR

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

transition Period from to

Commission File No. 001-32141

**ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**98-0429991**

(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

**30 Woodbourne Avenue**

**Hamilton HM 08**

**Bermuda**

(address of principal executive office)

**(441) 299-9375**

(Registrants telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The number of registrant's Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) outstanding as of August 1, 2007 was 67,836,354.

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**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share and share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
<b>Assets</b>		
Fixed maturity securities, at fair value (amortized cost: \$2,419,652 in 2007 and \$2,286,373 in 2006)	\$ 2,422,614	\$ 2,331,071
Short-term investments, at cost which approximates fair value	63,151	134,064
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>2,485,765</b>	<b>2,465,135</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	23,743	4,785
Accrued investment income	25,771	24,195
Deferred acquisition costs	224,813	217,029
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	11,010	7,500
Reinsurance recoverable on ceded losses	10,444	10,889
Premiums receivable	38,708	41,565
Goodwill	85,417	85,417
Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments	37,168	52,596
Other assets	29,652	26,229
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,972,491</b>	<b>\$ 2,935,340</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Unearned premium reserves	\$ 693,385	\$ 644,496
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses	108,813	120,600
Profit commissions payable	17,886	35,994
Reinsurance balances payable	2,846	7,199
Current income taxes payable		7,196
Deferred income taxes	17,479	39,906
Funds held by Company under reinsurance contracts	25,029	21,412
Unrealized losses on derivative financial instruments	18,196	6,687
Senior Notes	197,391	197,375
Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures	149,723	149,708
Liability for tax basis step-up adjustment	10,453	14,990
Other liabilities	36,507	39,016
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,277,708</b>	<b>1,284,579</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Shareholders equity</b>		
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized; 67,836,065 and 67,534,024 shares issued and outstanding in 2007 and 2006)	678	675
Additional paid-in capital	719,297	711,256
Retained earnings	965,803	896,947
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9,005	41,883
<b>Total shareholders equity</b>	<b>1,694,783</b>	<b>1,650,761</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,972,491</b>	<b>\$ 2,935,340</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income**  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Revenues</b>				
Gross written premiums	\$ 88,830	\$ 111,484	\$ 161,370	\$ 166,868
Ceded premiums	(3,901)	(1,139)	(8,059)	(5,739)
Net written premiums	84,929	110,345	153,311	161,129
Increase in net unearned premium reserves	(30,688)	(62,161)	(45,200)	(64,890)
<b>Net earned premiums</b>	<b>54,241</b>	<b>48,184</b>	<b>108,111</b>	<b>96,239</b>
Net investment income	30,860	27,255	62,342	53,493
Net realized investment losses	(1,540)	(1,005)	(1,819)	(2,011)
Unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments	(17,223)	5,713	(26,937)	5,742
Other income		23		23
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>66,338</b>	<b>80,170</b>	<b>141,697</b>	<b>153,486</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	(9,101)	(6,513)	(13,830)	(6,895)
Profit commission expense	869	1,697	2,482	3,005
Acquisition costs	10,930	11,308	21,741	22,093
Other operating expenses	18,831	15,615	39,534	32,765
Interest expense	5,820	3,367	11,853	6,742
Other expense	651	692	1,252	1,306
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>26,166</b>	<b>63,032</b>	<b>59,016</b>
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	<b>38,338</b>	<b>54,004</b>	<b>78,665</b>	<b>94,470</b>
Provision for income taxes				
Current	1,452	6,165	5,123	8,808
Deferred	4,081	3,325	1,786	6,266
<b>Total provision for income taxes</b>	<b>5,533</b>	<b>9,490</b>	<b>6,909</b>	<b>15,074</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>32,805</b>	<b>44,514</b>	<b>71,756</b>	<b>79,396</b>
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes</b>				
Unrealized holding losses on fixed maturity securities arising during the year	(33,858)	(18,852)	(34,543)	(43,079)
Reclassification adjustment for realized losses included in net income	1,268	779	1,489	1,437
Change in net unrealized gains on fixed maturity securities	(32,590)	(18,073)	(33,054)	(41,642)
Change in cumulative translation adjustment	356	814	385	981
Cash flow hedge	(104)	(104)	(209)	(209)
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes</b>	<b>(32,338)</b>	<b>(17,363)</b>	<b>(32,878)</b>	<b>(40,870)</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 467</b>	<b>\$ 27,151</b>	<b>\$ 38,878</b>	<b>\$ 38,526</b>
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.08
Diluted	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.06
Dividends per share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.035	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



Assured Guaranty Ltd.  
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity  
For Six Months Ended June 30, 2007  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Shareholders Equity
<b>Balance, December 31, 2006</b>	\$ 675	\$ 711,256	\$ 896,947	\$ 41,883	\$ 1,650,761
Cumulative effect of FIN 48 adoption			2,629		2,629
Net income			71,756		71,756
Dividends (\$0.08 per share)			(5,529)		(5,529)
Common stock repurchases		(523)			(523)
Shares cancelled to pay withholding taxes	(1)	(3,923)			(3,924)
Stock options exercised	1	1,142			1,143
Tax benefit for stock options exercised		137			137
Shares issued under ESPP		322			322
Share-based compensation and other	3	10,886			10,889
Change in cash flow hedge, net of tax of \$(113)				(209)	(209)
Change in cumulative translation adjustment				385	385
Unrealized loss on fixed maturity securities, net of tax of \$(8,682)				(33,054)	(33,054)
<b>Balance, June 30, 2007</b>	\$ 678	\$ 719,297	\$ 965,803	\$ 9,005	\$ 1,694,783

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**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 71,756	\$ 79,396
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Non-cash interest and operating expenses	11,562	7,825
Net amortization of premium on fixed maturity securities	1,426	2,916
Provision for deferred income taxes	1,786	6,266
Net realized investment losses	1,819	2,011
Change in unrealized losses (gains) on derivative financial instruments	26,937	(5,742)
Change in deferred acquisition costs	(7,784)	(11,865)
Change in accrued investment income	(1,576)	23
Change in premiums receivable	2,857	(9,171)
Change in prepaid reinsurance premiums	(3,510)	36
Change in unearned premium reserves	48,889	64,781
Change in reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses, net	(14,734)	(7,841)
Change in profit commissions payable	(18,108)	(23,377)
Change in funds held by Company under reinsurance contracts	3,617	1,153
Change in current income taxes	(7,327)	(4,639)
Change in liability for tax basis step-up adjustment	(4,537)	(373)
Other	(21,531)	(10,783)
<b>Net cash flows provided by operating activities</b>	<b>91,542</b>	<b>90,616</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Fixed maturity securities:		
Purchases	(591,468)	(434,471)
Sales	443,976	433,607
Maturities	11,999	14,295
Sales (purchases) of short-term investments, net	71,399	(55,019)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>	<b>(64,094)</b>	<b>(41,588)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Dividends paid	(5,523)	(5,253)
Share activity under option and incentive plans	(2,664)	(2,310)
Tax benefit from employee stock options	137	
Debt issue costs	(425)	
Repurchases of common stock	(523)	(17,190)
Repayment of notes assumed during formation transactions		(2,000)
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>	<b>(8,998)</b>	<b>(26,753)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes	508	732
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,958	23,007
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,785	6,190
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 23,743</b>	<b>\$ 29,197</b>
<b>Supplementary cash flow information</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes	\$ 16,451	\$ 13,440

Interest	\$	11,877	\$	7,081
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**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2007**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Business and Organization**

Assured Guaranty Ltd. (the Company) is a Bermuda-based holding company which provides, through its operating subsidiaries, credit enhancement products to the public finance, structured finance and mortgage markets. Credit enhancement products are financial guarantees or other types of support, including credit derivatives, that improve the credit of underlying debt obligations. Assured Guaranty Ltd. applies its credit expertise, risk management skills and capital markets experience to develop insurance, reinsurance and derivative products that meet the credit enhancement needs of its customers. Under a reinsurance agreement, the reinsurer, in consideration of a premium paid to it, agrees to indemnify another insurer, called the ceding company, for part or all of the liability of the ceding company under one or more insurance policies that the ceding company has issued. A derivative is a financial instrument whose characteristics and value depend upon the characteristics and value of an underlying security. Assured Guaranty Ltd. markets its products directly to and through financial institutions, serving the U.S. and international markets. Assured Guaranty Ltd.'s financial results include four principal business segments: financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty reinsurance, mortgage guaranty and other. These segments are further discussed in Note 10.

Financial guaranty insurance provides an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty that protects the holder of a financial obligation against non-payment of principal and interest when due. Financial guaranty insurance may be issued to the holders of the insured obligations at the time of issuance of those obligations, or may be issued in the secondary market to holders of public bonds and structured securities. A loss event occurs upon existing or anticipated credit deterioration, while a payment under a policy occurs when the insured obligation defaults. This requires the Company to pay the required principal and interest when due in accordance with the underlying contract. The principal types of obligations covered by the Company's financial guaranty direct and financial guaranty assumed reinsurance businesses are structured finance obligations and public finance obligations. Because both businesses involve similar risks, the Company analyzes and monitors its financial guaranty direct portfolio and financial guaranty assumed reinsurance portfolio on a unified process and procedure basis.

Mortgage guaranty insurance is a specialized class of credit insurance that provides protection to mortgage lending institutions against the default of borrowers on mortgage loans that, at the time of the advance, had a loan to value in excess of a specified ratio. Reinsurance in the mortgage guaranty insurance industry is used to increase the insurance capacity of the ceding company, to assist the ceding company in meeting applicable regulatory and rating agency requirements, to augment the financial strength of the ceding company, and to manage the ceding company's risk profile. The Company provides mortgage guaranty protection on an excess of loss basis.

The Company has participated in several lines of business that are reflected in its historical financial statements but that the Company exited in connection with its 2004 initial public offering (IPO).

**2. Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, which include the accounts of the Company, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements cover the three-month period ended June 30, 2007 (Second Quarter 2007), the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 (Second Quarter 2006), the six-month period ended June 30, 2007 (Six Months 2007) and the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 (Six Months 2006). Operating results for the three- and six-

month periods ended June 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year. Certain items in the prior year unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current period presentation. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries are subject to U.S. and U.K. income tax. The provision for income taxes is calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( FAS ) FAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes . The Company's provision for income taxes for interim financial periods is not based on an estimated annual effective rate due to the variability in changes in fair value of its derivative financial instruments. A discrete calculation of the provision is calculated for each interim period.

### 3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued FAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( FAS 157 ). FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. FAS 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, since the FASB had previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measure. Accordingly, FAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. FAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company plans to adopt FAS 157 at the beginning of 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that FAS 157 will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Liabilities ( FAS 159 ). FAS 159 allows entities to voluntarily choose, at specified election dates, to measure many financial assets and financial liabilities (as well as certain nonfinancial instruments that are similar to financial instruments) at fair value (the fair value option ). The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is irrevocable. If the fair value option is elected for an instrument, FAS 159 specifies that all subsequent changes in fair value for that instrument shall be reported in unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments in the Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income. FAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. Earlier adoption of FAS 159 is permitted, but we do not intend to early adopt. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that FAS 159 will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In April 2007, the FASB Staff issued FASB Staff Position No. FIN 39-1, Amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 ( FSP FIN 39-1 ), which permits companies to offset cash collateral receivables or payables with net derivative positions under certain circumstances. FSP FIN 39-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted. FSP FIN 39-1 will not affect our results of operations or financial position, though it may affect the balance sheet classification of certain assets and liabilities.

### 4. Analysis of premiums written, premiums earned and loss and loss adjustment expenses

In order to limit its exposure on assumed risks, the Company at the time of the IPO entered into certain proportional and non-proportional retrocessional agreements with other insurance companies, primarily subsidiaries of ACE Limited ( ACE ), the Company's former parent, to cede a portion of the risk underwritten by the Company, prior to the IPO. In addition, the Company enters into reinsurance agreements with non-affiliated companies to limit its exposure to risk on an on-going basis.

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In the event that any or all of the reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations, the Company would be liable for such defaulted amounts. Direct, assumed, and ceded amounts were as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)			
<b>Premiums Written</b>				
Direct	\$ 62,729	\$ 68,418	\$ 112,249	\$ 98,666
Assumed	26,101	43,066	49,121	68,202
Ceded	(3,901)	(1,139)	(8,059)	(5,739)
Net	\$ 84,929	\$ 110,345	\$ 153,311	\$ 161,129
<b>Premiums Earned</b>				
Direct	\$ 29,321	\$ 21,887	\$ 58,811	\$ 43,115
Assumed	27,269	28,475	53,802	59,003
Ceded	(2,349)	(2,178)	(4,502)	(5,879)
Net	\$ 54,241	\$ 48,184	\$ 108,111	\$ 96,239
<b>Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses</b>				
Direct	\$ 1,729	\$ (12,644)	\$ 1,815	\$ (15,675)
Assumed	(10,989)	7,250	(15,962)	10,542
Ceded	159	(1,119)	317	(1,762)
Net	\$ (9,101)	\$ (6,513)	\$ (13,830)	\$ (6,895)

Total net written premiums for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$84.9 million and \$153.3 million, respectively, compared with \$110.3 million and \$161.1 million for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

Direct written premiums decreased \$5.7 million in Second Quarter 2007 compared with Second Quarter 2006 primarily attributable to our international business, which generated \$19.9 million of direct written premium in Second Quarter 2007 compared with \$41.0 million during Second Quarter 2006. Partially offsetting this reduced international business premium was a \$13.4 million increase in U.S. premium, primarily from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Direct written premiums increased \$13.6 million in Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 primarily due to a \$18.3 million increase in U.S. generated business, mainly from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Partially offsetting this increase was a reduction of our international business to \$31.7 million in Six Months 2007, compared with \$41.0 million for Six Months 2006.

Assumed written premiums decreased to \$26.1 million in Second Quarter 2007 compared with \$43.1 million in Second Quarter 2006 due primarily to a \$14.7 million reduction in upfront treaty and facultative cessions from our cedants due to the non-renewal of certain treaties in 2006 and 2004.

Total net premiums earned for Second Quarter 2007 were \$54.2 million compared with \$48.2 million for Second Quarter 2006, while net premiums earned for Six Months 2007 were \$108.1 million compared with \$96.2 million for Six Months 2006.

Direct earned premiums increased \$7.4 million, to \$29.3 million for Second Quarter 2007 compared with \$21.9 million for Second Quarter 2006, reflecting the continued execution of our direct business strategy. Direct earned premiums increased \$15.7 million, to \$58.8 million for Six Months 2007 compared with \$43.1 million for Second Quarter 2006 for the same reason as above, but also our direct earned premiums for Six Months 2007 included \$1.7 million of public finance refundings. Six Months 2006 did not have any direct earned premiums from

public finance refundings. Public finance refundings reflect the unscheduled pre-payment or refundings of underlying municipal bonds.

Assumed premiums earned decreased \$5.2 million in Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 due to the non-renewal of certain treaties in 2006 and 2004.

Total loss and loss adjustment expenses ( LAE ) were \$(9.1) million and \$(6.5) million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 , respectively. Direct loss and LAE for Second Quarter 2007 included \$1.7 million of case reserve additions for two transactions written prior to our IPO, while Second Quarter 2006 included a \$10.1 million loss recovery from business which was exited in connection with the IPO.

Second Quarter 2007 assumed loss and LAE was \$(11.0) million principally due to a portfolio reserve release associated with the restructuring of a European infrastructure transaction. Second Quarter 2006 assumed loss and LAE was \$7.3 million principally due to increased loss reserves of \$3.8 million related to a ratings downgrade of a European infrastructure transaction and \$1.6 million related to the ratings downgrade of various credits.

Total loss and LAE were \$(13.8) million and \$(6.9) million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

In addition to Second Quarter 2007 activity, assumed loss and LAE for Six Months 2007 includes reserve releases related to aircraft-related transactions. In addition to Second Quarter 2006 activity, assumed loss and LAE for Six Months 2006 also contained a \$2.5 million case reserve addition due to a U.S. public infrastructure transaction.

Reinsurance recoverable on ceded losses and LAE as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 were \$10.4 million and \$10.9 million, respectively and are all related to our other segment. Of these amounts, \$10.4 million and \$10.8 million, respectively, relate to reinsurance agreements with ACE.

## 5. Commitments and Contingencies

Lawsuits arise in the ordinary course of the Company's business. It is the opinion of the Company's management, based upon the information available, that the expected outcome of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity, although an adverse resolution of a number of these items could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or liquidity in a particular quarter or fiscal year.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, certain of the Company's subsidiaries assert claims in legal proceedings against third parties to recover losses paid in prior periods. The amounts, if any, the Company will recover in these proceedings are uncertain, although recoveries in any one or more of these proceedings during any quarter or fiscal year could be material to the Company's results of operations in that particular quarter or fiscal year.

The Company is party to reinsurance agreements with all of the major monoline primary financial guaranty insurance companies. The Company's facultative and treaty agreements are generally subject to termination (i) upon written notice (ranging from 90 to 120 days) prior to the specified deadline for renewal, (ii) at the option of the primary insurer if the Company fails to maintain certain financial, regulatory and rating agency criteria which are equivalent to or more stringent than those the Company is otherwise required to maintain for its own compliance with state mandated insurance laws and to maintain a specified financial strength rating for the particular insurance subsidiary or (iii) upon certain changes of control of the Company. Upon termination under the conditions set forth in (ii) and (iii) above, the Company may be required (under some of its reinsurance agreements) to return to the primary insurer all statutory unearned premiums, less ceding commissions, attributable to reinsurance ceded pursuant to such agreements after which the Company would be released from liability with respect to the ceded business. Upon the occurrence of the conditions set forth in (ii) above, whether or not an agreement is terminated,

the Company may be required to obtain a letter of credit or alternative form of security to collateralize its obligation to perform under such agreement or it may be obligated to increase the level of ceding commission paid.

## 6. Long-Term Debt and Credit Facilities

The Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include long-term debt, used to fund the Company's insurance operations, and related interest expense, as described below.

### *Senior Notes*

Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. (AGUS), a subsidiary of the Company, issued \$200.0 million of 7.0% Senior Notes due 2034 for net proceeds of \$197.3 million. The proceeds of the offering were used to repay substantially all of a \$200.0 million promissory note issued to a subsidiary of ACE in April 2004 as part of the IPO related formation transactions. The coupon on the Senior Notes is 7.0%, however, the effective rate is approximately 6.4%, taking into account the effect of a cash flow hedge executed by the Company in March 2004. The Company recorded interest expense of \$3.3 million, including \$0.2 million of amortized gain on the cash flow hedge, for both Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006. The Company recorded interest expense of \$6.7 million, including \$0.3 million of amortized gain on the cash flow hedge, for both Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006. These Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Assured Guaranty Ltd.

### *Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures*

On December 20, 2006, AGUS issued \$150.0 million of Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures (the Debentures) due 2066 for net proceeds of \$149.7 million. The proceeds of the offering were used to repurchase 5,692,599 of Assured Guaranty Ltd.'s common shares from ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd., a subsidiary of ACE. The Debentures pay a fixed 6.40% rate of interest until December 15, 2016, and thereafter pay a floating rate of interest, reset quarterly, at a rate equal to 3 month LIBOR plus a margin equal to 2.38%. AGUS may elect at one or more times to defer payment of interest for one or more consecutive periods for up to ten years. Any unpaid interest bears interest at the then applicable rate. AGUS may not defer interest past the maturity date. The Company recorded interest expense of \$2.5 million and \$4.9 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, respectively. These Debentures are guaranteed on a junior subordinated basis by Assured Guaranty Ltd.

### *Credit Facilities*

#### **\$300.0 million Credit Facility**

On November 6, 2006, Assured Guaranty Ltd. and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a \$300.0 million five-year unsecured revolving credit facility (the \$300.0 million credit facility) with a syndicate of banks. Under the \$300.0 million credit facility, each of Assured Guaranty Corp. (AGC), Assured Guaranty (UK) Ltd. (AG(UK)), Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. (AG Re), Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd. (AGRO) and Assured Guaranty Ltd. are entitled to request the banks to make loans to such borrower or to request that letters of credit be issued for the account of such borrower.

Of the \$300.0 million available to be borrowed, no more than \$100.0 million may be borrowed by Assured Guaranty Ltd., AG Re or AGRO, individually or in the aggregate, and no more than \$20.0 million may be borrowed by AG(UK). The stated amount of all outstanding letters of credit and the amount of all unpaid drawings in respect of all letters of credit cannot, in the aggregate, exceed \$100.0 million.

The \$300.0 million credit facility also provides that Assured Guaranty Ltd. may request that the commitment of the banks be increased an additional \$100.0 million up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$400.0 million. Any such incremental commitment increase is subject to certain conditions provided in the agreement and must be for at least \$25.0 million.

The proceeds of the loans and letters of credit are to be used for the working capital and other general corporate purposes of the borrowers and to support reinsurance transactions.

At the closing of the \$300.0 million credit facility, (i) AGC guaranteed the obligations of AG (UK) under such facility, (ii) Assured Guaranty Ltd. guaranteed the obligations of AG Re and AGRO under such facility and agreed that, if the Company Consolidated Assets (as defined in the related credit agreement) of AGC and its subsidiaries were to fall below \$1.2 billion, it would, within 15 days, guarantee the obligations of AGC and AG (UK) under such facility, (iii) Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc., guaranteed the obligations of Assured Guaranty Ltd., AG Re and AGRO under such facility and (iv) Each of AG Re and AGRO guarantees the other as well as Assured Guaranty Ltd.

The \$300.0 million credit facility's financial covenants require that Assured Guaranty Ltd. (a) maintain a minimum net worth of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Consolidated Net Worth of Assured Guaranty Ltd. as of the most recent fiscal quarter of Assured Guaranty Ltd. prior to November 6, 2006 and (b) maintain a maximum debt-to-capital ratio of 30%. In addition, the \$300.0 million credit facility requires that AGC maintain qualified statutory capital of at least 75% of its statutory capital as of the fiscal quarter prior to November 6, 2006. Furthermore, the \$300.0 million credit facility contains restrictions on Assured Guaranty Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including, among other things, in respect of their ability to incur debt, permit liens, become liable in respect of guaranties, make loans or investments, pay dividends or make distributions, dissolve or become party to a merger, consolidation or acquisition, dispose of assets or enter into affiliate transactions. Most of these restrictions are subject to certain minimum thresholds and exceptions. The \$300.0 million credit facility has customary events of default, including (subject to certain materiality thresholds and grace periods) payment default, failure to comply with covenants, material inaccuracy of representation or warranty, bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, change of control and cross-default to other debt agreements. A default by one borrower will give rise to a right of the lenders to terminate the facility and accelerate all amounts then outstanding. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, Assured Guaranty was in compliance with all of those financial covenants.

As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, no amounts were outstanding under this facility nor have there been any borrowings under this facility.

Letters of Credit for a total aggregate stated amount of approximately \$64.2 million and \$19.6 million, remain outstanding as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

#### **Non-Recourse Credit Facilities**

##### *AG Re Credit Facility*

On July 31, 2007 AG Re entered into a non-recourse credit facility ( AG Re Credit Facility ) with a syndicate of banks which provides up to \$200.0 million to satisfy certain reinsurance agreements and obligations. The AG Re Credit Facility expires in July 2014.

AG Re's failure to comply with certain covenants under the AG Re Credit Facility could, subject to grace periods in the case of certain covenants, result in an event of default. This could require AG Re to repay potential outstanding borrowings in an accelerated manner.

##### *AGC Credit Facility*

AGC is also party to a non-recourse credit facility ( AGC Credit Facility ) with a syndicate of banks which provides up to \$175.0 million specifically designed to provide rating agency qualified capital to further support AGC's claims paying resources. The AGC Credit Facility expires in December 2010. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, no amounts were outstanding under this facility nor have there been any borrowings under the life of this facility.

AGC's failure to comply with certain covenants under the AGC Credit Facility could, subject to grace periods in the case of certain covenants, result in an event of default. This could require AGC to repay any outstanding borrowings in an accelerated manner.



The AGC Credit Facility was terminated on July 31, 2007 and replaced by the AG Re Credit Facility discussed above.

**Committed Capital Securities**

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On April 8, 2005, AGC entered into four separate agreements with four different unaffiliated custodial trusts pursuant to which AGC may, at its option, cause each of the custodial trusts to purchase up to \$50.0 million of perpetual preferred stock of AGC. The custodial trusts were created as a vehicle for providing capital support to AGC by allowing AGC to obtain immediate access to new capital at its sole discretion at any time through the exercise of the put option. If the put options were exercised, AGC would receive \$200.0 million in return for the issuance of its own perpetual preferred stock, the proceeds of which may be used for any purpose including the payment of claims. The put options have not been exercised through June 30, 2007. Initially, all of the CCS Securities were issued to a special purpose pass-through trust (the Pass-Through Trust ). The Pass-Through Trust is a statutory trust organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act formed for the purposes of (i) issuing \$200,000,000 of Pass-Through Trust Securities to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (ii) investing the proceeds from the sale of the Pass-Through Trust Securities in, and holding, the CCS Securities issued by the Custodial Trusts and (iii) entering into related agreements. Neither the Pass-Through Trust nor the Custodial Trusts are consolidated in Assured Guaranty Ltd. s financial statements.

During both Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, and Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, AGC incurred \$0.7 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, of put option premiums which are an on-going expense. These expenses are presented in the Company s unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income under other expense.

### 7. Share-Based Compensation

Share-based compensation expense in Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 was \$3.9 million (\$3.2 million after tax) and \$3.1 million (\$2.5 million after tax), respectively. Share-based compensation expense in Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 was \$9.5 million (\$7.8 million after tax) and \$6.3 million (\$5.2 million after tax), respectively. The effect of share-based compensation on both basic and diluted earnings per share for Second Quarter 2007 was \$0.05. The effect of share-based compensation on basic and diluted earnings per share for Six Months 2007 was \$0.12 and \$0.11, respectively. The effect on basic and diluted earnings per share for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 was \$0.03 and \$0.07, respectively. Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 expense included \$1.1 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, for stock award grants to retirement-eligible employees. Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 expense included \$0.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for stock award grants to retirement-eligible employees.

**8. Earnings Per Share**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share ( EPS ):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)			
Net income as reported	\$ 32,805	\$ 44,514	\$ 71,756	\$ 79,396
Basic shares	67,779	73,633	67,690	73,695
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock awards	1,418	809	1,306	947
Diluted shares	69,197	74,442	68,996	74,642
Basic EPS	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.08
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.06

**9. Income Taxes*****Adoption of FIN 48***

The Company's Bermuda subsidiaries are not subject to any income, withholding or capital gains taxes under current Bermuda law. The Company's U.S. and U.K. subsidiaries are subject to income taxes imposed by U.S. and U.K. authorities and file applicable tax returns. In addition, AGRO, a Bermuda domiciled company, has elected under Section 953(d) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to be taxed as a U.S. domestic corporation.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) has completed audits of all of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries' federal income tax returns for taxable years through 2001. The IRS is currently reviewing tax years 2002 through 2004 for Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc. and subsidiaries, which includes Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc., AGRO, Assured Guaranty Mortgage Insurance Company and AG Intermediary Inc. In addition the IRS is reviewing AGUS for tax years 2002 through the date of the IPO. AGUS includes Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc., AGC and AG Financial Products and were part of the consolidated tax return of a subsidiary of ACE, for years prior to the IPO. The Company is indemnified by ACE for any potential tax liability associated with the tax examination of AGUS as it relates to years prior to the IPO.

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes-an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ( FIN 48 ), on January 1, 2007. As a result of the adoption of FIN 48, the Company reduced its liability for unrecognized tax benefits and increased retained earnings by \$2.6 million. The total liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of January 1, 2007 was \$12.9 million. This entire amount, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate.

Subsequent to the adoption of FIN 48, the IRS published final regulations on the treatment of consolidated losses. As a result of these regulations the utilization of certain capital losses is no longer at a level that would require recording an associated liability for an uncertain tax position. As such, the Company decreased its liability for unrecognized tax benefits and its provision for income taxes \$4.1 million during the period ended March 31, 2007. The total liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2007 is \$8.8 million, and is included in other liabilities on the balance sheet.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of the date of adoption, the Company has accrued \$2.7 million in interest and penalties.

***Liability For Tax Basis Step-Up Adjustment***

In connection with the IPO, the Company and ACE Financial Services Inc. ( AFS ), a subsidiary of ACE, entered into a tax allocation agreement, whereby the Company and AFS made a Section 338 (h)(10) election that has the effect of increasing the tax basis of certain affected subsidiaries' tangible and intangible assets to fair value.



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Future tax benefits that the Company derives from the election will be payable to AFS when realized by the Company.

As a result of the election, the Company has adjusted its net deferred tax liability to reflect the new tax basis of the Company's affected assets. The additional basis is expected to result in increased future income tax deductions and, accordingly, may reduce income taxes otherwise payable by the Company. Any tax benefit realized by the Company will be paid to AFS. Such tax benefits will generally be calculated by comparing the Company's affected subsidiaries' actual taxes to the taxes that would have been owed by those subsidiaries had the increase in basis not occurred. After a 15 year period, to the extent there remains an unrealized tax benefit, the Company and AFS will negotiate a settlement of the unrealized benefit based on the expected realization at that time.

The Company initially recorded a \$49.0 million reduction of its existing deferred tax liability, based on an estimate of the ultimate resolution of the Section 338(h)(10) election. Under the tax allocation agreement, the Company estimated that, as of the IPO date, it was obligated to pay \$20.9 million to AFS and accordingly established this amount as a liability. The initial difference, which is attributable to the change in the tax basis of certain liabilities for which there is no associated step-up in the tax basis of its assets and no amounts due to AFS, resulted in an increase to additional paid-in capital of \$28.1 million. The Company has paid ACE and correspondingly reduced its liability by \$4.5 million and \$0.4 million in Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

### 10. Segment Reporting

The Company has four principal business segments: (1) financial guaranty direct, which includes transactions whereby the Company provides an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty that indemnifies the holder of a financial obligation against non-payment of principal and interest when due, and could take the form of a credit derivative; (2) financial guaranty reinsurance, which includes agreements whereby the Company is a reinsurer and agrees to indemnify a primary insurance company against part or all of the loss which the latter may sustain under a policy it has issued; (3) mortgage guaranty, which includes mortgage guaranty insurance and reinsurance whereby the Company provides protection against the default of borrowers on mortgage loans; and (4) other, which includes lines of business in which the Company is no longer active.

The Company does not segregate assets and liabilities at a segment level since management reviews and controls these assets and liabilities on a consolidated basis. The Company allocates operating expenses to each segment based on a comprehensive cost study. During 2006, the Company implemented a new operating expense allocation methodology to more closely allocate expenses to the individual operating segments. This new methodology was based on a comprehensive study and is based on departmental time estimates and headcount. Management uses underwriting gains and losses as the primary measure of each segment's financial performance.

The following tables summarize the components of underwriting gain for each reporting segment:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2007				
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)				
Gross written premiums	\$ 62.7	\$ 25.5	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.1	\$ 88.8
Net written premiums	59.0	25.5	0.5		84.9
Net earned premiums	28.3	23.7	2.3		54.2
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	1.7	(11.0)	0.1		(9.1)
Profit commission expense		0.5	0.4		0.9
Acquisition costs	2.3	8.6			10.9
Other operating expenses	14.5	3.9	0.5		18.8
Underwriting gain	\$ 9.8	\$ 21.7	\$ 1.3	\$	\$ 32.7

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	Three Months Ended June 30, 2006				
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)				
Gross written premiums	\$ 68.4	\$ 41.7	\$ 1.2	\$ 0.1	\$ 111.5
Net written premiums	67.8	41.3	1.2		110.3
Net earned premiums	21.2	23.1	3.7		48.2
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	(2.5 )	5.7	0.4	(10.1 )	(6.5 )
Profit commission expense		1.0	0.7		1.7
Acquisition costs	2.3	8.5	0.3		11.3
Other operating expenses	12.0	3.4	0.3		15.6
Underwriting gain	\$ 9.4	\$ 4.6	\$ 2.0	\$ 10.1	\$ 26.1

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007				
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)				
Gross written premiums	\$ 112.2	\$ 44.2	\$ 1.5	\$ 3.4	\$ 161.4
Net written premiums	107.9	44.0	1.5		153.3
Net earned premiums	57.1	45.6	5.4		108.1
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	2.9	(15.8 )	0.2	(1.3 )	(13.8 )
Profit commission expense		1.4	1.1		2.5
Acquisition costs	5.3	16.3	0.2		21.7
Other operating expenses	30.4	8.3	0.8		39.5
Underwriting gain	\$ 18.5	\$ 35.3	\$ 3.1	\$ 1.3	\$ 58.1

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2006				
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)				
Gross written premiums	\$ 98.6	\$ 60.5	\$ 3.8	\$ 3.9	\$ 166.9
Net written premiums	97.5	59.8	3.8		161.1
Net earned premiums	41.9	46.4	7.9		96.2
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	(4.3 )	8.5	0.2	(11.3 )	(6.9 )
Profit commission expense		1.4	1.6		3.0
Acquisition costs	4.2	17.2	0.6		22.1
Other operating expenses	25.4	6.8	0.6		32.8
Underwriting gain	\$ 16.6	\$ 12.6	\$ 4.8	\$ 11.3	\$ 45.2

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The following is a reconciliation of total underwriting gain to income before provision for income taxes for the periods ended:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)			
Total underwriting gain	\$ 32.7	\$ 26.1	\$ 58.1	\$ 45.2
Net investment income	30.9	27.3	62.3	53.5
Net realized investment losses	(1.5 )	(1.0 )	(1.8 )	(2.0 )
Unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments	(17.2 )	5.7	(26.9 )	5.7
Other income				
Interest expense	(5.8 )	(3.4 )	(11.9 )	(6.7 )
Other expense	(0.7 )	(0.7 )	(1.3 )	(1.3 )
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 38.3	\$ 54.0	\$ 78.7	\$ 94.5

The following table provides the lines of businesses from which each of the Company's segments derive their net earned premiums:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)			
<b>Financial guaranty direct:</b>				
Public finance	\$ 2.8	\$ 1.4	\$ 7.0	\$ 2.7
Structured finance	25.5	19.8	50.1	39.2
Total	28.3	21.2	57.1	41.9
<b>Financial guaranty reinsurance:</b>				
Public finance	16.9	14.4	32.9	30.0
Structured finance	6.8	8.7	12.7	16.4
Total	23.7	23.1	45.6	46.4
<b>Mortgage guaranty:</b>				
Mortgage guaranty	2.3	3.7	5.4	7.9
<b>Total net earned premiums</b>	<b>\$ 54.2</b>	<b>\$ 48.2</b>	<b>\$ 108.1</b>	<b>\$ 96.2</b>

The other segment had an underwriting gain of \$10.1 million for Second Quarter 2006, and \$1.3 million and \$11.3 million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively, as loss recoveries were recorded in all periods. The other segment did not record an underwriting gain (loss) during Second Quarter 2007.

**11. Subsidiary Information**

The following tables present the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information for Assured Guaranty Ltd., Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc., of which AGC is a subsidiary and other subsidiaries of Assured Guaranty Ltd. as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

AS OF JUNE 30, 2007

(in thousands of U. S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Assets</b>					
Total investments and cash	\$ 178	\$ 1,265,676	\$ 1,243,654	\$	\$ 2,509,508
Investment in subsidiaries	1,696,606			(1,696,606)	
Deferred acquisition costs		74,623	150,190		224,813
Reinsurance recoverable		9,061	4,273	(2,890)	10,444
Goodwill		85,417			85,417
Premiums receivable		26,423	27,352	(15,067)	38,708
Other	7,337	150,082	48,290	(102,108)	103,601
Total assets	\$ 1,704,121	\$ 1,611,282	\$ 1,473,759	\$ (1,816,671)	\$ 2,972,491
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Unearned premium reserves	\$	\$ 307,408	\$ 464,740	\$ (78,763)	\$ 693,385
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses		48,836	62,867	(2,890)	108,813
Profit commissions payable		3,193	14,693		17,886
Deferred income taxes		33,901	(16,422)		17,479
Senior Notes		197,391			197,391
Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures		149,723			149,723
Other	9,338	74,316	47,789	(38,412)	93,031
Total liabilities	9,338	814,768	573,667	(120,065)	1,277,708
Total shareholders equity	1,694,783	796,514	900,092	(1,696,606)	1,694,783
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 1,704,121	\$ 1,611,282	\$ 1,473,759	\$ (1,816,671)	\$ 2,972,491





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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006  
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	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Assets</b>					
Total investments and cash	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,258,865	\$ 1,209,532	\$	\$ 2,469,920
Investment in subsidiaries	1,648,358			(1,648,358 )	
Deferred acquisition costs		70,305	146,724		217,029
Reinsurance recoverable		8,826	4,547	(2,484 )	10,889
Goodwill		85,417			85,417
Premiums receivable		21,846	38,738	(19,019 )	41,565
Other	5,152	146,021	46,873	(87,526 )	110,520
Total assets	\$ 1,655,033	\$ 1,591,280	\$ 1,446,414	\$ (1,757,387 )	\$ 2,935,340
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Unearned premium reserves	\$	\$ 266,800	\$ 447,785	\$ (70,089 )	\$ 644,496
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses		65,388	57,696	(2,484 )	120,600
Profit commissions payable		3,683	32,311		35,994
Deferred income taxes		41,415	(1,509 )		39,906
Senior Notes		197,375			197,375
Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures		149,708			149,708
Other	4,272	89,157	39,527	(36,456 )	96,500
Total liabilities	4,272	813,526	575,810	(109,029 )	1,284,579
Total shareholders equity	1,650,761	777,754	870,604	(1,648,358 )	1,650,761
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 1,655,033	\$ 1,591,280	\$ 1,446,414	\$ (1,757,387 )	\$ 2,935,340

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
 FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
 (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments *	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Revenues</b>					
Net premiums written	\$	\$ 51,778	\$ 33,151	\$	\$ 84,929
Net premiums earned		26,087	28,154		54,241
Net investment income		15,215	15,650	(5)	30,860
Net realized investment losses		(558)	(982)		(1,540)
Unrealized losses on derivative financial instruments		(12,320)	(4,903)		(17,223)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	36,888			(36,888)	
Other revenues		215		(215)	
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>36,888</b>	<b>28,639</b>	<b>37,919</b>	<b>(37,108)</b>	<b>66,338</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		(15,589)	6,488		(9,101)
Acquisition costs and other operating expenses	4,083	14,389	12,158		30,630
Other		6,470	1		6,471
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>18,647</b>		<b>28,000</b>
Income before provision for income taxes	32,805	23,369	19,272	(37,108)	38,338
<b>Total provision for income taxes</b>		<b>5,132</b>	<b>401</b>		<b>5,533</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 32,805</b>	<b>\$ 18,237</b>	<b>\$ 18,871</b>	<b>\$ (37,108)</b>	<b>\$ 32,805</b>

\* Due to the accounting for subsidiaries under common control, net income in the consolidating adjustment column does not equal parent company equity in earnings of subsidiaries, due to 1) recognition of income by Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. for dividends received from Assured Guaranty Ltd. and 2) the residual effects of the FSA agreement.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
 FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006  
 (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments *	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Revenues</b>					
Net premiums written	\$	\$ 43,701	\$ 66,644	\$	\$ 110,345
Net premiums earned		23,888	24,296		48,184
Net investment income	1	13,708	13,563	(17)	27,255
Net realized investment losses		(216)	(789)		(1,005)
Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments		4,135	1,578		5,713
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	48,401			(48,401)	
Other revenues			23		23
Total revenues	48,402	41,515	38,671	(48,418)	80,170
<b>Expenses</b>					
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		3,353	(9,866)		(6,513)
Acquisition costs and other operating expenses	3,885	13,586	11,149		28,620
Other	3	4,055	1		4,059
Total expenses	3,888	20,994	1,284		26,166
Income before provision for income taxes	44,514	20,521	37,387	(48,418)	54,004
Total provision for income taxes		4,399	5,091		9,490
Net income	\$ 44,514	\$ 16,122	\$ 32,296	\$ (48,418)	\$ 44,514

\* Due to the accounting for subsidiaries under common control, net income in the consolidating adjustment column does not equal parent company equity in earnings of subsidiaries, due to the residual effects of the FSA agreement.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)**

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments*	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Revenues</b>					
Net premiums written	\$	\$ 84,249	\$ 69,062	\$	\$ 153,311
Net premiums earned		54,382	53,729		108,111
Net investment income	1	30,963	31,384	(6)	62,342
Net realized investment (losses) gains		(670)	(1,180)	31	(1,819)
Unrealized losses on derivative financial instruments		(18,249)	(8,688)		(26,937)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	80,931			(80,931)	
Other revenues		429		(429)	
Total revenues	80,932	66,855	75,245	(81,335)	141,697
<b>Expenses</b>					
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		(22,465)	8,635		(13,830)
Acquisition costs and other operating expenses	9,176	30,721	23,860		63,757
Other		13,074	31		13,105
Total expenses	9,176	21,330	32,526		63,032
Income before provision for income taxes	71,756	45,525	42,719	(81,335)	78,665
Total provision for income taxes		9,601	(2,703)	11	6,909
Net income	\$ 71,756	\$ 35,924	\$ 45,422	\$ (81,346)	\$ 71,756

\* Due to the accounting for subsidiaries under common control, net income in the consolidating adjustment column does not equal parent company equity in earnings of subsidiaries, due to 1) recognition of income by Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. for dividends received from Assured Guaranty Ltd. and 2) the residual effects of the FSA agreement.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments*	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
<b>Revenues</b>					
Net premiums written	\$	\$ 68,818	\$ 92,311	\$	\$ 161,129
Net premiums earned		50,617	45,622		96,239
Net investment income	1	26,537	26,984	(29)	53,493
Net realized investment losses		(1,362)	(649)		(2,011)
Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments		4,855	887		5,742
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	86,743			(86,743)	
Other revenues			23		23
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>86,744</b>	<b>80,647</b>	<b>72,867</b>	<b>(86,772)</b>	<b>153,486</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		5,398	(12,293)		(6,895)
Acquisition costs and other operating expenses	7,335	28,880	21,648		57,863
Other	13	8,033	2		8,048
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>7,348</b>	<b>42,311</b>	<b>9,357</b>		<b>59,016</b>
Income before provision for income taxes	79,396	38,336	63,510	(86,772)	94,470
Total provision for income taxes		7,904	7,150	20	15,074
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 79,396</b>	<b>\$ 30,432</b>	<b>\$ 56,360</b>	<b>\$ (86,792)</b>	<b>\$ 79,396</b>

\* Due to the accounting for subsidiaries under common control, net income in the consolidating adjustment column does not equal parent company equity in earnings of subsidiaries, due to the residual effects of the FSA agreement.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
(in thousands of U. S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
Dividends received	\$ 3,000	\$ 429	\$	\$ (3,429)	\$
Other operating activities	4,794	29,966	56,782		91,542
<b>Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>30,395</b>	<b>56,782</b>	<b>(3,429)</b>	<b>91,542</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Fixed maturity securities:					
Purchases		(191,190)	(400,278)		(591,468)
Sales		147,589	296,387		443,976
Maturities		6,180	5,819		11,999
Sales of short-term investments, net	1,345	26,709	43,345		71,399
<b>Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>(10,712)</b>	<b>(54,727)</b>		<b>(64,094)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Repurchases of common stock	(523)				(523)
Dividends paid	(5,952)		(3,000)	3,429	(5,523)
Share activity under option and incentive plans	(2,664)				(2,664)
Tax benefit from stock options exercised		137			137
Debt issue costs		(425)			(425)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(9,139)</b>	<b>(288)</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>(8,998)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes		242	266		508
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		19,637	(679)		18,958
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		2,776	2,009		4,785
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 22,413</b>	<b>\$ 1,330</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 23,743</b>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**  
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Parent Company)	Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.	AG Re and Other Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Assured Guaranty Ltd. (Consolidated)
Dividends received	\$ 25,390	\$	\$	\$ (25,390)	\$
Other operating activities	1,883	77,430	11,303		90,616
<b>Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>27,273</b>	<b>77,430</b>	<b>11,303</b>	<b>(25,390)</b>	<b>90,616</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Fixed maturity securities:					
Purchases		(237,714)	(196,757)		(434,471)
Sales		222,630	210,977		433,607
Maturities		6,864	7,431		14,295
Purchases of short-term investments, net	(520)	(46,075)	(8,424)		(55,019)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(520)</b>	<b>(54,295)</b>	<b>13,227</b>		<b>(41,588)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Repurchases of common stock	(17,190)				(17,190)
Dividends paid	(5,253)		(25,390)	25,390	(5,253)
Share activity under option and incentive plans	(2,310)				(2,310)
Repayment of notes assumed during formation transactions	(2,000)				(2,000)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(26,753)</b>		<b>(25,390)</b>	<b>25,390</b>	<b>(26,753)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes		623	109		732
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		23,758	(751)		23,007
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		2,923	3,267		6,190
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 26,681</b>	<b>\$ 2,516</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 29,197</b>



**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****Forward-Looking Statements**

This Form 10-Q contains information that includes or is based upon forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give Assured Guaranty Ltd. (hereafter Assured Guaranty, we, our or the Company) expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and relate to future operating or financial performance.

Any or all of Assured Guaranty's forward-looking statements herein may turn out to be wrong and are based on current expectations and the current economic environment. Assured Guaranty's actual results may vary materially. Among factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are: (1) downgrades of the financial strength ratings assigned by the major rating agencies to any of our insurance subsidiaries at any time, which has occurred in the past; (2) our inability to execute our business strategy; (3) reduction in the amount of reinsurance ceded by one or more of our principal ceding companies; (4) contract cancellations; (5) developments in the world's financial and capital markets that adversely affect our loss experience, the demand for our products, our unrealized (losses)gains on derivative financial instruments or our investment returns; (6) more severe or frequent losses associated with our insurance products; (7) changes in regulation or tax laws applicable to us, our subsidiaries or customers; (8) governmental action; (9) natural catastrophes; (10) dependence on customers; (11) decreased demand for our insurance or reinsurance products or increased competition in our markets; (12) loss of key personnel; (13) technological developments; (14) the effects of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; (15) changes in accounting policies or practices; (16) changes in general economic conditions, including interest rates and other factors; (17) other risks and uncertainties that have not been identified at this time; and (18) management's response to these factors. Assured Guaranty is not obligated to publicly correct or update any forward-looking statement if we later become aware that it is not likely to be achieved, except as required by law. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Executive Summary**

Assured Guaranty Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company which provides, through its operating subsidiaries, credit enhancement products to the public finance, structured finance and mortgage markets. We apply our credit expertise, risk management skills and capital markets experience to develop insurance, reinsurance and credit derivative products that meet the credit enhancement needs of our customers. We market our products directly and through financial institutions. We serve the U.S. and international markets.

Our insurance company subsidiaries have been assigned the following insurance financial strength ratings:

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
AGC	Aaa(Exceptional)	AAA(Extremely Strong)	AAA(Extremely Strong)
AG Re	Aa2(Excellent)	AA(Very Strong)	AA(Very Strong)
AGRO	Aa2(Excellent)	AA(Very Strong)	AA(Very Strong)
Assured Guaranty Mortgage	Aa2(Excellent)	AA(Very Strong)	AA(Very Strong)
Assured Guaranty (UK) Ltd	Aaa(exceptional)	AAA(Extremely Strong)	AAA(Extremely Strong)

Aaa (Exceptional) is the highest ranking, which AGC and Assured Guaranty (UK) Ltd. achieved in July 2007, and Aa2 (Excellent) is the third highest ranking of 21 ratings categories used by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's). A AAA (Extremely Strong) rating is the highest ranking and AA (Very Strong) is the third highest ranking of the 21 ratings categories used by Standard & Poor's Inc. (S&P). AAA (Extremely Strong) is the highest ranking and AA (Very Strong) is the third highest ranking of the 24 ratings categories used by Fitch Ratings (Fitch). An insurance financial strength rating is an opinion with respect to an insurer's ability to pay under its insurance policies and contracts in accordance with their terms.

The opinion is not specific to any particular policy or contract. Insurance financial strength ratings do not refer to an insurer's ability to meet non insurance obligations and are not a recommendation to purchase or discontinue any policy or contract issued by an insurer or to buy, hold, or sell any security issued by an insurer, including our common shares.

Our financial results include four principal business segments: financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty reinsurance, mortgage guaranty and other. The other segment represents lines of business that we exited or sold as part of our 2004 initial public offering ( IPO ).

We derive our revenues principally from premiums from our insurance, reinsurance and credit derivative businesses, net investment income, net realized gains and losses from our investment portfolio and unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments. Our premiums are a function of the amount and type of contracts we write as well as prevailing market prices. We receive premiums on an upfront basis when the policy is issued or the contract is executed and/or on an installment basis over the life of the applicable transaction.

Investment income is a function of invested assets and the yield that we earn on those assets. The investment yield is a function of market interest rates at the time of investment as well as the type, credit quality and maturity of our invested assets. In addition, we could realize capital losses on securities in our investment portfolio from other than temporary declines in market value as a result of changing market conditions, including changes in market interest rates, and changes in the credit quality of our invested assets.

Unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments are a function of changes in the estimated fair value of our credit derivative contracts. We expect these unrealized gains and losses to fluctuate primarily based on changes in credit spreads and the credit quality of the referenced entities. We generally hold these derivative contracts to maturity. Where we hold a derivative contract to maturity, the cumulative unrealized gains and losses will net to zero if we incur no credit losses on that contract.

Our expenses consist primarily of losses and loss adjustment expenses ( LAE ), profit commission expense, acquisition costs, operating expenses, interest expense, put-option premium expense associated with our committed capital securities (the CCS Securities ) and income taxes. Losses and LAE are a function of the amount and types of business we write. Losses and LAE are based upon estimates of the ultimate aggregate losses inherent in the portfolio. The risks we take have a low expected frequency of loss and are investment grade at the time we accept the risk. Profit commission expense represents payments made to ceding companies generally based on the profitability of the business reinsured by us. Acquisition costs are related to the production of new business. Certain acquisition costs that vary with and are directly attributable to the production of new business are deferred and recognized over the period in which the related premiums are earned. Operating expenses consist primarily of salaries and other employee-related costs, including share-based compensation, various outside service providers, rent and related costs and other expenses related to maintaining a holding company structure. These costs do not vary with the amount of premiums written. Interest expense is a function of outstanding debt and the contractual interest rate related to that debt. Put-option premium expense, which is included in other expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income, is a function of the outstanding amount of the CCS Securities and the applicable distribution rate. Income taxes are a function of our profitability and the applicable tax rate in the various jurisdictions in which we do business.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include amounts that, either by their nature or due to requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ), are determined using estimates and assumptions. The actual amounts realized could ultimately be materially different from the amounts currently provided for in our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. We believe the items requiring the most inherently subjective and complex estimates to be reserves for losses and LAE, valuation of derivative financial instruments, valuation of investments, other than temporary impairments of investments, premium revenue recognition, deferred acquisition costs and deferred income taxes. An understanding of our accounting policies for these items is of critical importance to understanding our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. The following discussion provides more information regarding the estimates and assumptions

used for these items and should be read in conjunction with the notes to our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

***Reserves for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses***

Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses for non-derivative transactions in our financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty assumed reinsurance and mortgage guaranty business include case reserves and portfolio reserves. See the Valuation of Derivative Financial Instruments of the Critical Accounting Estimates section for more information on our derivative transactions. Case reserves are established when there is significant credit deterioration on specific insured obligations and the obligations are in default or default is probable, not necessarily upon non-payment of principal or interest by an insured. Case reserves represent the present value of expected future loss payments and LAE, net of estimated recoveries, but before considering ceded reinsurance. This reserving method is different from case reserves established by traditional property and casualty insurance companies, which establish case reserves upon notification of a claim and establish incurred but not reported ( IBNR ) reserves for the difference between actuarially estimated ultimate losses and recorded case reserves. Financial guaranty insurance and assumed reinsurance case reserves and related salvage and subrogation, if any, are discounted at 6%, which is the approximate taxable equivalent yield on our investment portfolio in all periods presented. When the Company becomes entitled to the underlying collateral of an insured credit under salvage and subrogation rights as a result of a claim payment, it records salvage and subrogation as an asset, based on the expected level of recovery. Such amounts are included in the Company's balance sheet within Other assets.

We record portfolio reserves in our financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty assumed reinsurance and mortgage guaranty business. Portfolio reserves are established with respect to the portion of our business for which case reserves have not been established. Portfolio reserves are not established for quota share mortgage insurance contract types, all of which are in run-off; rather case and IBNR reserves have been established for these contracts.

Portfolio reserves are not established based on a specific event, rather they are calculated by aggregating the portfolio reserve calculated for each individual transaction. Individual transaction reserves are calculated on a quarterly basis by multiplying the par in-force by the product of the ultimate loss and earning factors without regard to discounting. The ultimate loss factor is defined as the frequency of loss multiplied by the severity of loss, where the frequency is defined as the probability of default for each individual issue. The earning factor is inception to date earned premium divided by the estimated ultimate written premium for each transaction. The probability of default is estimated from historical rating agency data and is based on the transaction's credit rating, industry sector and time until maturity. The severity is defined as the complement of historical recovery/salvage rates gathered by the rating agencies of defaulting issues and is based on the industry sector.

Portfolio reserves are recorded gross of reinsurance. We have not ceded any amounts under these reinsurance contracts, as our recorded portfolio reserves have not exceeded our contractual retentions, required by said contracts.

The Company records an incurred loss that is reflected in the statement of operations upon the establishment of portfolio reserves. When we initially record a case reserve, we reclassify the corresponding portfolio reserve already recorded for that credit within the balance sheet. The difference between the initially recorded case reserve and the reclassified portfolio reserve is recorded as a charge in our statement of operations. It would be a remote occurrence when the case reserve is not greater than the reclassified portfolio reserve. Any subsequent change in portfolio reserves or the initial case reserves are recorded quarterly as a charge or credit in our statement of operations in the period such estimates change. Due to the inherent uncertainties of estimating loss and LAE reserves, actual experience may differ from the estimates reflected in our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, and the differences may be material.

The chart below demonstrates the portfolio reserve's sensitivity to frequency and severity assumptions. The change in these estimates represent management's estimate of reasonably possible material changes and are based upon our analysis of historical experience. Portfolio reserves were recalculated with changes made to the default and severity assumptions. In all scenarios, the starting point used to test the portfolio reserve's sensitivity to the changes in the frequency and severity assumptions was the weighted average frequency and severity by rating and asset class of our insured portfolio. Overall the weighted average default frequency was 0.7% and the weighted average severity was 16.4% at June 30, 2007. For example, in the first scenario where the frequency was increased

by 5.0%, each transaction's contribution to the portfolio reserve was recalculated by adding 0.04% (i.e. 5.0% multiplied by 0.7%) to the individual transaction's default frequency.

	Portfolio Reserve	Reserve Increase	Percentage Change
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)			
Portfolio reserve as of June 30, 2007	\$ 63,891	\$	
5% Frequency increase	66,800	2,909	4.55 %
10% Frequency increase	69,709	5,818	9.11 %
5% Severity increase	65,583	1,692	2.65 %
10% Severity increase	67,276	3,385	5.30 %
5% Frequency and severity increase	68,624	4,733	7.41 %

In addition to analyzing the sensitivity of our portfolio reserves to possible changes in frequency and severity, we have also performed a sensitivity analysis on our financial guaranty and mortgage guaranty case reserves. Case reserves may change from our original estimate due to changes in severity factors. An actuarial analysis of the historical development of our case reserves shows that it is reasonably possible that our case reserves could develop by as much as ten percent. This analysis was performed by separately evaluating the historical development by comparing the initial case reserve established to the subsequent development in that case reserve, excluding the effects of discounting, for each sector in which we currently have significant case reserves, and estimating the possible future development. Based on this analysis, it is reasonably possible that our current financial guaranty and mortgage guaranty case reserves of \$35.2 million could increase by approximately \$3.0 million to \$4.0 million in the future. This would cause an increase in incurred losses on our statement of operations and comprehensive income.

A sensitivity analysis is not appropriate for our other segment reserves and our mortgage guaranty IBNR, since the amounts are fully reserved or reinsured.

We also record IBNR reserves for our mortgage guaranty and other segments. IBNR is an estimate of losses for which the insured event has occurred but the claim has not yet been reported to us. In establishing IBNR, we use traditional actuarial methods to estimate the reporting lag of such claims based on historical experience, claim reviews and information reported by ceding companies. We record IBNR for mortgage guaranty quota-share reinsurance contracts, all of which are in run-off, within our mortgage guaranty segment. We also record IBNR for trade credit reinsurance within our other segment. The other segment represents lines of business that we exited or sold as part of our 2004 IPO.

For all other mortgage guaranty transactions we record portfolio reserves in a manner consistent with our financial guaranty business. While other mortgage guaranty insurance companies do not record portfolio reserves, rather just case and IBNR reserves, we record portfolio reserves because we write business on an excess of loss basis, while other industry participants write quota share or first layer loss business. We manage and underwrite this business in the same manner as our financial guaranty insurance and reinsurance business because they have similar characteristics as insured obligations of mortgage-backed securities.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( FAS ) No. 60, Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises ( FAS 60 ) is the authoritative guidance for an insurance enterprise. FAS 60 prescribes differing reserving methodologies depending on whether a contract fits within its definition of a short-duration contract or a long-duration contract. Financial guaranty contracts have elements of long-duration insurance contracts in that they are irrevocable and extend over a period that may exceed 30 years or more, but for regulatory purposes are reported as property and liability insurance, which are normally considered short-duration contracts. The short-duration and long-duration classifications have different methods of accounting for premium revenue and contract liability recognition. Additionally, the accounting for deferred acquisition costs ( DAC ) could be different under the two methods.

We believe the guidance of FAS 60 does not expressly address the distinctive characteristics of financial guaranty insurance, so we also apply the analogous guidance of Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue No. 85-20, Recognition of Fees for Guaranteeing a Loan ( EITF 85-20 ), which provides guidance relating to the



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recognition of fees for guaranteeing a loan, which has similarities to financial guaranty insurance contracts. Under the guidance in EITF 85-20, the guarantor should assess the probability of loss on an ongoing basis to determine if a liability should be recognized under FAS No. 5,

Accounting for Contingencies ( FAS 5 ). FAS 5 requires that a loss be recognized where it is probable that one or more future events will occur confirming that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

The following tables summarize our reserves for losses and LAE by segment and type of reserve as of the dates presented. For an explanation of changes in these reserves see Consolidated Results of Operations.

	As of June 30, 2007					
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total	
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)					
<i>By segment and type of reserve:</i>						
Case	\$ 2.9	\$ 32.1	\$ 0.2	\$ 2.6	\$ 37.8	
IBNR				7.1	7.1	
Portfolio	9.4	52.2	2.3		63.9	
Total	\$ 12.3	\$ 84.3	\$ 2.5	\$ 9.7	\$ 108.8	

	As of December 31, 2006					
	Financial Guaranty Direct	Financial Guaranty Reinsurance	Mortgage Guaranty	Other	Total	
	(in millions of U.S. dollars)					
<i>By segment and type of reserve:</i>						
Case	\$ 1.0	\$ 36.1	\$ 0.1	\$ 6.8	\$ 44.0	
IBNR				7.4	7.4	
Portfolio	8.3	58.7	2.2		69.2	
Total	\$ 9.3	\$ 94.8	\$ 2.3	\$ 14.2	\$ 120.6	

The following table sets forth the financial guaranty in-force portfolio by underlying rating:

Ratings(1)	As of June 30, 2007		As of December 31, 2006	
	Net par outstanding	% of Net par outstanding	Net par outstanding	% of Net par outstanding
	(in billions of U.S. dollars)			
AAA	\$ 64.7	45.2 %	\$ 57.0	43.1 %
AA	23.3	16.3 %	23.0	17.4 %
A	33.3	23.3 %	32.8	24.9 %
BBB	21.0	14.6 %	18.2	13.7 %
Below investment grade	0.9	0.6 %	1.3	0.9 %
Total exposures	\$ 143.2	100.0 %	\$ 132.3	100.0 %

(1) These ratings represent the Company's internal assessment of the underlying credit quality of the insured obligations. Our scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.

Our surveillance department is responsible for monitoring our portfolio of credits and maintains a list of closely monitored credits ( CMC ). The closely monitored credits are divided into four categories: Category 1 (low priority; fundamentally sound, greater than normal risk); Category 2 (medium priority; weakening credit profile, may result in loss); Category 3 (high priority; claim/default probable, case reserve established); Category 4 (claim paid, case reserve established for future payments). The closely monitored credits include all below investment



grade ( BIG ) exposures where there is a material amount of exposure (generally greater than \$10.0 million) or a material risk of the Company incurring a loss greater than \$0.5 million. The closely monitored credits also include investment grade ( IG ) risks where credit quality is deteriorating and where, in the view of the Company, there is significant potential that the risk quality will fall below investment grade. As of June 30, 2007, the closely monitored credits include approximately 97% of our BIG exposure, and the remaining BIG exposure of \$24.2 million is distributed across 51 different credits. As of December 31, 2006, the closely monitored credits include approximately 97% of our BIG exposure, and the remaining BIG exposure of \$34.4 million was distributed across 68 different credits. Other than those excluded BIG credits, credits that are not included in the closely monitored credit list are categorized as fundamentally sound risks.

The following table provides financial guaranty net par outstanding by credit monitoring category as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

Description:	As of June 30, 2007			# of Credits in Category	Case Reserves
	Net Par Outstanding (\$ in millions)	% of Net Par Outstanding	%		
Fundamentally sound risk	\$ 142,245	99.4	%		
Closely monitored:					
Category 1	683	0.5	%	24	\$
Category 2	96	0.1	%	15	
Category 3	85	0.1	%	19	16
Category 4	22			15	17
CMC total(1)	886	0.6	%	73	33
Other below investment grade risk	24			51	
Total	\$ 143,155	100.0	%		\$ 33

Description:	As of December 31, 2006			# of Credits in Category	Case Reserves
	Net Par Outstanding (\$ in millions)	% of Net Par Outstanding	%		
Fundamentally sound risk	\$ 130,944	99.0	%		
Closely monitored:					
Category 1	855	0.6	%	43	\$
Category 2	318	0.2	%	13	
Category 3	123	0.1	%	18	18
Category 4	22			13	14
CMC total(1)	1,318	1.0	%	87	32
Other below investment grade risk	34			68	
Total	\$ 132,296	100.0	%		\$ 32

(1) Percent total does not add due to rounding.



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The following table summarizes movements in CMC exposure by risk category:

Net Par Outstanding	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Total CMC
	(\$ in millions)				
Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 855	\$ 318	\$ 123	\$ 22	\$ 1,318
Less: amortization	99	159	21		279
Additions from first time on CMC	27	15	4		46
Deletions Upgraded and removed	90	73	33		196
Category movement	(10 )	(5 )	12		(3 )
Net change	(172 )	(222 )	(38 )		(432 )
Balance, June 30, 2007	\$ 683	\$ 96	\$ 85	\$ 22	\$ 886

**Industry Methodology**

The Company is aware that there are certain differences regarding the measurement of portfolio loss liabilities among companies in the financial guaranty industry. In January and February 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) staff had discussions concerning these differences with a number of industry participants. Based on those discussions, in June 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) staff decided additional guidance is necessary regarding financial guaranty contracts. On April 18, 2007, the FASB issued an exposure draft

Accounting for Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts-an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 60 ( Exposure Draft ). This Exposure Draft would clarify how FAS 60 applies to financial guarantee insurance contracts, including the methodology to be used to account for premium revenue and claim liabilities. The scope of this Exposure Draft is limited to financial guarantee insurance (and reinsurance) contracts issued by insurance enterprises included within the scope of FAS 60. Responses to the Exposure Draft were required by June 18, 2007. We and the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers have separately submitted responses before the required date. Additionally, the FASB is planning to hold a roundtable discussion before issuing final guidance. If this Exposure Draft is adopted as written, the effect on the consolidated financial statements, particularly with respect to revenue recognition and claims liability, could be material. Until a final pronouncement is issued, the Company intends to continue to apply its existing policy with respect to premium revenue and the establishment of both case and portfolio reserves.

**Valuation of Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company follows FAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( FAS 133 ) and FAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( FAS 149 ), which establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments. FAS 133 and FAS 149 require recognition of all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value.

On January 1, 2007 the Company adopted FAS No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments ( FAS 155 ). The primary objectives of FAS 155 are: (i) with respect to FAS 133, to address the accounting for beneficial interests in securitized financial assets and (ii) with respect to FAS 140, eliminate a restriction on the passive derivative instruments that a qualifying special purpose entity may hold. In particular, FAS 155 affects the Company s determination of which transactions are derivative or non-derivative in nature.

We issue credit derivative financial instruments, that we view as an extension of our financial guaranty business but that do not qualify for the financial guaranty insurance scope exception under FAS 133 and FAS 149 and therefore are reported at fair value, with changes in fair value included in our earnings.

Since we view these derivative contracts as an extension of our financial guaranty business, we believe that the most meaningful presentation of these derivatives is to reflect revenue as earned premium, to record estimates of losses and LAE on specific credit events as incurred and to record changes in fair value as incurred. Reserves for losses and LAE are established on a similar basis as our insurance policies. Other changes in fair value are included in unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments. We generally hold derivative contracts to maturity. However, in certain circumstances such as for risk management purposes or as a result of a decision to exit a line of business, we may decide to terminate a derivative contract prior to maturity. Where we hold a derivative contract to maturity, the cumulative unrealized gains and losses will net to zero if we incur no credit losses on that contract. However, in the event that we terminate a derivative contract prior to maturity the unrealized gain or loss will be realized through premiums earned and losses incurred. Changes in the fair value of our derivative contracts have no impact on statutory capital or rating agency models.

The fair value of these instruments depends on a number of factors including credit spreads, changes in interest rates, recovery rates and the credit ratings of referenced entities. Where available, we use quoted market prices to determine the fair value of these credit derivatives. If the quoted prices are not available, particularly for senior layer collateralized debt obligations ( CDOs ), the fair value is estimated using valuation models for each type of credit protection. These models may be developed by third parties, such as rating agencies, or developed internally based on market conventions for similar transactions, depending on the circumstances. These models and the related assumptions are continuously reevaluated by management and enhanced, as appropriate, based upon improvements in modeling techniques and availability of more timely market information. Our exposures to CDOs are typically valued using a combination of rating agency models and internally developed models.

Valuation models include the use of management estimates and current market information. Management is also required to make assumptions on how the fair value of derivative instruments is affected by current market conditions. Management considers factors such as current prices charged for similar agreements, performance of underlying assets, and our ability to obtain reinsurance for our insured obligations. Due to the inherent uncertainties of the assumptions used in the valuation models to determine the fair value of these derivative products, actual experience may differ from the estimates reflected in our consolidated financial statements, and the differences may be material.

The fair value adjustment recognized in our statements of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2007 ( Second Quarter 2007 ) was a \$(17.2) million loss compared with a \$5.7 million gain for the three months ended June 30, 2006 ( Second Quarter 2006 ). The fair value adjustment recognized in our statements of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2007 ( Six Months 2007 ) was a \$(26.9) million loss compared with a \$5.7 million gain for the six months ended June 30, 2006 ( Six Months 2006 ). The change in fair value for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 is attributable to spreads widening and includes no credit losses. With considerable volatility continuing in the market, this amount will fluctuate significantly in future periods.

#### ***Valuation of Investments***

As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, we had total investments of \$2.5 billion, respectively. The fair values of all of our investments are calculated from independent market quotations.

As of June 30, 2007, approximately 97% of our investments were long-term fixed maturity securities, and our portfolio had an average duration of 4.6 years, compared with 95% and 3.9 years as of December 31, 2006. Changes in interest rates affect the value of our fixed maturity portfolio. As interest rates fall, the fair value of fixed maturity securities increases and as interest rates rise, the fair value of fixed maturity securities decreases.

#### ***Other than Temporary Impairments***

We have a formal review process for all securities in our investment portfolio, including a review for impairment losses. Factors considered when assessing impairment include:

- a decline in the market value of a security by 20% or more below amortized cost for a continuous period of at least six months;

- a decline in the market value of a security for a continuous period of 12 months;
- recent credit downgrades of the applicable security or the issuer by rating agencies;
- the financial condition of the applicable issuer;
- whether scheduled interest payments are past due; and
- whether we have the ability and intent to hold the security for a sufficient period of time to allow for anticipated recoveries in fair value.

If we believe a decline in the value of a particular investment is temporary, we record the decline as an unrealized loss on our balance sheet in accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity. If we believe the decline is other than temporary, we write down the carrying value of the investment and record a realized loss in our statement of operations. Our assessment of a decline in value includes management's current assessment of the factors noted above. If that assessment changes in the future, we may ultimately record a loss after having originally concluded that the decline in value was temporary.

The Company had no write downs of investments for other than temporary impairment losses for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

The following table summarizes the unrealized losses in our investment portfolio by type of security and the length of time such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of the dates indicated:

Length of Time in Continuous Unrealized Loss	As of June 30, 2007		As of December 31, 2006	
	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(\$ in millions)			
<b>Municipal securities</b>				
0-6 months	\$ 285.9	\$ (4.7 )	\$ 88.6	\$ (0.5 )
7-12 months	17.2	(0.6 )		
Greater than 12 months	23.6	(0.7 )	24.0	(0.4 )
	326.7	(6.0 )	112.6	(0.9 )
<b>Corporate securities</b>				
0-6 months	59.3	(1.4 )	47.0	(0.2 )
7-12 months	34.9	(1.2 )	3.4	
Greater than 12 months	40.7	(1.1 )	48.7	(1.2 )
	134.9	(3.7 )	99.1	(1.4 )
<b>U.S. Government obligations</b>				
0-6 months	123.0	(2.0 )	20.2	(0.1 )
7-12 months	4.8	(0.2 )	32.9	(0.4 )
Greater than 12 months	52.1	(1.3 )	59.2	(0.9 )
	179.9	(3.5 )	112.3	(1.4 )
<b>Mortgage and asset-backed securities</b>				
0-6 months	383.3	(6.1 )	197.6	(1.7 )
7-12 months	103.2	(3.9 )	25.6	(0.3 )
Greater than 12 months	306.6	(11.3 )	382.7	(8.8 )
	793.1	(21.3 )	605.9	(10.8 )
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,434.6</b>	<b>\$ (34.5 )</b>	<b>\$ 929.9</b>	<b>\$ (14.5 )</b>



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The following table summarizes the unrealized losses in our investment portfolio by type of security and remaining time to maturity as of the dates indicated:

Remaining Time to Maturity	As of June 30, 2007		As of December 31, 2006	
	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(\$ in millions)			
<b>Municipal securities</b>				
Due in one year or less	\$	\$	\$	\$
Due after one year through five years	11.1	(0.3)	26.2	(0.1)
Due after five years through ten years	34.5	(0.8)	43.2	(0.5)
Due after ten years	281.1	(4.9)	43.2	(0.3)
	326.7	(6.0)	112.6	(0.9)
<b>Corporate securities</b>				
Due in one year or less	19.3	(0.1)	13.0	
Due after one year through five years	67.0	(1.3)	55.1	(0.9)
Due after five years through ten years	26.3	(1.2)	25.1	(0.2)
Due after ten years	22.3	(1.1)	5.9	(0.3)
	134.9	(3.7)	99.1	(1.4)
<b>U.S. Government obligations</b>				
Due in one year or less	6.6		8.6	(0.1)
Due after one year through five years	72.9	(1.1)	11.9	(0.1)
Due after five years through ten years	36.5	(0.7)	42.9	(0.5)
Due after ten years	63.9	(1.7)	48.9	(0.7)
	179.9	(3.5)	112.3	(1.4)
<b>Mortgage and asset-backed securities</b>	793.1	(21.3)	605.9	(10.8)
Total	\$ 1,434.6	\$ (34.5)	\$ 929.9	\$ (14.5)

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The following table summarizes, for all securities sold at a loss through June 30, 2007 and 2006, the fair value and realized loss by length of time such securities were in a continuous unrealized loss position prior to the date of sale:

		Three Months Ended June 30,			
		2007		2006	
Length of Time in Continuous Unrealized Loss Prior to Sale		Estimated Fair Value	Gross Realized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Realized Losses
(\$ in millions)					
<b>Municipal securities</b>					
0-6 months		\$ 16.1	\$ (0.1 )	\$ 12.8	\$ (0.1 )
7-12 months				6.0	(0.1 )
Greater than 12 months				3.3	(0.1 )
		16.1	(0.1 )	22.1	(0.3 )
<b>Corporate securities</b>					
0-6 months		0.6			
7-12 months					
Greater than 12 months		7.4	(0.1 )	1.9	(0.1 )
		8.0	(0.1 )	1.9	(0.1 )
<b>U.S. Government securities</b>					
0-6 months		23.0	(0.4 )	32.2	(0.6 )
7-12 months				46.4	(0.3 )
Greater than 12 months		16.3	(0.2 )		
		39.3	(0.6 )	78.6	(0.9 )
<b>Mortgage and asset-backed securities</b>					
0-6 months		36.4	(0.1 )	3.8	(0.1 )
7-12 months				9.1	(0.1 )
Greater than 12 months		51.7	(0.9 )		
		88.1	(1.0 )	12.9	(0.2 )
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 151.5</b>	<b>\$ (1.8 )</b>	<b>\$ 115.5</b>	<b>\$ (1.5 )</b>

			Six Months Ended June 30,			
			2007		2006	
Length of Time in Continuous Unrealized Loss Prior to Sale			Estimated Fair Value	Gross Realized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Realized Losses
(\$ in millions)						
<b>Municipal securities</b>						
0-6 months			\$ 44.9	\$ (0.2 )	\$ 18.2	\$ (0.1 )
7-12 months					19.0	(0.4 )
Greater than 12 months					3.3	(0.1 )
			44.9	(0.2 )	40.5	(0.6 )
<b>Corporate securities</b>						
0-6 months			0.6			
7-12 months						
Greater than 12 months			7.4	(0.1 )	1.9	(0.1 )
			8.0	(0.1 )	1.9	(0.1 )
<b>U.S. Government securities</b>						
0-6 months			24.0	(0.4 )	117.5	(1.9 )
7-12 months					76.5	(0.7 )
Greater than 12 months			17.0	(0.2 )		
			41.0	(0.6 )	194.0	(2.6 )
<b>Mortgage and asset-backed securities</b>						
0-6 months			36.4	(0.1 )	31.0	(0.2 )
7-12 months					9.1	(0.1 )
Greater than 12 months			77.6	(1.2 )		
			114.0	(1.3 )	40.1	(0.3 )
Total			\$ 207.9	\$ (2.2 )	\$ 276.5	\$ (3.6 )

### ***Premium Revenue Recognition***

Premiums are received either upfront or in installments. Upfront premiums are earned in proportion to the expiration of the amount at risk. Each installment premium is earned ratably over its installment period, generally one year or less. Premium earnings under both the upfront and installment revenue recognition methods are based upon and are in proportion to the principal amount guaranteed and therefore result in higher premium earnings during periods where guaranteed principal is higher. For insured bonds for which the par value outstanding is declining during the insurance period, upfront premium earnings are greater in the earlier periods thus matching revenue recognition with the underlying risk. The premiums are allocated in accordance with the principal amortization schedule of the related bond issue and are earned ratably over the amortization period. When an insured issue is retired early, is called by the issuer, or is in substance paid in advance through a refunding accomplished by placing U.S. Government securities in escrow, the remaining unearned premium reserves are earned at that time. Unearned premium reserves represent the portion of premiums written that is applicable to the unexpired amount at risk of insured bonds.

In our reinsurance businesses, we estimate the ultimate written and earned premiums to be received from a ceding company at the end of each quarter and the end of each year because some of our ceding companies report premium data anywhere from 30 to 90 days after the end of the relevant period. Written premiums reported in our statement of operations are based upon reports received from ceding companies supplemented by our own estimates of premium for which ceding company reports have not yet been received. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the assumed premium estimate and related ceding commissions included in our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements were \$4.2 million and \$1.2 million and \$25.1 million and \$7.9 million, respectively. Key assumptions used to arrive at management's best estimate of assumed premiums are premium amounts reported historically and informal communications with ceding companies. Differences between such estimates and actual amounts are recorded in the period in which the actual amounts are determined. Historically, the differences have not been material. We do not record a provision for doubtful accounts related to our assumed premium estimate. Historically there have not been any material issues related to the collectibility of assumed premium. No provision for doubtful accounts related to our premium receivable was recorded for June 30, 2007 or December 31, 2006.

### ***Deferred Acquisition Costs***

Acquisition costs incurred, other than those associated with credit derivative products, that vary with and are directly related to the production of new business are deferred and amortized in relation to earned premiums. These costs include direct and indirect expenses such as ceding commissions, brokerage expenses and the cost of underwriting and marketing personnel. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, we had deferred acquisition costs of \$224.8 million and \$217.0 million, respectively. Ceding commissions paid to primary insurers are the largest component of deferred acquisition costs, constituting 66% and 69% of total deferred acquisition costs as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Management uses its judgment in determining what types of costs should be deferred, as well as what percentage of these costs should be deferred. We annually conduct a study to determine which operating costs vary with, and are directly related to, the acquisition of new business and qualify for deferral. Ceding commissions received on premiums we cede to other reinsurers reduce acquisition costs. Anticipated losses, LAE and the remaining costs of servicing the insured or reinsured business are considered in determining the recoverability of acquisition costs. Acquisition costs associated with credit derivative products are expensed as incurred. When an insured issue is retired early, as discussed in the Premium Revenue Recognition section of these Critical Accounting Estimates, the remaining related deferred acquisition cost is expensed at that time.

### ***Deferred Income Taxes***

As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, we had a net deferred income tax liability of \$17.5 million and \$39.9 million, respectively. Certain of our subsidiaries are subject to U.S. income tax. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are established for the temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Such temporary differences relate principally to deferred acquisition costs, reserves for losses and LAE, unearned premium reserves, net operating loss carryforwards ( NOLs ), unrealized gains and losses on investments



and derivative financial instruments and statutory contingency reserves. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce a deferred tax asset to the amount that in management's opinion is more likely than not to be realized.

As of June 30, 2007, Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd. (AGRO) had a stand-alone NOL of \$55.6 million, compared with \$50.0 million as of December 31, 2006, which is available to offset its future U.S. taxable income. The Company has \$34.9 million of this NOL available through 2017 and \$20.7 million available through 2023. AGRO's stand-alone NOL is not permitted to offset the income of any other members of AGRO's consolidated group due to certain tax regulations. Under applicable accounting rules, we are required to establish a valuation allowance for NOLs that we believe are more likely than not to expire before utilized. Management believes it is more likely than not that \$20.0 million of AGRO's \$55.6 million NOL will not be utilized before it expires and has established a \$7.0 million valuation allowance related to the NOL deferred tax asset. The valuation allowance is subject to considerable judgment, is reviewed quarterly and will be adjusted to the extent actual taxable income differs from estimates of future taxable income that may be used to realize NOLs or capital losses.

#### ***Adoption of FIN 48***

The Company's Bermuda subsidiaries are not subject to any income, withholding or capital gains taxes under current Bermuda law. The Company's U.S. and U.K. subsidiaries are subject to income taxes imposed by U.S. and U.K. authorities and file applicable tax returns. In addition, AGRO, a Bermuda domiciled company, has elected under Section 953(d) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to be taxed as a U.S. domestic corporation.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has completed audits of all of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries' federal income tax returns for taxable years through 2001. The IRS is currently reviewing tax years 2002 through 2004 for Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc. and subsidiaries, which includes Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc., AGRO, Assured Guaranty Mortgage Insurance Company and AG Intermediary Inc. In addition the IRS is reviewing Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. and subsidiaries (AGUS) for tax years 2002 through the date of the IPO. AGUS includes Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc., AGC and AG Financial Products and were part of the consolidated tax return of a subsidiary of ACE Limited (ACE), our former Parent, for years prior to the IPO. The Company is indemnified by ACE for any potential tax liability associated with the tax examination of AGUS as it relates to years prior to the IPO.

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48), on January 1, 2007. As a result of the adoption of FIN 48, the Company reduced its liability for unrecognized tax benefits and increased retained earnings by \$2.6 million. The total liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of January 1, 2007 was \$12.9 million. This entire amount, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate.

Subsequent to the adoption of FIN 48, the IRS published final regulations on the treatment of consolidated losses. As a result of these regulations the utilization of certain capital losses is no longer at a level that would require recording an associated liability for an uncertain tax position. As such, the Company decreased its liability for unrecognized tax benefits and its provision for income taxes \$4.1 million during the period ended March 31, 2007. The total liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2007 is \$8.8 million, and is included in other liabilities on the balance sheet.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of the date of adoption, the Company has accrued \$2.7 million in interest and penalties.

#### ***Liability For Tax Basis Step-Up Adjustment***

In connection with the IPO, the Company and ACE Financial Services Inc. (AFS), a subsidiary of ACE, entered into a tax allocation agreement, whereby the Company and AFS made a Section 338 (h)(10) election that has the effect of increasing the tax basis of certain affected subsidiaries tangible and intangible assets to fair value. Future tax benefits that the Company derives from the election will be payable to AFS when realized by the Company.

As a result of the election, the Company has adjusted its net deferred tax liability to reflect the new tax basis of the Company's affected assets. The additional basis is expected to result in increased future income tax deductions and, accordingly, may reduce income taxes otherwise payable by the Company. Any tax benefit realized

by the Company will be paid to AFS. Such tax benefits will generally be calculated by comparing the Company's affected subsidiaries' actual taxes to the taxes that would have been owed by those subsidiaries had the increase in basis not occurred. After a 15 year period, to the extent there remains an unrealized tax benefit, the Company and AFS will negotiate a settlement of the unrealized benefit based on the expected realization at that time.

The Company initially recorded a \$49.0 million reduction of its existing deferred tax liability, based on an estimate of the ultimate resolution of the Section 338(h)(10) election. Under the tax allocation agreement, the Company estimated that, as of the IPO date, it was obligated to pay \$20.9 million to AFS and accordingly established this amount as a liability. The initial difference, which is attributable to the change in the tax basis of certain liabilities for which there is no associated step-up in the tax basis of its assets and no amounts due to AFS, resulted in an increase to additional paid-in capital of \$28.1 million. The Company has paid ACE and correspondingly reduced its liability, \$4.5 million and \$0.4 million in Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

#### **Accounting for Share-Based Compensation**

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FAS No. 123 (revised), Share-Based Payment ( FAS 123R ) using the modified prospective transition method. Share-based compensation expense in Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 was \$3.9 million (\$3.2 million after tax) and \$3.1 million (\$2.5 million after tax), respectively. Share-based compensation expense in Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 was \$9.5 million (\$7.8 million after tax) and \$6.3 million (\$5.2 million after tax), respectively. The effect of share-based compensation on both basic and diluted earnings per share for Second Quarter 2007 was \$0.05. The effect of share-based compensation on basic and diluted earnings per share for Six Months 2007 was \$0.12 and \$0.11, respectively. The effect on basic and diluted earnings per share for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 was \$0.03 and \$0.07, respectively. Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 expense included \$1.1 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, for stock award grants to retirement-eligible employees. Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 expense included \$0.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for stock award grants to retirement-eligible employees.

**Information on Residential Mortgage Backed Securities ( RMBS ), Subprime RMBS, Collateralized Debt Obligations of Asset Backed Securities ( CDOs of ABS ) and Prime RMBS Exposures**

The tables below provide information on the Company's RMBS, subprime RMBS, CDOs of ABS and Prime exposures as of June 30, 2007:

**Distribution by Ratings<sup>1</sup> of Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Category as of June 30, 2007**

(dollars in millions)	June 30, 2007		International		Total Net Par	
	US					
Ratings 1:	Prime	Subprime	Prime	Subprime	Outstanding	% of Total
AAA/Aaa	\$ 1,484	\$ 6,332	\$ 4,093	\$ 28	\$ 11,937	\$ 66.6 %
AA/Aa	233	19	172	27	451	2.5 %
A/A	1,271	33	192		1,496	8.3 %
BBB/Baa	3,590	263	97		3,951	22.0 %
Below investment grade		100			100	0.6 %
Total exposures	\$ 6,578	\$ 6,746	\$ 4,554	\$ 55	\$ 17,933	\$ 100.0 %

**Distribution of Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Category and by Year Insured as of June 30, 2007**

(dollars in millions)	US		International		Total Net Par	
	Prime	Subprime(2)	Prime	Subprime	Outstanding	% of Total
Year insured:						
2000 and prior	\$ 106	\$ 59	\$ 67	\$	\$ 232	1.3 %
2001	17	19	208		244	1.4 %
2002	52	20	286		359	2.0 %
2003	120	376	104	48	648	3.6 %
2004	711	458	(2) 63	6	1,238	6.9 %
2005	1,989	109	(2) 1,264	1	3,363	18.8 %
2006	1,384	4,623	(2) 2,561		8,568	47.8 %
2007 year to date	2,200	1,081	(2)		3,281	18.3 %
	\$ 6,578	\$ 6,746	\$ 4,554	\$ 55	\$ 17,933	100.0 %

**Distribution of U.S. Subprime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Rating<sup>1</sup> and by Financial Guaranty Segment as of June 30, 2007**

(dollars in millions)	Direct		Reinsurance		Total	
	Net Par	% of Direct	Net Par	% of Reins.	Net Par	
Ratings 1:	Outstanding	Segment	Outstanding	Segment	Outstanding	% of Total
AAA/Aaa	\$ 6,112	95.3	% \$ 220	66.4	% \$ 6,332	93.9 %
AA/Aa			19	5.6	% 19	0.3 %
A/A	8	0.1	% 25	7.5	% 33	0.5 %
BBB/Baa	237	3.7	% 26	7.9	% 263	3.9 %
Below investment grade	58	0.9	% 42	12.7	% 100	1.5 %
	\$ 6,414	100.0	% \$ 332	100.0	% \$ 6,746	100.0 %

(1) Assured internal rating. Assured's scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.

(2) 100% of the \$6.0 billion in U.S. subprime RMBS exposure insured by Assured Guaranty Ltd.'s Financial Guaranty Direct segment in 2004, 2005, 2006, and YTD 2007 is rated AAA/Aaa.

Distribution of U.S. Subprime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Rating<sup>1</sup> and Year Insured as of June 30, 2007**Consolidated***(dollars in millions)*Consolidated Net Par Outstanding by Rating<sup>1</sup> and Year Insured as of June 30, 2007

Year insured:	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2000 and prior	\$	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 7	\$ 14	\$ 35	\$ 59
2001		1	0	0	2	16	19
2002		8		0	9	3	20
2003		84		10	237	45	376
2004		455	1	3			458
2005		109	0	0	0		109
2006	3,000	1,620		1	1		4,623
2007 YTD		1,052	17	12	0		1,081
	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,332	\$ 19	\$ 33	\$ 263	\$ 100	\$ 6,746
% of total	44.5 %	49.4 %	0.3 %	0.5 %	3.9 %	1.5 %	100.0 %

**Financial Guaranty Direct***(dollars in millions)*Financial Guaranty Direct Net Par Outstanding by Rating<sup>1</sup> and Year Insured as of June 30, 2007

Year insured:	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2000 and prior	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2001						9	9
2002						3	3
2003		79		8	237	45	369
2004		300					300
2005		88					88
2006	3,000	1,600					4,600
2007 YTD		1,044					1,044
	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,111	\$	\$ 8	\$ 237	\$ 58	\$ 6,414
% of total	46.8 %	48.5 %	0.0 %	0.1 %	3.7 %	0.9 %	100.0 %

**Financial Guaranty Reinsurance***(dollars in millions)*Financial Guaranty Reinsurance Net Par Outstanding by Rating<sup>1</sup> and Year Insured as of June 30, 2007

Year insured:	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2000 and prior	\$	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 7	\$ 14	\$ 35	\$ 59
2001		1	0	0	2	7	10
2002		8		0	9		17
2003		5		2		0	7
2004		155	1	3			158
2005		21	0	0	0		21
2006		20		1	1		22
2007 YTD		8	17	12	0		37
	\$	\$ 220	\$ 19	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 42	\$ 332
% of total	0.0 %	66.4 %	5.6 %	7.5 %	7.9 %	12.7 %	100.0 %

(1) Assured internal rating. Assured's scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.



**Financial Guaranty Direct U.S. Subprime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Net Par Outstanding Underwritten Since January 1, 2004 by Rating<sup>1</sup> and Year of Issue as of June 30, 2007**

(dollars in millions)

Year Issued	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2004	\$	\$ 300.3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 300.3
2005	2,100.2	1,713.1					3,813.3
2006	900.1	975.0					1,875.1
2007		44.0					44.0
	\$ 3,000.2	\$ 3,032.4	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,032.6
% of total	49.7	% 50.3	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 100.0

(1) Assured internal rating. Assured's scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.

**Financial Guaranty Direct Segment Originated U.S. Subprime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Net Par Outstanding by Year Insured from January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007:**

(dollars in millions)

Year Insured	Year Issued	Net Par Outstanding, as of June 30, 2007	Ratings as of June 30, 2007		Subordination <sup>1</sup>		Original Subordination Below Assured		Current Subordination Below Assured	
			S&P	Moody's	Original AAA Subordination	%	%	%		
2004	2004	\$ 139.4	AAA	Aaa	21.5	%	21.5	%	74.6	%
2004	2004	115.0	AAA	Aaa	17.1	%	17.1	%	70.3	%
2004	2004	45.8	AAA	Aaa	23.3	%	23.3	%	88.3	%
<b>2004 par insured:</b>		<b>\$ 300.3</b>								
2005	2005	88.1	AAA	Aaa	23.0	%	23.0	%	43.3	%
<b>2005 par insured:</b>		<b>\$ 88.1</b>								

(1) Subordination refers to the level of credit protection provided by subordinate tranches within the deal structure. Total credit enhancement includes both subordination and the benefit from excess spread.

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(dollars in millions)

Year Insured	Year Issued	Net Par Outstanding as of June 30, 2007	Ratings as of June 30, 2007		Subordination <sup>1</sup>		Original Subordination Below Assured	Current Subordination Below Assured		
			S&P	Moody's	Original AAA Subordination	%				
2006	2005	\$ 100.0	AAA	Aaa	24.2	%	34.2	%	46.9	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	19.0	%	29.0	%	41.8	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	20.1	%	30.1	%	44.8	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	25.5	%	35.5	%	51.0	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	20.7	%	30.7	%	46.8	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	22.1	%	32.1	%	39.9	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	24.6	%	34.6	%	56.9	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	26.5	%	36.5	%	50.4	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.2	%	31.2	%	43.9	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.9	%	31.9	%	67.0	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	22.6	%	32.6	%	58.4	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	20.1	%	30.1	%	39.0	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.8	%	31.8	%	57.0	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.7	%	31.7	%	49.3	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	22.9	%	32.9	%	50.8	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	23.6	%	33.6	%	45.6	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	20.6	%	30.6	%	41.3	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	23.6	%	33.6	%	48.9	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	25.7	%	35.7	%	50.8	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	18.2	%	28.2	%	45.7	%
2006	2005	100.0	AAA	Aaa	17.6	%	27.6	%	39.2	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	22.5	%	32.5	%	46.6	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.4	%	31.4	%	38.8	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	26.0	%	36.0	%	47.0	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	20.6	%	30.6	%	37.6	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	22.6	%	32.6	%	37.4	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.7	%	31.7	%	40.7	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	21.0	%	31.0	%	42.0	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	25.7	%	35.7	%	45.1	%
2006	2006	100.0	AAA	Aaa	16.4	%	26.4	%	34.5	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	24.2	%	24.2	%	36.9	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	19.0	%	19.0	%	31.8	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	20.1	%	20.1	%	34.8	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	25.5	%	25.5	%	41.0	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	20.7	%	20.7	%	36.8	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	22.1	%	22.1	%	29.9	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	24.6	%	24.6	%	46.9	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	21.2	%	21.2	%	33.9	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	21.9	%	21.9	%	57.0	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	22.6	%	22.6	%	48.4	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	20.1	%	20.1	%	29.0	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	21.8	%	21.8	%	47.0	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	21.7	%	21.7	%	39.3	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	22.9	%	22.9	%	40.8	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	23.6	%	23.6	%	35.6	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	20.6	%	20.6	%	31.3	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	23.6	%	23.6	%	38.9	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	25.7	%	25.7	%	40.8	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	18.2	%	18.2	%	35.7	%
2006	2005	80.0	AAA	Aaa	17.6	%	17.6	%	29.2	%
<b>2006 par insured:</b>		<b>\$ 4,600.2</b>								





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(dollars in millions)

Year Insured	Year Issued	Net Par Outstanding as of June 30, 2007	Ratings as of June 30, 2007		Subordination <sup>1</sup>		Original Subordination Below Assured	Current Subordination Below Assured		
			S&P	Moody's	Original AAA Subordination	%				
2007	2005	\$ 25.0	AAA	Aaa	18.7	%	18.7	%	21.3	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.5	%	21.5	%	32.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	18.6	%	18.6	%	21.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.7	%	22.7	%	33.9	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.2	%	21.2	%	25.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	23.9	%	23.9	%	26.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	25.3	%	25.3	%	38.0	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	23.5	%	23.5	%	33.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	26.0	%	26.0	%	30.3	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.5	%	21.5	%	27.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.7	%	21.7	%	25.2	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	20.2	%	20.2	%	23.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	19.8	%	19.8	%	24.4	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	19.7	%	19.7	%	28.0	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	20.2	%	20.2	%	23.2	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	19.2	%	19.2	%	21.4	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	20.2	%	20.2	%	27.3	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.8	%	21.8	%	27.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	24.9	%	24.9	%	33.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	23.4	%	23.4	%	28.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	17.6	%	17.6	%	19.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	25.2	%	25.2	%	39.9	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	20.7	%	20.7	%	30.1	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.4	%	21.4	%	25.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	23.2	%	23.2	%	25.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.0	%	21.0	%	31.8	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	26.0	%	26.0	%	37.0	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.1	%	22.1	%	25.4	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	20.5	%	20.5	%	27.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.7	%	21.7	%	24.8	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	18.7	%	18.7	%	22.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	19.5	%	19.5	%	28.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.3	%	22.3	%	31.6	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	21.6	%	21.6	%	23.7	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.0	%	22.0	%	27.4	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	17.4	%	17.4	%	29.5	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.5	%	22.5	%	26.4	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.1	%	22.1	%	30.0	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	17.4	%	17.4	%	23.0	%
2007	2006	25.0	AAA	Aaa	22.1	%	22.1	%	30.2	%
2007	2007	44.0	AAA	Aaa	20.3	%	20.3	%	22.8	%(2)
<b>YTD 2007 par insured:</b>		<b>1,044.0</b>								
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,032.6</b>								

(1) Subordination refers to the level of credit protection provided by subordinate tranches within the deal structure. Total credit enhancement includes both subordination and the benefit from excess spread.

(2) This transaction is a secondary market execution on a deal that is wrapped by another AAA-rated financial guarantor. The underlying security is also rated AAA/Aaa.



**Financial Guaranty Direct Collateralized Debt Obligations of Asset-Backed Securities (CDOs of ABS)1 Net Par Outstanding by Type of CDO, by Year Insured and by Collateral:**

(dollars in millions)

Year Insured	Legal Final Maturity <sup>2</sup>	Net Par Outstanding <sup>3</sup>	Type of Collateral as a Percent of Total Pool CDOs of					Total Collateral Pool	U.S. Subprime RMBS	Ratings as of June 30, 2007		Original AAA Sub-ordination	Original Sub-ordination Below Assured
			ABS	RMBS (Includes Subprime)	Comm. MBS (CMBS)	Investment Grade Corporate	CDOs of ABS			S&P	Moody's		
<b>CDOs of Mezzanine ABS<sup>3</sup>:</b>													
2001	2017	\$120.6	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	25.1	% 25.1
2001	2016	64.1	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	28.1	% 28.1
2002	2017	159.8	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	24.6	% 24.6
2002	2017	133.4	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	22.1	% 22.1
2002	2017	111.0	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	35.0	% 35.0
2002	2017	81.3	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	24.0	% 24.0
2003	2018	142.8	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	20.0	% 20.0
2003	2038	84.6	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	23.0	% 38.0
2003	2018	52.8	0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	63.0	% 63.0
2004	No CDO of ABS business written												
2005	No CDO of ABS business written												
2006	No CDO of ABS business written												
2007 YTD	No CDO of ABS business written												
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$950.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% AAA</b>	<b>Aaa</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>% 28.4</b>
<b>CDOs of High Grade ABS<sup>4</sup>:</b>													
2003	2008	280.8	0	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	7.0	% 45.0
2004	No CDO of ABS business written												
2005	No CDO of ABS business written												
2006	No CDO of ABS business written												
2007 YTD	No CDO of ABS business written												
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$280.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% AAA</b>	<b>Aaa</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>% 45.0</b>
<b>CDOs of Pooled AAA ABS<sup>5</sup>:</b>													
2003	2010	640.1	35	% 34	% 26	% 5	% 0	% 100	% 0	% AAA	Aaa	0.0	% 12.5
2003	2008	594.0	37	% 57	% 6	% 0	% 0	% 100	% 32	% AAA	Aaa	0.0	% 10.0
2004	No CDO of ABS business written												
2005	No CDO of ABS business written												
2006	No CDO of ABS business written												
2007 YTD	No CDO of ABS business written												
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,234.1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>% 45</b>	<b>% 16</b>	<b>% 3</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 15</b>	<b>% AAA</b>	<b>Aaa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>% 11.3</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,465.2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>% 23</b>	<b>% 47</b>	<b>% 13</b>	<b>% 0</b>	<b>% 100</b>	<b>% 8</b>	<b>% AAA</b>	<b>Aaa</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>% 21.7</b>

(1) A CDO of ABS is a collateralized debt obligation (CDO) transaction whose collateral pool consists primarily of asset-backed securities (ABS), including mortgage-backed securities (MBS). ABS transactions securities generally represent an ownership interest in a trust that contains collateral supporting the notes. Those interests are divided into several tranches that can have varying levels of subordination, credit protection triggers and credit ratings.

(2) "Legal Final Maturity" represents the final date for payment specified in the transaction documents and does not take into account prepayments that shorten the expected maturity and weighted average life.

(3) "CDOs of Mezzanine ABS" is a market term that refers to transactions where the underlying collateral at issuance is comprised of mezzanine tranches rated BBB or lower. The collateral underlying Assured's exposure to CDOs of mezzanine ABS had weighted average ratings, based on rating information as of June 30, 2007, as follows: 17% AAA, 6% AA, 13% A, 46% BBB and 18% below investment grade (BIG).

(4) "CDOs of High Grade ABS" is a market term that refers to transactions where the underlying collateral at issuance is comprised of mezzanine tranches rated single A or higher. The collateral underlying Assured's exposure to CDOs of High Grade ABS had weighted average ratings, based on rating information, as of June 30, 2007 as follows: 31% AAA, 25% AA, 23% A, 21% BBB and 0% below investment grade (BIG).

(5) "CDOs of Pooled AAA ABS" is a market term that refers to transactions where the underlying collateral at issuance is comprised of the senior-most AAA rated securities. Assured's exposure to CDOs of Pooled AAA was rated, based on rating information as of June 30, 2007: 100% AAA/Aaa.

Distribution by Ratings<sup>1</sup> of Prime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	June 30, 2007				Total Net Par	
	US				Outstanding	%
Ratings <sup>1</sup> :	Prime	HELOC	Alt-A	International		
AAA/Aaa	\$ 439	\$ 50	\$ 996	\$ 4,093	\$ 5,577	50.1 %
AA/Aa	207	26		172	405	3.6 %
A/A	666	22	582	192	1,463	13.1 %
BBB/Baa	1,148	2,442		97	3,687	33.1 %
Below investment grade	0				0	0.0 %
Total exposures	\$ 2,460	\$ 2,540	\$ 1,578	\$ 4,554	\$ 11,132	\$ 100.0 %

Distribution of U.S. Prime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Rating<sup>1</sup> as of June 30, 2007

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Direct Net Par		Reinsurance Net Par		Total Net Par	
	Outstanding	%	Outstanding	%	Outstanding	%
AAA/Aaa	\$ 1,230	24.8	% \$ 255	15.8	% \$ 1,484	22.6 %
AA/Aa	113	2.3	% 120	7.5	% 233	3.5 %
A/A	1,082	21.8	% 189	11.7	% 1,271	19.3 %
BBB/Baa	2,544	51.2	% 1,046	65.0	% 3,590	54.6 %
Below investment grade		0.0	% 0	0.0	% 0	0.0 %
	\$ 4,968	100.0	% \$ 1,610	100.0	% \$ 6,578	100.0 %

## Distribution of Prime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Year Insured as of June 30, 2007

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	US				Total Net Par	
	Prime	HELOC	Alt-A	International	Outstanding	%
2000 and prior	\$ 104	\$ 2	\$	\$ 67	\$ 173	1.6 %
2001	17	0		208	224	2.0 %
2002	11	41		286	339	3.0 %
2003	96	6	17	104	224	2.0 %
2004	174	300	237	63	774	7.0 %
2005	290	1,193	505	1,264	3,253	29.2 %
2006	1,193	131	60	2,561	3,946	35.4 %
2007 year to date	575	867	758		2,200	19.8 %
	\$ 2,460	\$ 2,540	\$ 1,578	\$ 4,554	\$ 11,132	\$ 100.0 %

(1) Assured internal rating. Assured's scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.

Distribution of U.S. Prime Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities by Rating<sup>1</sup>, Exposure Type and Year Insured as of June 30, 2007

<i>(dollars in millions)</i> Year insured:	Prime RMBS Exposure						Total
	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	
2000 and prior	\$	\$ 1	\$ 72	\$ 4	\$ 27	\$ 0	\$ 104
2001		11		2	3	0	17
2002		0		7	4		11
2003		10		86			96
2004		52	8	67	47		174
2005		253	15		22		290
2006		107		500	586		1,193
2007 YTD		4	113		458		575
	\$	\$ 439	\$ 207	\$ 666	\$ 1,148	\$ 0	\$ 2,460
% of total	0.0	% 17.8	% 8.4	% 27.1	% 46.7	% 0.0	% 100.0

## Home Equity Line of Credit Exposure

<i>(dollars in millions)</i> Year insured:	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2000 and prior	\$	\$	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$	\$ 2
2001		0	0				0
2002		1	22	10	8		41
2003			3	1	2		6
2004		49			251		300
2005				10	1,183		1,193
2006					131		131
2007 YTD					867		867
	\$	\$ 50	\$ 26	\$ 22	\$ 2,442	\$	\$ 2,540
% of total	0.0	% 2.0	% 1.0	% 0.9	% 96.1	% 0.0	% 100.0

## Alt-A Exposure

<i>(dollars in millions)</i> Year insured:	Super Senior	AAA Rated	AA Rated	A Rated	BBB Rated	BIG Rated	Total
2000 and prior	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2001							
2002							
2003		17					17
2004		237					237
2005		505					505
2006		60					60
2007 YTD		176		582			758
	\$	\$ 996	\$	\$ 582	\$	\$	\$ 1,578
% of total	0.0	% 63.1	% 0.0	% 36.9	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 100.0

(1) Assured internal rating. Assured's scale is comparable to that of the nationally recognized rating agencies.



**Consolidated Results of Operations (1)**

The following table presents summary consolidated results of operations data for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Gross written premiums	\$ 88.8	\$ 111.5	\$ 161.4	\$ 166.9
Net written premiums	84.9	110.3	153.3	161.1
Net earned premiums	54.2	48.2	108.1	96.2
Net investment income	30.9	27.3	62.3	53.5
Net realized investment losses	(1.5 )	(1.0 )	(1.8 )	(2.0 )
Unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments	(17.2 )	5.7	(26.9 )	5.7
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>153.5</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	(9.1 )	(6.5 )	(13.8 )	(6.9 )
Profit commission expense	0.9	1.7	2.5	3.0
Acquisition costs	10.9	11.3	21.7	22.1
Operating expenses	18.8	15.6	39.5	32.8
Interest expense	5.8	3.4	11.9	6.7
Other expenses	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.3
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>94.5</b>
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 32.8</b>	<b>\$ 44.5</b>	<b>\$ 71.8</b>	<b>\$ 79.4</b>
<b>Underwriting gain by segment:</b>				
Financial guaranty direct	\$ 9.8	\$ 9.4	\$ 18.5	\$ 16.6
Financial guaranty reinsurance	21.7	4.6	35.3	12.6
Mortgage guaranty	1.3	2.0	3.1	4.8
Other		10.1	1.3	11.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32.7</b>	<b>\$ 26.1</b>	<b>\$ 58.1</b>	<b>\$ 45.2</b>

(1) Some amounts may not add due to rounding.

We organize our business around four principal business segments: financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty reinsurance, mortgage guaranty and other. There are a number of lines of business that we have exited as part of our IPO in April 2004, which are included in the other segment. However, the results of these businesses are reflected in the above numbers. These businesses include equity layer credit protection, trade credit reinsurance, title reinsurance and auto residual value reinsurance. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements cover the Second Quarter 2007, Second Quarter 2006, Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006.

**Net Income**

Net income was \$32.8 million and \$44.5 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively. The decrease of \$11.7 million in 2007 compared with 2006 is primarily due to the following factors:



- a \$17.2 million unrealized loss on derivative financial instruments in Second Quarter 2007 compared with a \$5.7 million unrealized gain on derivative financial instruments in Second Quarter 2006, attributable to spreads widening

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and includes no credit losses. With considerable volatility continuing in the market, this amount will fluctuate significantly in future periods.

Offsetting this negative factor is:

- an increase of \$6.6 million in underwriting gain to \$32.7 million in 2007, compared with a \$26.1 million underwriting gain in 2006,
- an increase of \$3.6 million in net investment income to \$30.9 million in Second Quarter 2007 from \$27.3 million in Second Quarter 2006, which is primarily attributable to increased invested assets due to operating cash flows,
- a \$4.0 million reduction in our provision for income tax to \$5.5 million in Second Quarter 2007, compared with \$9.5 million in Second Quarter 2006. This reduction is primarily attributable to the proportion of income recognized by each of our operating subsidiaries, with U.S. subsidiaries taxed at the U.S. marginal corporate income tax rate of 35%, UK subsidiaries taxed at the UK marginal corporate tax rate of 30%, and no taxes for our Bermuda holding company and subsidiaries.

Net income was \$71.8 million for Six Months 2007, compared with \$79.4 million for Six Months 2006. The decrease of \$7.6 million in 2007 compared with 2006 is primarily due to the same reasons mentioned above. In addition, Six Months 2007 provision for income taxes includes a \$4.1 million reduction of the Company's FIN 48 liability, which was reduced subsequent to the adoption of FIN 48, due to final regulations on the treatment of a tax uncertainty regarding the use of consolidated losses.

#### *Gross Written Premiums*

Gross Written Premiums	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Financial guaranty direct	\$ 62.7	\$ 68.4	\$ 112.2	\$ 98.6
Financial guaranty reinsurance	25.5	41.7	44.2	60.5
Mortgage guaranty	0.5	1.2	1.5	3.8
Total financial guaranty gross written premiums	88.7	111.4	158.0	163.0
Other	0.1	0.1	3.4	3.9
Total gross written premiums	\$ 88.8	\$ 111.5	\$ 161.4	\$ 166.9

Gross written premiums for Second Quarter 2007 were \$88.8 million compared with \$111.5 million for Second Quarter 2006. Gross written premiums from our financial guaranty direct operations decreased \$5.7 million in Second Quarter 2007 compared with Second Quarter 2006. The decrease is primarily attributable to our international business, which generated \$19.9 million of gross written premium in Second Quarter 2007 compared with \$41.0 million during Second Quarter 2006. Partially offsetting this reduced international premium was a \$13.4 million increase in U.S. generated premium, primarily from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Our financial guaranty reinsurance segment decreased \$16.2 million in Second Quarter 2007 compared with Second Quarter 2006 attributable to decreased premiums from upfront treaty and facultative cessions from our cedants and the non-renewal of certain treaties in 2006 and 2004.

Gross written premiums for Six Months 2007 were \$161.4 million, compared with \$166.9 million for Six Months 2006. Gross written premiums in our financial guaranty reinsurance segment decreased primarily due to the same reasons mentioned above. Gross written premiums in our financial guaranty direct operations increased \$13.6 million for Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 primarily due to a \$18.3 million increase in U.S. generated business, mainly from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Partially offsetting this increase was a reduction of our international business to \$31.7 million in Six Months 2007, compared with \$41.0 million for Six Months 2006.

### *Net Earned Premiums*

Net Earned Premiums	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2007	2006	June 30, 2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Financial guaranty direct	\$ 28.3	\$ 21.2	\$ 57.1	\$ 41.9
Financial guaranty reinsurance	23.7	23.1	45.6	46.4
Mortgage guaranty	2.3	3.7	5.4	7.9
Total financial guaranty net earned premiums	54.2	48.2	108.1	96.2
Other				
Total net earned premiums	\$ 54.2	\$ 48.2	\$ 108.1	\$ 96.2

Net earned premiums for Second Quarter 2007 were \$54.2 million compared with \$48.2 million for Second Quarter 2006, while net earned premiums for Six Months 2007 were \$108.1 million, compared with \$96.2 million for Six Months 2006. Financial guaranty direct segment net earned premiums were \$28.3 million for Second Quarter 2007 an increase of \$7.1 million compared with Second Quarter 2006. Financial guaranty direct segment net earned premium was \$57.1 million for Six Months 2007 an increase of \$15.2 million compared with Six Months 2006. The increase for both periods reflects the continued execution of our direct business strategy.

### *Net Investment Income*

Net investment income was \$30.9 million for Second Quarter 2007, compared with \$27.3 million for Second Quarter 2006. The \$3.6 million increase is attributable to increasing investment yields during the year, combined with increased invested assets due to positive operating cash flows.

Net investment income was \$62.3 million for Six Months 2007, compared with \$53.5 million for Six Months 2006. Pre-tax book yields were 5.1% for both the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. The \$8.8 million increase for Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 is primarily due to the same reasons mentioned above.

### *Net Realized Investment Losses*

Net realized investment losses, principally from the sale of fixed maturity securities were \$(1.5) million and \$(1.0) million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively, and \$(1.8) million and \$(2.0) million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. The Company had no write downs of investments for other than temporary impairment losses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Net realized investment losses, net of related income taxes, were \$(1.3) million and \$(0.8) million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively, and \$(1.5) million and \$(1.4) million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.



*Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Derivative Financial Instruments*

Derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value as required by FAS 133 and FAS 149. However, as explained under Critical Accounting Estimates, we record part of the change in fair value in the loss and LAE reserves as well as in unearned premium reserves. The fair value adjustment for Second Quarter 2007 was a \$(17.2) million loss compared with a \$5.7 million gain in Second Quarter 2006. The fair value adjustment for Six Months 2007 was a \$(26.9) million loss compared with a \$5.7 million gain for Six Months 2006. The change in fair value for both periods is attributable to spreads widening and includes no credit losses. With considerable volatility continuing in the market, this amount will fluctuate significantly in future periods. Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative financial instruments, net of related income taxes, were \$(12.7) million and \$4.3 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively, and \$(19.6) million and \$4.2 million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

The gain or loss created by the estimated fair value adjustment will rise or fall based on estimated market pricing and may not be an indication of ultimate claims. Fair value is defined as the amount at which an asset or liability could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties. We generally plan to hold derivative financial instruments to maturity. Where we hold derivative financial instruments to maturity, these fair value adjustments would generally be expected to reverse resulting in no gain or loss over the entire term of the contract.

*Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses</b>				
	(\$ in millions)			
Financial guaranty direct	\$ 1.7	\$ (2.5 )	\$ 2.9	\$ (4.3 )
Financial guaranty reinsurance	(11.0 )	5.7	(15.8 )	8.5
Mortgage guaranty	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Total financial guaranty loss and loss adjustment expenses	(9.1 )	3.6	(12.6 )	4.4
Other		(10.1 )	(1.3 )	(11.3 )
Total loss and loss adjustment expenses	\$ (9.1 )	\$ (6.5 )	\$ (13.8 )	\$ (6.9 )

Loss and loss adjustment expenses ( LAE ) for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 were \$(9.1) million and \$(6.5) million, respectively. During Second Quarter 2007 the financial guaranty direct segment had loss and loss adjustment expenses of \$1.7 million due to case reserve additions for two transactions underwritten prior to our IPO, while Second Quarter 2006 results were primarily attributable to a \$2.1 million release of portfolio reserves as a result of the early termination of 20 swap transactions based on the counterparties right to terminate. During Second Quarter 2007 we decreased loss reserves \$11.0 million in our financial guaranty reinsurance segment, principally related to a portfolio reserve release associated with the restructuring of a European infrastructure transaction. During Second Quarter 2006 we increased loss reserves \$5.4 million in our financial guaranty reinsurance segment, of which \$3.8 million related to a ratings downgrade of a European infrastructure transaction and \$1.6 million related to the ratings downgrade of various credits. The other segment had loss recoveries of \$10.1 million for Second Quarter 2006, while Second Quarter 2007 experienced no such recoveries.

Loss and LAE for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 were \$(13.8) million and \$(6.9) million, respectively. In addition to Second Quarter 2007 and 2006 activity, results for the financial guaranty direct segment for Six Months 2007 includes a \$1.0 million portfolio reserve increase, primarily attributable to downgrades of transactions in our CMC list related to the subprime mortgage market, while Six Months 2006 included a net

recovery of \$2.5 million relating to the settlement of a subprime mortgage transaction. In addition to the Second Quarter 2007 and 2006 activity mentioned above, the financial guaranty reinsurance segment had \$(4.8) million of incurred losses principally due to aircraft-related transactions during Six Months 2007, while Six Months 2006 included a \$2.5 million case reserve addition due to a U.S. public infrastructure transaction. The other segment had loss recoveries of \$1.3 million and \$11.3 million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively.

#### ***Profit Commission Expense***

Profit commissions allow the ceding company to share favorable experience on a reinsurance contract due to lower than expected losses. Expected or favorable loss development generates profit commission expense, while the inverse occurs on unfavorable loss development. Portfolio reserves are not a component of these profit commission calculations. Profit commissions for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$0.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, compared with \$1.7 million and \$3.0 million for the comparable periods in the prior year. The decrease for both periods is primarily related a \$0.5 million release of profit commission reserves during Second Quarter 2007 based on updated information received from cedants and the remainder of the decrease is associated with the run-off of mortgage guaranty experience rated quota share treaties.

#### ***Acquisition Costs***

Acquisition costs primarily consist of ceding commissions, brokerage fees and operating expenses that are related to the acquisition of new business. Acquisition costs that vary with and are directly related to the acquisition of new business are deferred and amortized in relation to earned premium. For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, acquisition costs incurred were \$10.9 million and \$11.3 million, respectively, while Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 acquisition costs incurred were \$21.7 million and \$22.1 million, respectively. These amounts are consistent with changes in net earned premium from non-derivative transactions.

#### ***Operating Expenses***

For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, operating expenses were \$18.8 million and \$15.6 million, respectively. Operating expenses for Six Months 2007 were \$39.5 million, compared with \$32.8 million for Six Months 2006. The \$3.2 million increase for Second Quarter 2007 compared with Second Quarter 2006 and the \$6.7 million increase for Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 was mainly due to the amortization of restricted stock and stock option awards, primarily due to the accelerated vesting of these awards for retirement eligible employees. Also contributing to the increase are higher salaries and related employee benefits, due to staffing additions and merit increases.

#### ***Interest Expense***

For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, interest expense was \$5.8 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. For Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, interest expense was \$11.9 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 amounts are mainly comprised of \$3.3 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, of interest expense related to the issuance of our 7% Senior Notes ( Senior Notes ) in May 2004 and \$2.5 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, of interest expense related to the issuance of our 6.40% Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures in December 2006. The coupon on the Senior Notes is 7.0%, however, the effective rate is approximately 6.4%, which reflects the effect of a cash flow hedge executed by the Company in March 2004. The \$3.3 million and \$6.7 million of interest expense in both 2006 periods is related to the issuance of Senior Notes.

#### ***Other Expenses***

For both Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, other expenses were \$0.7 million, while for both Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, other expenses were \$1.3 million. The 2007 and 2006 amounts reflect the put option premiums associated with Assured Guaranty Corp. s ( AGC ) \$200.0 million committed capital securities.

### ***Income Tax***

For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, income tax expense was \$5.5 million and \$9.5 million, respectively. For Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, income tax expense was \$6.9 million and \$15.1 million, respectively. Our effective tax rate was 14.4% and 8.8% for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, respectively, compared with 17.5% and 15.9% for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006, respectively. Our effective tax rates reflect the proportion of income recognized by each of our operating subsidiaries, with U.S. subsidiaries taxed at the U.S. marginal corporate income tax rate of 35%, UK subsidiaries taxed at the UK marginal corporate tax rate of 30%, and no taxes for our Bermuda holding company and subsidiaries. Accordingly, our overall corporate effective tax rate fluctuates based on the distribution of taxable income across these jurisdictions. Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 include \$(17.2) million and \$(26.9) million, respectively, of unrealized losses on derivative financial instruments, the majority of which is associated with subsidiaries taxed in the U.S., compared with a \$5.7 million unrealized gain on derivative financial instruments in both First Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006. Six Months 2007 also included a \$4.1 million reduction of the Company's FIN 48 liability, which was reduced subsequent to adoption of FIN 48, due to final regulations on the treatment of a tax uncertainty regarding the use of consolidated losses. Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 includes \$3.5 million of income tax expense related to the \$10.1 million of loss recoveries from our other segment.

### **Segment Results of Operations**

Our financial results include four principal business segments: financial guaranty direct, financial guaranty reinsurance, mortgage guaranty and other. Management uses underwriting gains and losses as the primary measure of each segment's financial performance. Underwriting gain includes net premiums earned, loss and loss adjustment expenses, profit commission expense, acquisition costs and other operating expenses that are directly related to the operations of our insurance businesses. This measure excludes certain revenue and expense items, such as investment income, realized investment gains and losses, unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments, and interest and other expense, that are not directly related to the underwriting performance of our insurance operations, but are included in net income.

#### ***Financial Guaranty Direct Segment***

The financial guaranty direct segment consists of our primary financial guaranty insurance business and our credit derivative business. Financial guaranty insurance provides an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty that protects the holder of a financial obligation against non-payment of principal and interest when due. Financial guaranty insurance may be issued to the holders of the insured obligations at the time of issuance of those obligations, or may be issued in the secondary market to holders of public bonds and structured securities. As an alternative to traditional financial guaranty insurance, credit protection on a particular security or issuer can also be provided through a credit derivative, such as a credit default swap. Under a credit default swap, the seller of protection makes a specified payment to the buyer of protection upon the occurrence of one or more specified credit events with respect to a reference obligation or a particular reference entity. Credit derivatives typically provide protection to a buyer rather than credit enhancement of an issue as in traditional financial guaranty insurance.

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The table below summarizes the financial results of our financial guaranty direct segment for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Gross written premiums	\$ 62.7	\$ 68.4	\$ 112.2	\$ 98.6
Net written premiums	59.0	67.8	107.9	97.5
Net earned premiums	28.3	21.2	57.1	41.9
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	1.7	(2.5)	2.9	(4.3)
Profit commission expense				
Acquisition costs	2.3	2.3	5.3	4.2
Operating expenses	14.5	12.0	30.4	25.4
Underwriting gain	\$ 9.8	\$ 9.4	\$ 18.5	\$ 16.6
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio	6.0	% (11.7)	% 5.1	% (10.2)
Expense ratio	59.4	% 67.4	% 62.5	% 70.6
Combined ratio	65.4	% 55.7	% 67.6	% 60.4

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Gross Written Premiums				
Public finance	\$ 36.2	\$ 47.6	\$ 58.0	\$ 56.5
Structured finance	26.5	20.8	54.2	42.1
Total	\$ 62.7	\$ 68.4	\$ 112.2	\$ 98.6

For Second Quarter 2007 the financial guaranty direct segment contributed \$62.7 million to gross written premiums, a decrease of \$5.7 million, compared with \$68.4 million for Second Quarter 2006. The decrease is mainly attributable to our international business which generated \$19.9 million of gross written premium in Second Quarter 2007 compared with \$41.0 million during Second Quarter 2006. Partially offsetting this reduced international business premium was a \$13.4 million increase in U.S. premium, primarily from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Gross written premiums for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 were \$112.2 million and \$98.6 million, respectively. Gross written premiums in our financial guaranty direct operations increased \$13.6 million for Six Months 2007 compared with Six Months 2006 primarily due to a \$18.3 million increase in U.S. generated business, mainly from our upfront public finance and installment structured finance business, as we continue to execute our direct business strategy. Partially offsetting this increase was a reduction of our international business to \$31.7 million in Six Months 2007, compared with \$41.0 million for Six Months 2006.

Generally, gross and net written premiums from the public finance market are received upfront, while the structured finance and credit derivatives markets have been received on an installment basis. For Six Months 2007, 50% of gross written premiums in this segment were upfront premiums and 50% were installment premiums. For Six Months 2006, 56% of gross written premiums in this segment were upfront premiums and 44% were installment premiums.



Net Written Premiums	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Public finance	\$ 34.0	\$ 47.6	\$ 55.8	\$ 56.5
Structured finance	25.0	20.2	52.1	41.0
Total	\$ 59.0	\$ 67.8	\$ 107.9	\$ 97.5

For Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, net written premiums were \$59.0 million and \$107.9 million, respectively, compared with \$67.8 million for Second Quarter 2006 and \$97.5 million for Six Months 2006. The variances in net written premiums are consistent with the variances in gross written premiums as we typically retain a substantial portion of this business.

Net Earned Premiums	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Public finance	\$ 2.8	\$ 1.4	\$ 7.0	\$ 2.7
Structured finance	25.5	19.8	50.1	39.2
Total	\$ 28.3	\$ 21.2	\$ 57.1	\$ 41.9
Included in public finance direct net earned premiums are refundings of	\$	\$	\$ 1.7	\$

Net earned premiums for Second Quarter 2007 were \$28.3 million compared with \$21.2 million for Second Quarter 2006, reflecting the continued execution of our direct business strategy. Net earned premiums for Six Months 2007 increased \$15.2 million compared with Six Months 2006. Included in Six Months 2007 financial guaranty direct net earned premiums are \$1.7 million of public finance refundings, which reflect the unscheduled pre-payment or refundings of underlying municipal bonds. These unscheduled refundings are sensitive to market interest rates. There were no unscheduled refundings for Six Months 2006. We evaluate our net earned premiums both including and excluding these refundings.

Losses and LAE were \$1.7 million and \$(2.5) million, respectively, for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, while Loss and LAE were \$2.9 million and \$(4.3) million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. Second Quarter 2007 includes case reserve additions of \$1.7 million for two transactions underwritten prior to our IPO. Second Quarter 2006 included a \$2.1 million release of portfolio reserves as a result of the early termination of 20 swap transactions based on the counterparties' right to terminate.

In addition to the reduction discussed above, Six Months 2007 includes a \$1.0 million portfolio reserve increase, primarily attributable to downgrades of transactions in our CMC list related to the subprime mortgage market, while Six Months 2006 included a net recovery of \$2.5 million relating to the settlement of a subprime mortgage transaction.

Acquisition costs incurred for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$2.3 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. For Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006 acquisition costs were \$2.3 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. The changes in acquisition costs incurred over the periods are directly related to changes in net earned premium from non-derivative transactions.

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Operating expenses for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 were \$14.5 million and \$12.0 million, respectively. Operating expenses for Six Months 2007 were \$30.4 million, compared with \$25.4 million for Six Months 2006. The increase in operating expenses for the periods is mainly due to the amortization of restricted stock and stock option awards, primarily due to the accelerated vesting of these awards for retirement eligible employees. Also contributing to the increase are higher salaries and related employee benefits, due to staffing additions and merit increases.

**Financial Guaranty Reinsurance Segment**

In our financial guaranty reinsurance business, we assume all or a portion of risk undertaken by other insurance companies that provide financial guaranty protection. The financial guaranty reinsurance business consists of public finance and structured finance reinsurance lines. Premiums on public finance are typically written upfront and earned over the life of the policy, and premiums on structured finance are typically written on an installment basis and earned ratably over the installment period.

The table below summarizes the financial results of our financial guaranty reinsurance segment for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Gross written premiums	\$ 25.5	\$ 41.7	\$ 44.2	\$ 60.5
Net written premiums	25.5	41.3	44.0	59.8
Net earned premiums	23.7	23.1	45.6	46.4
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	(11.0)	5.7	(15.8)	8.5
Profit commission expense	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.4
Acquisition costs	8.6	8.5	16.3	17.2
Operating expenses	3.9	3.4	8.3	6.8
Underwriting gain	\$ 21.7	\$ 4.6	\$ 35.3	\$ 12.6
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio	(46.4)%	24.6%	(34.6)%	18.3%
Expense ratio	54.9%	55.4%	57.1%	54.5%
Combined ratio	8.5%	80.0%	22.5%	72.8%

Gross Written Premiums	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Public finance	\$ 19.6	\$ 33.2	\$ 32.2	\$ 44.6
Structured finance	5.9	8.5	12.0	15.9
Total	\$ 25.5	\$ 41.7	\$ 44.2	\$ 60.5

Gross written premiums for our financial guaranty reinsurance segment include upfront premiums on transactions underwritten during the period, plus installment premiums on business primarily underwritten in prior periods. Consequently, this amount is affected by changes in the business mix between public finance and structured finance. For Six Months 2007, 59% of gross written premiums in this segment were upfront premiums and 41%



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were installment premiums. For Six Months 2006, 67% of gross written premiums in this segment were upfront premiums and 33% were installment premiums.

Gross written premiums for Second Quarter 2007 were \$25.5 million, a decrease of \$16.2 million, compared with \$41.7 million for Second Quarter 2006, while gross written premiums for Six Months 2007 were \$44.2 million, a decrease of \$16.3 million, compared with \$60.5 million for Six Months 2006. The decrease for both periods is attributable to decreased premiums from upfront treaty and facultative cessions from our cedants in Second Quarter 2007, compared with Second Quarter 2006 and the non-renewal of certain treaties in 2006 and 2004.

The following table summarizes the Company's gross written premiums by type of contract:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Gross Written Premiums</b>				
	(\$ in millions)			
Treaty	\$ 16.9	\$ 29.1	\$ 31.1	\$ 41.1
Facultative	8.6	12.6	13.1	19.4
Total	\$ 25.5	\$ 41.7	\$ 44.2	\$ 60.5

The following table summarizes the Company's gross written premiums by significant client:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Gross Written Premiums by Client</b>				
	(\$ in millions)			
Financial Security Assurance Inc	\$ 12.1	\$ 18.2	\$ 22.9	\$ 25.7
Ambac Assurance Corporation(1)	3.3	10.5	6.7	14.8
XL Capital Assurance Ltd.	5.0	0.3	5.6	0.5
Financial Guaranty Insurance Company	2.5	9.5	4.8	12.9
MBIA Insurance Corporation	2.6	2.3	4.1	5.8

(1) Effective July 1, 2006, Ambac Assurance Corporation provided notice of a non-renewal of the quota share treaty on a run-off basis.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Net Written Premiums</b>				
	(\$ in millions)			
Public finance	\$ 19.6	\$ 32.9	\$ 32.0	\$ 44.0
Structured finance	5.9	8.4	12.0	15.8
Total	\$ 25.5	\$ 41.3	\$ 44.0	\$ 59.8

For Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, net written premiums were \$25.5 million and \$44.0 million, respectively, compared with \$41.3 million and \$59.8 million, respectively, for the same periods last year. Both decreases of \$15.8 million, are consistent with the decreases in gross written premiums because, to date, we have not retroceded a significant amount of premium to external reinsurers.

Net Earned Premiums	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Public finance	\$ 16.9	\$ 14.4	\$ 32.9	\$ 30.0
Structured finance	6.8	8.7	12.7	16.4
Total	\$ 23.7	\$ 23.1	\$ 45.6	\$ 46.4
Included in public finance reinsurance net earned premiums are refundings of	\$ 6.4	\$ 1.7	\$ 9.6	\$ 5.3

Net earned premiums for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$23.7 million and \$45.6 million, respectively, compared with \$23.1 million and \$46.4 million for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006, respectively. Public finance transactions traditionally have a longer weighted average life than structured finance transactions. Public finance net earned premiums also include refundings, which reflect the unscheduled pre-payment or refundings of underlying municipal bonds. These unscheduled refundings, which were \$6.4 million and \$9.6 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, respectively, compared with \$1.7 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, for the same periods last year, are sensitive to market interest rates. We evaluate our net earned premiums both including and excluding these refundings. Excluding these refundings, our financial guaranty reinsurance segment net earned premiums decreased for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007, when compared with the same periods last year due to the non-renewal of certain treaties.

Losses and LAE were \$(11.0) million and \$5.7 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively. During Second Quarter 2007 we had a portfolio reserve release related to the restructuring of a European infrastructure transaction. During Second Quarter 2006 we increased loss reserves \$5.4 million, of which \$3.8 million related to a ratings downgrade of a European infrastructure transaction and \$1.6 million related to the ratings downgrade of various credits.

Losses and LAE were \$(15.8) million and \$8.5 million for Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. In addition to Second Quarter 2007 activity, discussed above, the financial guaranty reinsurance segment had \$(4.8) million of incurred losses principally due to aircraft-related transactions during Six Months 2007. In addition to the reserve increases mentioned above, Six Months 2006 included a \$2.5 million case reserve addition due to a U.S. public infrastructure transaction. Also included in Six Months 2006 are various additions to case reserves totaling \$0.7 million and incurred and paid LAE of \$0.6 million related to the same European infrastructure transaction mentioned above. Offsetting these additions was a \$1.0 million release of portfolio reserves.

Profit commission expense was \$0.5 million in Second Quarter 2007 compared to \$1.0 million in Second Quarter 2006, and \$1.4 million in both Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006. Second Quarter 2007 includes a \$0.5 million release of profit commission reserves based on updated information received from cedants, while Six Months 2006 included a \$0.4 million release of profit commission reserves based on updated information received from cedants.

For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, acquisition costs incurred were \$8.6 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, while acquisition costs incurred were \$16.3 million for Six Months 2007 compared with \$17.2 million for Six Months 2006. The changes in acquisition costs incurred over the periods are directly related to changes in net earned premium.

Operating expenses for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 were \$3.9 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Operating expenses for Six Months 2007 were \$8.3 million, compared with \$6.8 million for Six Months 2006. The increase in operating expenses for the periods is mainly due to the amortization of restricted stock and stock option awards, primarily due to the accelerated vesting of these awards for retirement eligible employees. Also contributing to the increase are higher salaries and related employee benefits, due to staffing additions and merit increases.



*Mortgage Guaranty Segment*

Mortgage guaranty insurance provides protection to mortgage lending institutions against the default of borrowers on mortgage loans that, at the time of the advance, had a loan-to-value ratio in excess of a specified ratio. We primarily function as a reinsurer in this industry and assume all or a portion of the risks undertaken by primary mortgage insurers.

The table below summarizes the financial results of our mortgage guaranty segment for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(\$ in millions)			
Gross written premiums	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.5	\$ 3.8
Net written premiums	0.5	1.2	1.5	3.8
Net earned premiums	2.3	3.7	5.4	7.9
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Profit commission expense	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.6
Acquisition costs		0.3	0.2	0.6
Operating expenses	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.6
Underwriting gain	\$ 1.3	\$ 2.0	\$ 3.1	\$ 4.8
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio	4.3	% 9.4	% 3.7	% 2.5
Expense ratio	39.1	% 36.4	% 38.3	% 36.2
Combined ratio	43.4	% 45.8	% 42.0	% 38.7

Gross written premiums for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, compared with \$1.2 million and \$3.8 million for the comparable periods in 2006. The decrease in gross written premiums is primarily related to the run-off of our quota share treaty business as well as commutations executed in the latter part of 2006.

Net written premiums for Second Quarter 2007 and Six Months 2007 were \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, compared with \$1.2 million and \$3.8 million for the comparable periods in 2006. This is consistent with gross written premiums, as we do not cede a significant amount of our mortgage guaranty business.

For Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, net earned premiums were \$2.3 million and \$3.7 million, respectively. For Six Months 2007 net earned premiums were \$5.4 million compared with \$7.9 million for Six Months 2006. The decrease in net earned premiums for both periods reflects the run-off of our quota share treaty business as well as commutations executed in 2007 and the latter part of 2006.

Loss and LAE were \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006, respectively. Loss and LAE for both Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 was \$0.2 million. During Second Quarter 2006 portfolio reserves were increased \$0.4 million reflecting continued earnings from the remaining in-force exposure on our excess of loss mortgage insurance contracts. Offsetting the portfolio increase mentioned above, Six Months 2006, included a \$0.2 million reduction of case reserves, reflecting the run-off of our quota share treaty business.

Profit commission expense for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 was \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. For Six Months 2007 profit commission expense decreased to \$1.1 million, compared with \$1.6 million for Six Months 2006. The decrease in profit commission expense for 2007 compared with 2006 is

primarily due to the run-off of mortgage guaranty experience rated quota share treaties, which have a large profit commission component.

Acquisition costs incurred for Second Quarter 2006 were \$0.3 million. Second Quarter 2007 had no incurred acquisition costs. Acquisition costs incurred for Six Months 2007 were \$0.2 million compared with \$0.6 million for Six Months 2006. The decline in acquisition costs incurred in 2007 compared with 2006 is directly related to the decline in net earned premiums.

Operating expenses for Second Quarter 2007 and Second Quarter 2006 were \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, while for Six Months 2007 they were \$0.8 million compared with \$0.6 million for Six Months 2006. The increase in operating expenses for the periods is mainly due to the amortization of restricted stock and stock option awards, primarily due to the accelerated vesting of these awards for retirement eligible employees. Also contributing to the increase are higher salaries and related employee benefits, due to staffing additions and merit increases.

#### ***Other Segment***

The other segment represents lines of business that we exited or sold as part of our 2004 IPO.

The other segment had no earned premiums during 2007 or 2006. However, during Six Months 2007, due to loss recoveries the other segment generated \$1.3 million of underwriting gains, as compared with \$10.1 million and \$11.3 million for Second Quarter 2006 and Six Months 2006, respectively. The other segment did not record an underwriting gain (loss) during Second Quarter 2007.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our liquidity, both on a short-term basis (for the next twelve months) and a long-term basis (beyond the next twelve months), is largely dependent upon: (1) the ability of our operating subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments to us, (2) external financings and (3) net investment income from our invested assets. Our liquidity requirements include the payment of our operating expenses, interest on our debt, and dividends on our common shares. We may also require liquidity to make periodic capital investments in our operating subsidiaries. In the ordinary course of our business, we evaluate our liquidity needs and capital resources in light of holding company expenses, debt-related expenses and our dividend policy, as well as rating agency considerations. Based on the amount of dividends we expect to receive from our subsidiaries and the income we expect to receive from our invested assets, management believes that we will have sufficient liquidity to satisfy our needs over the next twelve months, including the ability to pay dividends on our common shares. Total cash paid in Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006 for dividends to shareholders was \$5.5 million, or \$0.08 per common share, and \$5.3 million, or \$0.07 per common share, respectively. Beyond the next twelve months, the ability of our operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends may be influenced by a variety of factors including market conditions, insurance and rating agencies regulations and general economic conditions. Consequently, although management believes that we will continue to have sufficient liquidity to meet our debt service and other obligations over the long term, it remains possible that we may be required to seek external debt or equity financing in order to meet our operating expenses, debt service obligations or pay dividends on our common shares.

We anticipate that a major source of our liquidity, for the next twelve months and for the longer term, will be amounts paid by our operating subsidiaries as dividends. Certain of our operating subsidiaries are subject to restrictions on their ability to pay dividends. See

Business Regulation. The amount available at AGC to pay dividends in 2007 with notice to, but without the prior approval of, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner is approximately \$28.6 million. Dividends paid by a U.S. company to a Bermuda holding company presently are subject to a 30% withholding tax. The amount available at AG Re to pay dividends or make a distribution of contributed surplus in 2007 in compliance with Bermuda law is \$599.6 million. However, any distribution which results in a reduction of 15% or more of AG Re's total statutory capital, as set out in its previous years financial statements, would require the prior approval of the Bermuda Monetary Authority.



Liquidity at our operating subsidiaries is used to pay operating expenses, claims, payment obligations with respect to credit derivatives, reinsurance premiums and dividends to AGUS for debt service and dividends to us, as well as, where appropriate, to make capital investments in their own subsidiaries. In addition, certain of our operating companies may be required to post collateral in connection with credit derivatives and reinsurance transactions. Management believes that these subsidiaries' operating needs generally can be met from operating cash flow, including gross written premium and investment income from their respective investment portfolios.

Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$91.5 million and \$90.6 million during Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. Cash flows provided by operating activities remained relatively flat across both periods due to the large proportion of upfront premiums received in both our financial guaranty direct and financial guaranty reinsurance segments during both periods. Six Months 2006 also included a \$10.1 million loss recovery from business in our other segment, which was exited in connection with the IPO.

Net cash flows used in investing activities were \$64.1 million and \$41.6 million during Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. These investing activities consist of net purchases and sales of fixed maturity securities and short-term investments.

Net cash flows used in financing activities were \$9.0 million and \$26.8 million during Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, respectively. During Six Months 2007 we paid \$5.5 million in dividends, \$2.7 million, net, under our option and incentive plans and \$0.4 million in debt issue costs related to \$150.0 million of Series A Enhanced Junior Subordinated Debentures issued in December 2006. During Six Months 2006 we paid \$5.3 million in dividends and \$2.3 million, net, under our stock award plans. In addition, in April 2006, the Company repaid \$2.1 million of notes outstanding and related interest to subsidiaries of ACE. These notes were assumed in connection with the IPO.

On May 4, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program for 1.0 million common shares. Share repurchases will take place at management's discretion depending on market conditions. During Six Months 2007 and Six Months 2006, we paid \$0.5 million and \$17.2 million to repurchase 18,300 shares and 0.7 million shares of our Common Stock, respectively.

As of June 30, 2007 our future cash payments associated with contractual obligations pursuant to our operating leases for office space and have not materially changed since December 31, 2006.

### ***Credit Facilities***

#### *Non-Recourse Credit Facilities*

##### *AG Re Credit Facility*

On July 31, 2007 AG Re entered into a non-recourse credit facility ( AG Re Credit Facility ) with a syndicate of banks which provides up to \$200.0 million to satisfy certain reinsurance agreements and obligations. The AG Re Credit Facility expires in July 2014.

AG Re's failure to comply with certain covenants under the AG Re Credit Facility could, subject to grace periods in the case of certain covenants, result in an event of default. This could require AG Re to repay potential outstanding borrowings in an accelerated manner.

##### *AGC Credit Facility*

AGC is also party to a non-recourse credit facility ( AGC Credit Facility ) with a syndicate of banks which provides up to \$175.0 million specifically designed to provide rating agency qualified capital to further support AGC's claims paying resources. The AGC Credit Facility expires in December 2010. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, no amounts were outstanding under this facility nor have there been any borrowings under the life of this facility.

AGC's failure to comply with certain covenants under the AGC Credit Facility could, subject to grace periods in the case of certain covenants, result in an event of default. This could require AGC to repay any outstanding borrowings in an accelerated manner.

The AGC Credit Facility was terminated on July 31, 2007 and replaced by the AG Re Credit Facility discussed above.

*Investment Portfolio*

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Our investment portfolio consisted of \$2,422.6 million of fixed maturity securities, \$63.2 million of short-term investments and had a duration of 4.6 years as of June 30, 2007, compared with \$2,331.1 million of fixed maturity securities, \$134.1 million of short-term investments and had a duration of 3.9 years as of December 31, 2006. Our fixed maturity securities are designated as available-for-sale in accordance with FAS No. 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities ( FAS 115 ). Fixed maturity securities are reported at their fair value in accordance with FAS 115, and the change in fair value is reported as part of accumulated other comprehensive income. If we believe the decline in fair value is other than temporary, we write down the carrying value of the investment and record a realized loss in our statement of operations.

Fair value of the fixed maturity securities is based upon quoted market prices provided by either independent pricing services or, when such prices are not available, by reference to broker or underwriter bid indications. Our investment portfolio does not include any non-publicly traded securities. For a detailed description of our valuation of investments see Critical Accounting Estimates.

We review our investment portfolio for possible impairment losses. For additional information, see Critical Accounting Estimates.

The following table summarizes the ratings distributions of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006. Ratings are represented by the lower of the Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Inc., a Division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., classifications.

	As of June 30, 2007		As of December 31, 2006	
AAA or equivalent	82.4	%	81.8	%
AA	12.7	%	13.5	%
A	4.9	%	4.7	%
Total	100.0	%	100.0	%

As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, our investment portfolio did not contain any securities that were not rated or rated below investment grade.

Short-term investments include securities with maturity dates equal to or less than one year from the original issue date. Our short-term investments are composed of money market funds, discounted notes and certain time deposits for foreign cash portfolios. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates the fair value of these securities due to the short maturity of these investments.

Under agreements with our cedants and in accordance with statutory requirements, we maintain fixed maturity securities in trust accounts for the benefit of reinsured companies and for the protection of policyholders, generally in states where we or our subsidiaries, as applicable, are not licensed or accredited. The carrying value of such restricted balances as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 was \$600.7 million and \$610.5 million, respectively.

Under certain derivative contracts, we are required to post eligible securities as collateral, generally cash or U.S. government or agency securities. The need to post collateral under these transactions is generally based on marked to market valuations in excess of contractual thresholds. The fair market values of our pledged securities totaled \$0.9 million as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

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In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued FAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( FAS 157 ). FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. FAS 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, since the FASB had previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measure. Accordingly, FAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. FAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company plans to adopt FAS 157 at the beginning of 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that FAS 157 will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Liabilities ( FAS 159 ). FAS 159 allows entities to voluntarily choose, at specified election dates, to measure many financial assets and financial liabilities (as well as certain nonfinancial instruments that are similar to financial instruments) at fair value (the fair value option ). The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is irrevocable. If the fair value option is elected for an instrument, FAS 159 specifies that all subsequent changes in fair value for that instrument shall be reported in unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments in the Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income. FAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. Earlier adoption of FAS 159 is permitted, but we do not intend to early adopt. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that FAS 159 will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In April 2007, the FASB Staff issued FASB Staff Position No. FIN 39-1, Amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 ( FSP FIN 39-1 ), which permits companies to offset cash collateral receivables or payables with net derivative positions under certain circumstances. FSP FIN 39-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted. FSP FIN 39-1 will not affect our results of operations or financial position, though it may affect the balance sheet classification of certain assets and liabilities.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

**Market Risk**

Market risk represents the potential for losses that may result from changes in the value of a financial instrument as a result of changes in market conditions. The primary market risks that impact the value of our financial instruments are interest rate risk, basis risk, such as taxable interest rates relative to tax-exempt interest rates, and credit spread risk. Each of these risks and the specific types of financial instruments impacted are described below. Senior managers in our surveillance department are responsible for monitoring risk limits and applying risk measurement methodologies. The estimation of potential losses arising from adverse changes in market conditions is a key element in managing market risk. We use various systems, models and stress test scenarios to monitor and manage market risk. These models include estimates made by management that use current and historic market information. The valuation results from these models could differ materially from amounts that actually are realized in the market. See Critical Accounting Estimates Valuation of Investments.

Financial instruments that may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates consist primarily of investment securities. The primary objective in managing our investment portfolio is generation of an optimal level of after-tax investment income while preserving capital and maintaining adequate liquidity. Investment strategies are based on many factors, including our tax position, fluctuation in interest rates, regulatory and rating agency criteria and other market factors.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Assured Guaranty Ltd. s management, with the participation of Assured Guaranty Ltd. s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of Assured Guaranty Ltd. s disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act )) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, Assured Guaranty Ltd. s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, Assured Guaranty Ltd. s disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by Assured Guaranty Ltd. (including its consolidated subsidiaries) in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act.

There has been no change in the Company s internal controls over financial reporting during the Company s quarter ended June 30, 2007, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal controls over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1 Legal Proceedings**

Lawsuits arise in the ordinary course of the Company's business. It is the opinion of the Company's management, based upon the information available, that the expected outcome of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity, although an adverse resolution of a number of these items could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or liquidity in a particular quarter or fiscal year.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, certain of the Company's subsidiaries assert claims in legal proceedings against third parties to recover losses paid in prior periods. The amounts, if any, the Company will recover in these proceedings are uncertain, although recoveries in any one or more of these proceedings during any quarter or fiscal year could be material to the Company's results of operations in that particular quarter or fiscal year.

**Item 1A Risk Factors**

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results.

**Item 2 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

**Issuer's Purchases of Equity Securities**

The following table reflects purchases made by the Company during the three months ended June 30, 2007:

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid Per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	(d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program
April 1 - April 30	72,614	(1) \$ 28.63		150,460
May 1 - May 31	1,565	(1) \$ 30.35		150,460
June 1 - June 30	18,395	(2) \$ 28.60	18,300	132,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,574</b>	<b>\$ 28.66</b>	<b>18,300</b>	

(1) 72,614 shares and 1,565 shares were repurchased from employees in connection with the payment of withholding taxes due in connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards.

(2) 95 shares were repurchased from employees in connection with the payment of withholding taxes due in connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards.

Items 3, 4 and 5 are omitted either because they are inapplicable or because the answer to such question is negative.

**Item 6 Exhibits**

See Exhibit Index for a list of exhibits filed with this report.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 9, 2007

Assured Guaranty Ltd.(Registrant)

By:

/s/ Robert B. Mills  
Robert B. Mills  
Chief Financial Officer (Principal  
Financial and Accounting Officer  
and Duly Authorized Officer)

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Outside Directors under Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan*
10.2	\$200.0 million soft-capital credit facility
31.1	Certification of CEO Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13A-14 and 15D-14, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of CFO Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13A-14 and 15D-14, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of CEO Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of CFO Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
99.1	Assured Guaranty Corp. s Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 and for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

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\* Management contract or compensatory plan

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