



REGENT
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Annual report 2012





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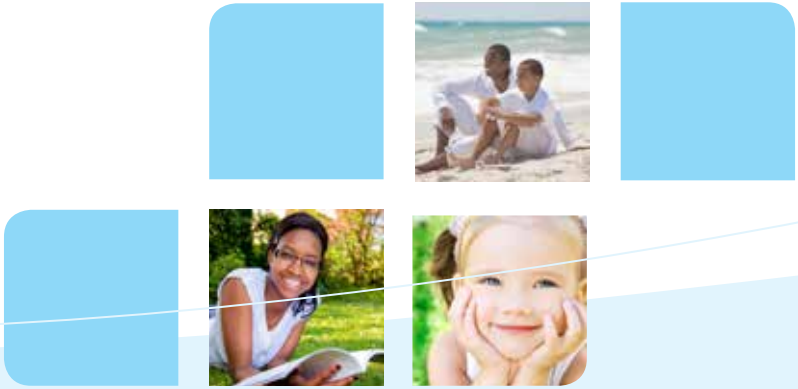
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KEYS

The Regent Group	– Regent Insurance Group and Regent Life Group
Regent Life Group	– Regent Life Assurance Company Limited and its subsidiaries
Regent Insurance Group	– Regent Insurance Company Limited and its subsidiaries
Regent Life Company	– Regent Life Assurance Company Limited
Regent Insurance Company	– Regent Insurance Company Limited
ANW	– Adjusted Net Worth
ALM	– Asset Liability Management
ALSI	– All Share Index
ASSA	– Actuarial Society of South Africa
BSR	– Bonus Smoothing Reserve
CAR	– Capital Adequacy Requirement
CEO	– Chief Executive Officer
CGU	– Cash Generating Unit
CRO	– Chief Risk Officer
DAC	– Deferred Acquisition Costs
ERM	– Enterprise Risk Management
FSV	– Financial Soundness Valuation
GAAS	– Generally Accepted Actuarial Standards
IAS	– International Accounting Standards
IASB	– International Accounting Standards Board
IBNR	– Incurred But Not Reported
IFRIC	– International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee
IFRS	– International Financial Reporting Standards
IT	– Information Technology
IOCAR	– Intermediate Ordinary Capital Adequacy Requirement
JSE	– Johannesburg Stock Exchange
MCAR	– Minimum Capital Adequacy Requirement
OCAR	– Ordinary Capital Adequacy Requirement
PGN	– Professional Guidance Note
PPFM	– Principles and Practices of Financial Management
SAM	– Solvency Assessment Management
ZAR	– South African Rand
SCAR	– Statutory Capital Adequacy Requirement
SIC	– Standing Interpretations Committee
SPE	– Special Purpose Entity
SVM	– Statutory Valuation Method
TCAR	– Termination Capital Adequacy Requirement

Regent Life Company and Regent Insurance Company are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Imperial Holdings Limited



Make the Right Choice

Who can you trust for a wide choice of innovative insurance solutions to provide financial security in these unpredictable times? Look no further than the Regent Group – your cover of choice who:

- provides a wide range of motor insurance products
- is one of the top two commercial vehicle insurers in the country
- provides innovative and affordable life assurance products
- offers specialist resources and expertise across a range of insurance markets

The Regent Story

The Regent Group is part of the Imperial family. Imperial is a diversified multinational mobility group with activities that include motor vehicles and related operations across all modes of transport for people and freight, both locally and abroad. As part of this diversified group, the Regent culture is based on entrepreneurship, innovation and an adherence to industry-specific best practices that characterise the way Imperial does business.

The Regent Group has become a well-known specialist and market leader in its chosen markets and an exceptional range of short-term insurance and life assurance products are available under one Regent brand, offering a one-stop-shop. Regent also operates in Botswana and Lesotho.

The following annual financial statements have been audited and have been approved by the board of directors. Peter Hibbit CA(SA) was responsible for the supervision of the preparation of the annual financial statements.

Corporate governance

for the year ended 30 June 2012



A common board is responsible for both the statutory entities. Although the board meeting for both Regent Life Company and Regent Insurance Company are held on the same day, the board allocates separate time slots to fulfil its obligations and responsibilities to each company, thus ensuring that all statutory and regulatory requirements are fully met by each company. The corporate governance statement that follows is a combined statement by the board of directors, having applied it to both the entities.

Principles of corporate governance

The board is committed to the principles of openness, integrity and accountability, and to providing timely, relevant and meaningful reporting to all stakeholders. The board ensures that the Regent Group's business is conducted to high standards of corporate governance, and in line with best practice. These standards are entrenched in the Regent Group's established systems of internal control, by its procedures and policies governing corporate conduct, with particular emphasis on the importance of qualitative aspects of corporate governance.

The Regent Group is committed to an open governance process such that all stakeholders may derive assurance that its directors and managers at all levels are managing the Regent Group responsibly. The board subscribes to the principles of the code of corporate practices and conduct as set out in the King III Report on corporate governance (King III). The board has assessed its governance practices and procedures against the King III report and adjustments have been made to comply with King III where appropriate. Where King III was not applied, explanations have been provided in the applicable section. No integrated report has been prepared as the Regent Group is wholly-owned by Imperial Holdings Limited which produces a group integrated report.

The principles contained in King III are reflected in the Regent Group's corporate governance structures, which are reviewed from time to time to accommodate organisational changes and international developments in the field of corporate governance. It is the policy of the board and management to actively review and enhance the Regent Group's systems of control and governance continuously to ensure the Regent Group's business is managed ethically and within prudently determined risk parameters that conform to best practice.

Corporate governance (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Board composition, appointment and responsibilities

All directors of the board, as at 30 June 2012, are appointed to both Regent Insurance Company and to Regent Life Company. In accordance with Imperial Holdings Group Limited policy, HR Brody serves as the non-executive chairman for both companies and although not independent, this is considered acceptable in view of the significant number of independent non-executive directors. Furthermore, in terms of the board charter, the chairman is required to hand over the chairmanship of the meeting to an independent director should a decision be required on a matter where the chairman is conflicted.

Directors are appointed on the basis of skill, experience and their level of contribution to, and their impact on, the activities of the Regent Group. The board decides on the appointment of directors based on recommendations from the remuneration and nomination committee of the holding company, Imperial Holdings Limited. Incoming directors are provided with formal induction material to facilitate their understanding of the Regent Group.

Currently the board consists of nine non-executive directors and three executive directors. Five of the non-executive directors are independent. No bloc of directors can dominate the board. All board members are kept abreast of current developments and required governance structures.

The board of directors is responsible for setting the direction of the Regent Group through the establishment of strategic objectives and key policies. Board meetings are held at least quarterly with additional meetings called when necessary. The quorum for meetings is a majority of directors.

The responsibilities of the board are clearly defined in terms of its board charter, which was updated during the current financial year. The board has also adopted, and regularly reviews, an authority policy governing the authority delegated to the management of the Regent Group and detailing matters retained for decision by the board.

The responsibilities of the board include issues of strategic direction, business plans and annual budgets, major acquisitions and disposals, changes to the board on recommendation from the remuneration and nomination committees of Imperial Holdings Limited and other matters having a material effect on the Regent Group or required by statute.

Board members and executive management are required to regularly declare any interest they might have in transactions with the Regent Group.

All directors are given access to the information needed to carry out their duties and responsibilities fully and effectively. Furthermore, all directors are entitled to seek independent professional advice about the affairs of the Regent Group, at the expense of the company concerned.

The current members of the board are HR Brody (chairman), JJ Strydom (group chief executive officer), AN Tennick (executive director), PCW Hibbit (group chief financial officer), RG Cottrell, C Erasmus, BJ Francis, RL Hiemstra, S Masinga, JPR Mbau, R Mumford and RJA Sparks.

David Gnodde resigned as a director and group chief executive officer on 23 January 2012. Jurie Strydom was appointed as group chief executive officer with effect from 22 February 2012. Steve Handler retired from the board on 15 February 2012. The Regent Group would like to thank Steve Handler for his valuable contribution to the group over many years, particularly for the important role he played in building the group into the successful organisation it is today.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Board effectiveness and evaluation

During the year under review, the performance of the board was assessed. Individual questionnaires were completed by board members and the results collated by the company secretary, which were reported to the board. The board concluded that it operates effectively and that it remains relevant to the business objectives of the company.

An assessment of the chairman's performance was also performed during the year under review. Here too individual questionnaires were completed by board members and the results collated by the company secretary, which were reported to the board. The chairman's performance as a whole was rated as good to excellent.

Board committees and governance structures

The board has established a number of sub-committees, which operate within defined terms of reference laid down by the board in writing. Members of these committees are suitably qualified and experienced to meaningfully contribute to the workings of the committees on which they serve. All committees report to the board and operate in accordance with written terms of reference approved by the board.

Audit committee

The audit committee comprises three independent non-executive members, namely RG Cottrell, C Erasmus and RJA Sparks, chaired by RG Cottrell.

The committee is constituted as a statutory committee in respect of its statutory duties in terms of the Companies Act, 2008, and a committee of the board in respect of all other duties assigned to it by the board. The committee operates in terms of a charter that has been approved by the board.

The chief executive officer, chief risk officer, chief financial officer, chief audit executive of Imperial Holdings, group risk executive of Imperial Holdings, representatives from the external auditors, the head of the internal audit service provider, other assurance providers, professional advisers and board members may be in attendance at committee meetings, but by invitation only and they may not vote.

The statutory and board delegated duties of the committee include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Monitoring the integrity of the annual report and reviewing the content thereof to ensure that the information is reliable as well as reviewing any information to be included in the Imperial Group interim and preliminary announcements, and any other financial information to be made public.
- Preparing a report to be included in the annual financial statements in terms of Section 94(7) of the Companies Act, which report appears on pages 34 and 97 of this report and provides further information on the activities of the committee.
- Monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness of the internal audit function.
- Recommending to the board the appointment of the external auditors, approving their remuneration and terms of engagement and monitoring their independence, objectivity and effectiveness, taking into consideration relevant professional and regulatory requirements.
- Reviewing the skills and experience of the chief financial officer and the expertise, resources and experience of the company's finance function.
- Determination of the nature and extent of any non-audit services which the external auditor may provide to the company and pre-approval of any proposed contract with the external auditor for the provision of those non-audit services.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Audit committee (continued)

- Receiving and dealing appropriately with any complaints (whether from within or outside the company) relating either to the accounting practices and internal audit of the company or to the content or auditing of its financial statements, or to any related matter.

The external and internal auditors have unrestricted access to the chairman of the committee and have attended all meetings during the period to report on their findings and to discuss accounting, auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters.

The audit committee has, in the past financial year, satisfied its responsibilities in compliance with the new Companies Act as well as its responsibilities in accordance with its terms of reference.

Risk committee

A separate risk committee was established during the current year as a result of regulatory developments impacting on the insurance industry, requiring more focus on this area. The inaugural meeting of the risk committee was held in February 2012.

The objective of the committee is to ensure that the Regent Group has implemented an effective policy and plan for risk management and IT governance that will enhance the group's ability to achieve its strategic objectives and that the disclosure regarding risk is comprehensive, timely and relevant.

The risk committee, which is chaired by S Masinga, an independent non-executive director of the Regent Group, meets at least quarterly.

Actuarial committee

The primary objective of the actuarial committee is to ensure the integrity of the reported actuarial estimates, including reserves of the Regent Group and embedded value of the Regent Life Group. It also monitors the statutory solvency of Regent Life Company and Regent Insurance Company, and their insurance subsidiaries.

The actuarial committee, which is chaired by C Erasmus, an independent non-executive director of the Regent Group, meets at least quarterly.

Investment committee

The objective of the investment committee is to ensure that appropriate decisions are taken with regard to the investments of the Regent Group. The committee recommends guidelines and principles to the board and takes advice where appropriate from external investment professionals.

The investment committee, chaired by W Reitsma who is the group treasurer of Imperial Holdings Limited, meets at least quarterly.

Remuneration committee

The Regent Group does not have a formal remuneration committee but rather follows recommendations from its holding company's remuneration committee. The Regent Group subscribes to fair remunerations practices and benchmarks are used as considered necessary. A formal appraisal system is used to measure performance of all employees and ultimately guide remuneration and incentive awards. Executives and certain senior management participate in a share appreciation rights scheme that is subject to the fulfilment of pre-determined performance criteria over the vesting period. The Imperial Holdings chief executive reports to the audit committee on remuneration and incentive policies and procedures.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Social and ethics committee

The holding company's social, ethics and sustainability committee fulfils the responsibilities required in terms of the Companies Act on behalf of the Regent Group. The Imperial Holdings group risk executive reports to the board on the social, ethics and sustainability matters dealt with at the Imperial Holdings meeting.

Statutory actuary

The independent statutory actuary, who is not in the employ of the Regent Group, assists the board in all actuarial matters and reviews the actuarial valuation of the Regent Life Group. The statutory actuary attends the year-end board meetings and all actuarial committee meetings.

Company secretary

All directors have access to the advice and services of the company secretary who ensures compliance with applicable procedures and legislation.

Meeting attendance

The table below details attendance by directors of board and committee meetings during the year.

	Board	Audit committee	Risk committee	Investment committee	Actuarial committee
Number of meetings during the year	4	4	2	4	4
HR Brody	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
RG Cottrell	4	4	2	n/a	n/a
C Erasmus	3/3	1/1	2	3/3	3/3
BJ Francis	4	n/a	2	n/a	n/a
DD Gnodde	2/2	n/a	n/a	2/2	2/2
S Handler	3/3	3/3	n/a	3/3	3/3
PCW Hibbit	4	n/a	2	4	4
RL Hiemstra	3	n/a	n/a	3	n/a
S Masinga	4	n/a	2	n/a	n/a
JPR Mbau	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
R Mumford	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
RJA Sparks	4	3	n/a	3	n/a
JJ Strydom	4	n/a	2	4	4
AN Tennick	4	n/a	2	4	4

n/a Not applicable

David Gnodde resigned from the board on 23 January 2012

S Handler retired from the board on 15 February 2012

C Erasmus was appointed to the board on 1 October 2011

Corporate governance (continued)

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Accountability and audit

Going concern

The Regent Group audit committee considers the facts and assumptions used in the assessment of the Regent Group as a going concern at the financial year-end date. This provides assurance to the directors in confirming their assessment that the annual financial statements are properly prepared on the going concern basis.

Internal financial controls

The directors acknowledge that they are responsible for instituting internal control systems that provide reasonable assurance on safeguarding of assets and prevention of their unauthorised use or disposal, as well as maintenance of proper accounting records that give reasonable assurance on the reliability of financial information produced.

Although there is room for improvement in the automated processes and controls, compensating controls are in place and the board is satisfied that these compensating controls provide reasonable assurance that significant associated risks are appropriately managed and that adequate internal controls are in place.

The improvement of processes and controls continues to receive the ongoing attention of the audit committee and of the board and continues to improve in accordance with established plans. The board is satisfied that there have been no material breakdowns of the internal controls

Internal audit

The internal audit function is outsourced to an external service provider, which is staffed by qualified and experienced individuals. The responsible partner has direct access to the Regent Group audit committee as well as to the group audit executive of Imperial Holdings. The responsibilities of the internal audit department are defined in a written charter approved by the audit committee and ratified by the board.

Internal audit is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity established to add value and improve operations of the Regent Group. It helps the Regent Group accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the adequacy and effectiveness of control and governance processes.

The internal audit function did not report any material breakdowns in internal control.

Risk management

During the year under review, the Regent Group revamped its entire ERM policy and framework to align it to the SAM interim measures as well as industry best practice. Significant progress has been made to not only strengthen its risk management competencies but also to embed it throughout the Regent Group. The board approved the new ERM policy and framework, including a new ERM governance structure, which includes a stand-alone risk committee and an executive risk and governance committee to support the risk management process. The board also approved the first formal risk appetite and risk tolerances for both companies at risk type level, which forms the foundation of Regent Group's business strategy and capital management.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Risk management (continued)

Since Imperial Holdings Limited is the sole shareholder of the Regent Group, with the approval of the directors, the transformation, remuneration and directors' affairs are dealt with by the relevant Imperial Holdings Limited committees. The CEO of the Regent Group is a member of the Imperial Group executive committee.

The allocation of roles and responsibilities for risk management within the Regent Group is consistent with the guidelines provided in the King III report on corporate governance as well as the new SAM interim measures published by the FSB. A dedicated CRO is appointed at executive committee level, reporting to the CEO, to independently oversee the Regent Group's risk management activities and risk and compliance champions were appointed in each division to ensure cascading of risk processes into the business.

The board is responsible for the governance of risk and disclosure which includes the approval of a documented risk policy and framework. It reviews the risk management plan at least annually with continuous monitoring.

Oversight of risk and compliance has been delegated to the risk committee where the terms of reference set out the link between the board and management and where the committee considers the risk management policy and plan, the efficiency of management in their risk management responsibilities as well as the effectiveness of internal controls. The actuarial committee considers capital adequacy and asset/liability matching risks and the investment committee considers investment risks. A member of the audit committee is represented on each of the two aforementioned committees.

Executive management is accountable to the board for the design, implementation and monitoring of the process of risk management and integrating it into the day-to-day activities of the Regent Group.

The CRO assists all levels in the business in achieving the strategic objectives of the Regent Group by bringing a systematic approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management and control.

The CRO of the Regent Group oversees the ERM framework facilitating and coordinating the process and reporting the status to the executive management, the audit committee, the newly established risk committee and the board. The CRO has direct access to the chairpersons of the audit committee and the risk committee, but reports administratively to the CEO.

In all business areas, managers are trained in carrying out risk assessments, recording the findings and taking appropriate management action in a timely fashion. The risk and governance committee was established, consisting of divisional executives as well as risk and compliance champions, under the chairmanship of the CRO and meets monthly to review the Regent Group risk profiles and ensure that cross-cutting and concentration risk is considered. This committee was further strengthened by changing it to an executive committee to ensure that all business executives actively participate in the risk and governance processes in the group.

In particular, the following activities have been undertaken:

- > Comprehensive risk assessments;
- > Cost effective mitigation of risks;
- > Regular monitoring of risks;
- > Comprehensive reporting to the audit and risk committees and the board on the current risk status of the Regent Group;
- > Reporting to regulator on risks where required; and
- > Completion of the FSB risk-based prudential supervisory framework risk matrix.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Risk management (continued)

The Regent Group strives to achieve continuous improvement in the management of risk, through the effectiveness of its risk management processes and its three lines of defence through the reporting structures. The Regent Group has laid a solid foundation on which to further develop its risk management and assurance capabilities so as to ensure that not only the regulatory and business obligations and objectives are met but also to ensure that risk management is successfully embedded into the capital management process.

Compliance

The governance and compliance function is responsible for the monitoring of regulatory and reputational risk and the setting of related policies. The Regent Group's governance strategy, objectives and structures have been designed to ensure that the group complies with legislation and all relevant codes.

Compliance risk is the risk to earnings, capital and reputation arising from violations of, or non-compliance with, laws, rules, regulations, supervisory requirements, prescribed practices or ethical standards.

The Regent Group is committed to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and ethical behaviour and requires all its employees to comply with all relevant laws, rules, standards and policies when conducting the business of the group.

The Regent Group's compliance function is an independent function that identifies, evaluates, advises, monitors and reports on the group's compliance risk.

Compliance risk is managed within the organisation through the following key activities:

- Creating awareness through training employees on the impact and responsibilities related to legislative requirements;
- Monitoring and reporting on the level of compliance with regulatory requirements, including reporting specific incidents of non-compliance to senior management and the board;
- Providing assurance that the risks relating to regulatory requirements are identified, understood and effectively managed; and
- Consulting with the business units and providing compliance opinions with regard to new business ventures and processes.

Information technology

The strategy during this reporting cycle has been to simplify the approach to IT across the organisation with a view to mature the environment in a phased approach. The focus during this period has been on:

- Implementing the IT organisational re-design and transformation process;
- Delivering the core enterprise application renewal programme; and
- Implementing the technology and infrastructure upgrades required to support business continuity.

From an IT organisational perspective, a federal approach has been replaced with a single IT structure consolidating the areas of business solution delivery, technology and infrastructure, IT operations, project management and IT governance, into a single shared services division. This allows for governance and process improvements through the cycle with a focus on control objectives for IT and IT infrastructure best practices being phased in as the division matures.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Information technology (continued)

The focus of the core enterprise application renewal programme has been on a medium-term de-risking strategy for both short-term and life policy administration systems and the initial phases of a long-term replacement strategy. This has been approved by the board, post an in-depth system review process.

The supporting technology environment has been upgraded, from an independent server farm to a single virtualised server configuration, thus stabilising the environment, enabling the use of standard platforms to simplify support and maintenance and delivering on the requirements for a scalable platform. In addition, the new environment includes full replication ensuring real time disaster recovery in support of business continuity plans.

From an infrastructure perspective the call centre telephony technologies have been upgraded to support the increasing demands of the affiliate business strategy, such as the Clicks partnership. This infrastructure will further be extended into a voice over internet protocol solution across a planned wide area multi protocol label/layered switching network for South Africa and international affiliates during the 2013 financial year.

The focus for the next reporting cycle will be on maturing the IT organisation and governance processes for South Africa and international subsidiaries, implementing the core policy administration system de-risking strategy and beginning the replacement strategy implementation, optimising the server, hosting and telephony environments and implementing the wide area network and voice over internet protocol infrastructure solutions.

Principles of conduct

Business integrity and ethics

The Regent Group has a written code of ethics. The Regent Group supports free enterprise as the system best able to contribute to the economic welfare of society, and to promote individual liberty. Without satisfactory profits and a strong financial foundation, it would not be possible to fulfil the responsibilities to shareholders, employees, society and those with whom we do business. Our corporate actions are governed by economic criteria as well as social, environmental and political considerations.

The Regent Group is committed to the principles of sustainable development, striking a balance between economic, environmental and social development. We strive to innovate and adopt best practice wherever we operate, working in consultation with stakeholders.

Management and employees operate within a framework that requires compliance with all applicable laws and maintenance of the highest integrity in the conduct of the business of the Regent Group.

Employment and labour rights

The Regent Group subscribes to the principle of fair labour practices at our workplaces, and our conditions of service comply with applicable laws and industry standards.

Corporate governance (continued)

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Board of directors

Hubert Brody

BAcc Honours CA(SA)

Non-executive chairman

Joined in 2006

Peter Hibbit

BCom H.Dip Tax AMP Harvard CA(SA)

Chief financial officer

Joined in 2010

Jurie Strydom

B Bus Sc FIA FASSA CFA

Chief executive officer

Joined in 2007

Andrew Tennick

BCom FCII

Executive director

Joined in 2007

Rick Cottrell

FCA CA(SA) SEP (Stanford)

Independent non-executive director

Joined in 2008

Berenice Francis

BCompt Honours CIA

Non-executive director

Joined in 2008

Charles Erasmus

BSc FIA

Independent non-executive director

Joined in 2011

Recht Hiemstra

BCompt Honours CA(SA)

Non-executive director

Joined in 1992

Sibongile Masinga

BCom

Independent non-executive director

Joined in 2008

Jethro Mbau

Executive Management Programme

Independent non-executive director

Joined in 1994

Russel Mumford

BCom BAcc Honours CA(SA)

Non-executive director

Joined in 1995

Roddy Sparks

BCom Honours CA(SA) MBA

Independent non-executive director

Joined in 2009

Corporate governance (continued)

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Executive team

Bilal Adam

BCom Honours, CA(SA)

Head: Corporate Finance

Joined in 2007

Rob Barker

BA Honours

Head: Strategic Partnerships

Joined in 2011

Werner Behrens

B Juris LLB

Head: Corporate Services

Joined in 2008

Clifford Brooke

BCom ACII CA(SA)

Head: Special Projects

Retired in 2012

André Cloete

BCom Honours FIA FASSA

Head: Motor Comprehensive, Claims and Actuarial

Joined 2008

Kumeshnie Govender

Matric

Head: Central Operations

Joined in 2009

Heydon Hall

BCom, MBA, DCom

Chief information officer

Joined in 2011

Reginald Haman

MBA

Chief risk officer

Joined in 2010

Peter Hibbit

BCom H.Dip Tax AMP Harvard CA(SA)

Chief financial officer

Joined in 2010

Jacques le Roux

National Diploma in Marketing and Sales

Head: Personal Lines

Joined 1993

Dashnee Naidoo

Honours Diploma Labour Law

Head: Human Resources

Joined 2008

Elva Price

ACIS

Company secretary

Joined 2011

Besa Ruele

BSc Mathematics FIA FASSA

Head: Life

Joined in 2007

Jurie Strydom

B Bus Sc FIA FASSA CFA MBA

Chief executive officer

Joined in 2007

Andrew Tennick

BCom FCII

Executive director

Joined in 2007

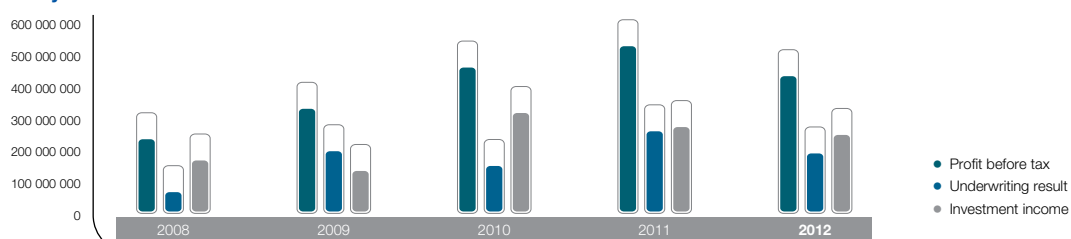
Combined salient features

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	Regent Life Group 2012 R'000	Regent Insurance Group 2012 R'000	Regent Group 2012 R'000	Regent Life Group 2011 R'000	Regent Insurance Group 2011 R'000	Regent Group 2011 R'000	Regent Group % change
Statement of comprehensive income							
Gross written premium income	740 381	2 193 814	2 934 195	692 654	2 038 204	2 730 858	7
Investment income, including investment gains	109 093	137 468	246 561	106 411	164 877	271 288	(9)
Net claims and benefits incurred	260 625	1 078 266	1 338 891	253 980	880 846	1 134 826	(18)
Underwriting result	84 187	104 319	188 506	11 984	245 990	257 974	(27)
Profit before taxation	193 452	237 789	431 241	116 963	408 425	525 388	(18)
Statement of financial position							
Total assets	1 591 409	2 542 870	4 134 279	1 438 721	2 687 058	4 125 779	—
Total cash and cash equivalents, including short-term financial instruments	550 644	1 061 113	1 611 757	649 028	1 261 637	1 910 665	(16)
Total liabilities	1 002 131	1 498 250	2 500 651	877 861	1 496 678	2 374 539	(5)
Total equity	589 278	1 044 350	1 633 628	560 860	1 190 380	1 751 250	(7)

2012	Insurance	Investment policy- holder funds and float	Investment shareholder funds	Total
Underwriting result	188 506	—	—	188 506
Investment income	—	171 678	74 883	246 561
Profit before tax	184 680	171 678	74 883	431 241
2011				
Underwriting result	257 974	—	—	257 974
Investment income	—	159 023	112 264	271 287
Profit before tax	254 101	159 023	112 264	525 388

Five year review





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Directors' approval and statement of responsibility

for the year ended 30 June 2012

The directors of the Regent Life Group are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the integrity of the annual financial statements and group annual financial statements of Regent Life Company. The annual financial statements presented on pages 18 to 32 and 34 to 93 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Regent Life Group's external auditors, Deloitte & Touche, have audited the annual financial statements and their audit report appears on page 33.

The directors are also responsible for the Regent Life Company and Regent Life Group's systems of internal control. These are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance as to the reliability of the annual financial statements and group annual financial statements, to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability for assets and to prevent and detect material misstatement and loss.

The going concern basis has been adopted in preparing the annual financial statements. The directors have no reason to believe that the Regent Life Company and Regent Life Group will not be a going concern in the foreseeable future based on forecasts and available cash resources. The viability of the Regent Life Company and Regent Life Group is supported by the annual financial statements.

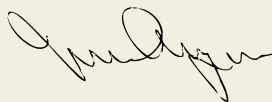
Deloitte & Touche were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of shareholders, the board of directors and committees of the board. The directors believe that all representations made to the independent auditors during their audit were valid and appropriate.

The annual financial statements of the Regent Life Company and Regent Life Group on pages 18 to 32 and 34 to 93 were approved by the board of directors on 16 October 2012 and are signed on its behalf by:



HR Brody
Chairman

16 October 2012



JJ Strydom
Chief executive officer

16 October 2012

Certificate by the company secretary

In accordance with Section 88(e) of the Companies Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the Regent Life Group has lodged with the commissioner, for the financial year ended 30 June 2012, all such returns as are required of a public company in terms of the Act and that all such returns are true, correct and up to date.



E Price
Company secretary

16 October 2012

Company statutory actuary's report

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Published reporting basis		
Total value of assets as per statement of financial position	1 157 714	1 062 080
Less: Reinsurances	(103 322)	(81 350)
Statement of financial position assets net of reinsurances	1 054 392	980 730
Value of policy liabilities	225 686	218 420
Less: Reinsurances	(103 322)	(81 350)
Investment contract liabilities	78 149	67 360
Current and other liabilities as per statement of financial position	373 751	286 098
Total value of liabilities net of reinsurances	574 264	490 528
Excess assets	480 128	490 202
Statutory basis		
Value of assets as per statutory basis	1 044 522	972 765
Value of policy liabilities	455 578	396 096
Investment contract liabilities	78 149	67 360
Current and other liabilities as per statement of financial position	281 443	213 696
Total value of liabilities net of reinsurances	815 170	677 152
Excess assets	229 352	295 613
CAR – refer to page 22	49 241	58 026
Ratio of excess assets to CAR	4.7	5.1
Analysis of change in excess assets on published reporting basis		
The excess of the value of assets over the value of liabilities has changed as follows over the reporting period:		
Excess assets at the end of the year	480 128	490 202
Excess assets at the beginning of the year	490 202	452 633
Change in excess over the year	(10 074)	37 569
The change in excess assets is due to the following factors:		
Investment income on excess assets	18 275	18 192
Capital gain on excess assets	3 441	5 019
Total investment return on excess assets	21 716	23 211
Operating profit	106 618	56 681
Dividends received from subsidiaries	21 418	4 664
Decrease in excess assets due to change in valuation methods or assumptions – refer page 19	(5 896)	(7 563)
Taxation	(40 242)	(26 778)
Total earnings as per statement of comprehensive income	103 614	50 215
Dividends paid	(114 900)	(26 140)
Movement in non-controlling interest	–	20 500
Change in share-based equity in respect of employee remuneration arrangements	1 212	(7 006)
Total change in excess assets	(10 074)	37 569

Company statutory actuary's report (continued)

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Reconciliation of excess assets between published reporting basis and statutory basis		
Excess assets on published reporting basis	480 128	490 202
Less: Assets excluded in terms of schedule 3 of the Act	(9 870)	(18 453)
Less: Excess of statutory liabilities over published reporting liabilities*	(240 906)	(186 624)
Excess assets on statutory basis	229 352	285 125

*Net of reinsurances

1. Summary of impact of changes in published reporting valuation methods and assumptions

The following changes were made to the published reporting valuation basis:

- The economic assumptions were reviewed to reflect the movement in the yield curve, current economic environment and asset mix. As a result of these economic changes, the actuarial liabilities reduced by R21.9 million.
- The non-economic assumptions were also reviewed in the light of the most recent experience investigations and as a result per policy expense, withdrawal and decrement assumptions were changed. An explicit minimum surrender reserve being held in terms of Regulation 5 was released.
- As a result of these other valuation assumption changes, the actuarial liabilities increased by R27.8 million.
- The overall impact of all the above basis changes was an increase in the actuarial liabilities of R5.9 million.

2. Published reporting valuation methods and assumptions

The valuation was performed using the FSV method for insurance contracts as specified in PGN 104. Investment contracts without discretionary features have been valued in terms of IAS 39. Assets and policy liabilities have been valued on methods and assumptions that are consistent with each other.

The effect of the valuation methods and assumptions used is that profits for insurance contracts and investment contracts without participation in profits on a discretionary basis are released appropriately over the term of each policy in order to reduce the likelihood of losses in later years.

Policy liabilities net of reinsurance were determined by discounting the expected benefit payments, commission and expenses, less expected premium. For unitised insurance contracts, the market value of the unit account, as well as a non-unit reserve was held as the liability. The non-unit reserve is based on the expected benefit payments, commission and expenses less the expected charges.

In the calculation of actuarial liabilities, provision has been made for:

- the best estimate of the future experience; *plus*
- the compulsory margins prescribed by PGN 104; *plus*
- discretionary margins as detailed below:
 - an additional 30% margin was incorporated for the credit life retrenchment benefit in view of the potential volatility of claims experience and uncertain economic environment;
 - a 10% margin was incorporated in the credit life decrement assumptions to ensure the prudent release of profits in line with the policy design;
 - a 7.5% margin was incorporated for the individual life dependants mortality in view of the observed volatility in claims experience;
 - an additional 10% margin was incorporated in the individual life expense assumptions given the uncertainty associated with the expenses on this portfolio in light of the changes in the mix of Regent Life Company's business;
 - negative reserves were eliminated for all policies with premiums outstanding for three or more months; and
 - the combined value of the discretionary margins amounted to R424.9 million.

Company statutory actuary's report (continued)

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

The main assumptions (including compulsory and discretionary margins) used to calculate the liabilities are summarised below.

Economic assumptions	2012 % per annum	2011 % per annum
Investment return		
> Credit life – regular premium	4.54	5.62
> Credit life – single premium	4.04	6.12
> Other individual business	6.24	7.93
> Disability annuitants	6.92	8.45
> With-profit annuitants	3.75	3.75
Expense inflation		
> Credit life	2.97	4.70
> Individual life	4.28	6.13
Disability annuity increases		
	4.77	6.25

Taxation was ignored as an “excess E*” position exists and is expected to persist for the foreseeable future under the four funds taxation structure.

*Expenses exceed income in the policyholder funds

Other assumptions:

- > Renewal expenses were based on the level of budgeted expenses for the 12 months following the valuation date, thereafter expenses were assumed to increase at the expenses inflation rate.
- > Commission was modelled as it's currently being paid.

The assumptions used for lapse, surrender, mortality, morbidity and retrenchment rates were based on the results of recent experience investigations. Provision has been made for mortality improvements (on annuities) or mortality deterioration (AIDS).

An IBNR reserve was established based on the results of a recent run-off investigation. For group business an unexpired premium reserve was established where relevant. A check was made to ensure that the operating ratio was satisfactory. Where necessary, a deficiency reserve was established.

Investment reserve for policies with maturity guarantees

For the with-profit annuitants and individual life savings policies with maturity guarantees, an investment reserve was established using stochastic modelling techniques in accordance with PGN 110.

- > The model used is a correlated risk-neutral model calibrated to market data for the appropriate time period. The calibration considers equity, bond and money market data provided by the JSE, the bond exchange of South Africa and various other sources. Several call and put options with varying terms, together with a zero-coupon yield curve based on South African government bonds, are used to calibrate the model.
- > The products for which the PGN 110 reserves have been calculated are the immediate annuities (both with-profit and disability) and the provider series. The asset split used was as follows: 35% equity, 55% bonds and 10% cash for the immediate with-profit annuities; 90% bonds and 10% cash for the immediate disability annuities; while the corresponding split for the provider series was 65% equity, 30% bonds and 5% cash.
- > The Monte Carlo simulation technique was used to quantify the liability and CAR requirement in respect of the embedded investment derivatives.

Company statutory actuary's report (continued)

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

The following disclosures are required by PGN 110 (Version 3):

Maturity (years)	Strike	Price %	Implied volatility %
1	Spot	7.7	22.6
1	0.8 times spot	2.6	28.3
1	Forward	8.7	22.6
5	Spot	11.4	24.7
5	1.04 ⁵ times spot	21.3	26.1
5	Forward	19.8	26.1
20	Spot	2.9	26.4
20	1.04 ² times spot	14.2	27.7
20	Forward	25.3	27.7

Description of derivative contract	Calculated price (% of spot price)
A five-year put option with a strike price equal to (1.04) ⁵ of spot price, on an underlying index constructed as 60% FTSE/JSE TOP 40 and 40% ALBI, with rebalancing of the underlying index back to these weights taking place annually	7.6
A 20-year put option based on an interest rate with a strike equal to the present five-year forward rate as at maturity of the put option (based on the zero coupon yield curve), which pays out if the 5-year interest rate at the time of maturity (in 20 years) is lower than this strike	0.02

The zero coupon yield curve used can be summarised as follows:

Year	Rate %
1	5.20
2	5.20
3	5.60
4	6.20
5	6.60
10	7.80
15	8.60
20	9.10
25	9.40
30	9.60

The date of calibration was as at 30 June 2012.

Company statutory actuary's report (continued)

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

With profit annuitants

For the with-profit annuitants, the difference between the underlying assets and actuarial liabilities was held as a BSR. Cognisance was taken of policyholder reasonable benefit expectations in that bonuses were allowed for, where applicable, on a basis consistent with the economic assumptions. Bonuses are determined in line with the PPFM.

Published reporting asset valuation methods and assumptions

All assets (including the excess assets over liabilities) have been valued at fair value (as described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements).

3. Statutory capital adequacy requirements (CAR)

The CAR has been calculated in accordance with PGN 104. The asset allocation provided by management was used.

The minimum investment guarantee resilience value calculated in accordance with PGN 110 was included. Credit risk was allowed for based on the credit rating of the cash and bond assets as well as that of the reinsurer. Operational risk was allowed for based on the SA QIS2 formula, as per specifications of the SAM, adjusted as deemed appropriate.

Certain management actions were assumed in the calculation of the OCAR, mainly that management will review future bonuses in light of the resilience scenarios stipulated in the CAR formula.

The off-setting management actions, assumed above, have been ratified by the board of directors, and I am satisfied that these actions would be taken if the corresponding risks were to materialise.

The IOCAR was assumed to be invested in the available cash. A grossing-up factor of 101.0% was applied to obtain the OCAR.

The CAR is based on the maximum of TCAR, the MCAR and OCAR. In the case of Regent Life Company, the maximum is OCAR.

CERTIFICATION OF STATUTORY FINANCIAL POSITION

I hereby certify that:

- the valuation on the statutory basis of Regent Life Company as at 30 June 2012, the results of which are summarised above, has been conducted in accordance with, and this statutory actuary's report has been produced in accordance with, applicable Actuarial Society of South Africa Professional Guidance Notes; and
- the company was financially sound on the statutory basis as at the valuation date, and in my opinion is likely to remain financially sound for the foreseeable future.



PC Falconer
Statutory actuary

16 October 2012

Consolidated statutory actuary's report

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

Reconciliation of excess assets between published reporting basis and statutory basis

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Published reporting basis		
Total value of assets as per statement of financial position	1 591 409	1 438 721
Less: Reinsurances	(109 300)	(91 280)
Statement of financial position assets net of reinsurances	1 482 109	1 347 441
Value of policy liabilities	464 700	452 360
Less: Reinsurances	(109 300)	(91 280)
Investment contract liabilities	120 543	104 521
Current and other liabilities as per statement of financial position	416 887	320 980
Total value of liabilities net of reinsurances	892 830	786 581
Excess assets	589 279	560 860
Statutory basis		
Value of assets as per statutory basis	1 580 120	1 427 374
Less: Reinsurances	(109 300)	(91 280)
Net assets on the statutory basis	1 470 820	1 336 094
Value of policy liabilities	688 368	620 104
Investment contract liabilities	120 543	104 521
Current and other liabilities as per statement of financial position	324 579	248 578
Total value of liabilities net of reinsurances	1 133 490	973 203
Excess assets	337 330	362 891
CAR	93 683	85 497
Ratio of excess assets to CAR	3.6	4.2
Change in excess assets on published reporting basis		
Excess assets at the end of the financial year	589 279	560 860
Excess assets at the beginning of the financial year	560 860	509 320
Change in excess over the financial year	28 419	51 540
Analysis of change in excess assets on published reporting basis		
Investment income on excess assets	23 243	27 647
Capital gain on excess assets	5 522	5 019
Total investment return on excess assets	28 765	32 666
Operating profit	175 872	92 914
Decrease in excess assets due to change in valuation methods or assumptions	(11 186)	(8 617)
Taxation	(52 266)	(35 187)

Consolidated statutory actuary's report (continued)

Statement of assets and liabilities, excess assets and capital requirements at 30 June 2012

Reconciliation of excess assets between published reporting basis and statutory basis (continued)

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Total earnings as per statement of comprehensive income	141 185	81 776
Dividends paid	(114 900)	(27 498)
Foreign currency translation reserve and exchange differences	2 191	(4 232)
Increase in interest in subsidiary	(1 270)	(12 000)
Change in share-based equity in respect of employee remuneration arrangements	1 212	(7 006)
Movement in non-controlling interests	—	20 500
Total change in excess assets	28 419	51 540
Reconciliation of excess assets between published reporting basis and statutory basis		
Excess assets on published reporting basis	589 279	560 860
Less: Assets on statutory basis	(337 330)	(362 891)
Difference	251 949	197 969
The difference arises due to the following:		
Difference in statutory and published reporting asset values	11 289	11 347
Difference in statutory and published reporting liabilities	240 660	186 622
Difference	251 949	197 969

CERTIFICATION OF STATUTORY FINANCIAL POSITION

I hereby certify that:

- the valuation on the statutory basis of Regent Life Group as at 30 June 2012, the results of which are summarised above, has been conducted in accordance with, and this statutory actuary's report has been produced in accordance with, applicable Actuarial Society of South Africa Professional Guidance Notes; and
- the Regent Life Group was financially sound on the statutory basis as at the valuation date, and in my opinion is likely to remain financially sound for the foreseeable future.



PC Falconer
Statutory actuary

16 October 2012

Consolidated embedded value report

for the year ended 30 June 2012

The embedded value of the covered business of the Regent Life Group at 30 June 2012 is shown below. Covered business is defined as all long-term insurance business and incorporates all expected cash flows generated within the Regent Life Group on that business. Covered business includes term assurance, endowment, funeral, group life and annuity products. Profits accruing to cell captive business shareholders were shown separately as they do not form part of earnings attributable to the Regent Life Group. The corresponding prior year figures have been provided as a comparative.

The embedded value consists of the following components:

- > The adjusted net worth
- > *plus*: the present value at the valuation date of future shareholder cash flows from the covered business
- > *less*: the cost of required capital.

The ANW is the excess of all assets at fair value attributed to the covered business over their liabilities calculated on the SVM. The assets disallowed in the SVM solvency calculation are added back. Deferred tax assets/liabilities arising due to the difference in the timing of corporation taxation on the SVM basis and what is recognised in the financial statements, are also excluded for ANW. The ANW comprises:

- > the free surplus
- > *plus*: the required capital to support the in-force business.

The required capital is the risk capital required to be held in addition to the covered business liabilities. It is the greater of the SCAR and the amount required to meet internal objectives, which in the Regent Life Company's case is twice the SCAR. The required capital is not available for distribution to shareholders.

The cost of required capital is the opportunity cost of having to hold this capital aside instead of investing it in future business development or paying it out as dividends. The cost is calculated as the present value of the difference between the shareholders' required return (the risk discount rate) and the expected return on the actual underlying assets, over the expected lifetime of the covered business.

The present value of future shareholder cash flows from the in-force covered business (the value of in-force) is calculated as the value of projected future after-tax shareholder cash flows of the business in force at the valuation date, discounted at the risk discount rate. The shareholder cash flows are based on the release of margins included in the liabilities under the SVM basis. Allowance was made for allocations to participating business policyholders, where applicable. The value of in-force for the Lesotho-based subsidiary is based on the Regent Life Group's current shareholding.

The value of new business was calculated at point-of-sale using the closing embedded value assumptions and investment yields as at year end. New business includes all policies written over the year where at least one premium is received.

The embedded value of the Regent Life Group is calculated in accordance with the Actuarial Society of South Africa's Professional Guidance Note 107: Embedded Value Reporting (Version 4).

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Table 1: Embedded value of covered business

R'000	2012	2011
Free surplus	164 911	215 766
Required capital	181 539	158 595
Adjusted net worth (1)	346 450	374 361
Attributable to cell captives	54 991	53 986
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	291 459	320 375
Value of in-force business	424 145	379 456
Attributable to cell captives	41 365	38 649
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	382 780	340 807
Cost of required capital	(68 336)	(65 506)
Attributable to cell captives	(1 718)	(5 131)
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	(66 618)	(60 375)
Embedded value of covered business	702 259	688 311
Attributable to cell captives	94 638	87 504
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	607 621	600 807
Return on embedded value on covered business	18.7%	20.8%
Return on embedded value attributable to the Regent Life Group	17.8%	19.0%

1. ANW is based on the net asset value but excludes DAC and part of the deferred tax liability.

2. Return on embedded value is defined as embedded value earnings (see table 2.1 and 2.2 below) divided by the embedded value at the start of the financial period.

Embedded value earnings for the reporting period

The embedded value earnings are defined as the change in embedded value over the period plus any dividends paid, less any capital issued, during the period. When analysing the earnings attributable to the Regent Life Group, cell captive dividends were excluded. The change in embedded value split between the ANW, cost of required capital and value of in-force is shown in the table below:

Table 2.1: Embedded value earnings attributable to all covered business

EV component (R'000)	EV 2012	Plus dividends paid out	Less EV 2011	EV earnings 2012
Adjusted net worth	346 450	114 900	374 361	86 989
Cost of required capital	(68 336)	—	(65 506)	(2 830)
Present value of in-force	424 145	—	379 455	44 690
Embedded value	702 259	114 900	688 310	128 848

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Table 2.2: Embedded value earnings attributable to Regent Life Group

(R'000)	EV 2012	Plus dividends paid out	EV 2011	EV earnings 2012
Adjusted net worth	291 459	100 082	320 375	71 166
Cost of required capital	(66 618)	—	(60 375)	(6 243)
Present value of in-force	382 780	—	340 807	41 973
Embedded value	607 621	100 082	600 807	106 896

Where cell owners are responsible for their CAR, the cost of required capital allocated to cell captive shareholders was determined on an approximate basis.

Table 3: Analysis by source of embedded value earnings

The embedded value earnings defined in the previous table are analysed by source in the table below. The impact of each item on the ANW, cost of required capital and value of in-force have been shown separately.

Source (R'000)	Increase/ (decrease) in adjusted net worth	(Increase)/ decrease in cost of required capital	Increase/ (decrease) in value of in-force	Increase/ (decrease) in EV
Value of new business at point of sale (1)	(80 032)	(14 111)	134 195	40 052
Expected return on covered business (2)	—	—	46 095	46 095
Expected profit transfer (3)	122 045	7 649	(122 045)	7 649
Operating experience variances (4)	8 953	7 964	(25 119)	(8 202)
Earnings on group an annuity business (5)	18 160	—	9 477	27 637
Operating assumption and methodology changes (6)	(7 910)	—	(8 343)	(16 253)
Head office expenses and write-offs (7)	(17 603)	—	—	(17 603)
Cumulative past life fund transfers (8)	11 325	—	—	11 325
Expected return on adjusted net worth (9)	18 071	—	—	18 071
Embedded value operating return	73 009	1 502	34 260	108 771
Investment return variances (10)	20 073	—	749	20 822
Effect of economic assumption changes (11)	391	(4 333)	9 682	5 740
Tax variances (12)	(6 485)	—	—	(6 485)
Embedded value earnings on covered business	86 988	(2 831)	44 691	128 848
Earnings attributable to cell captives	(15 822)	(3 413)	(2 717)	(21 952)
Embedded value earnings attributable to the Regent Life Group	71 164	(6 244)	41 974	106 896

1. The new business contribution for the covered business is calculated at point-of-sale on the closing embedded value basis. The ANW component represents the profits expected to be released from the point-of-sale to 30 June 2012.

2. This represents the unwinding of the risk discount rate (last year's basis) on in-force and new business.

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

3. This is the after tax profit expected from business in-force at the beginning of the year on last year's embedded value basis.
4. An analysis of the variation in operating experience relative to that expected on last year's embedded value basis is provided below. This also includes variances in new business experience relative to the closing embedded value basis.
5. These earnings are the actual profit made for the year on group and annuity business net of expected tax. These profits were not analysed by source.
6. An analysis of the effect of changes in assumptions and methodology is provided in table 4 below.
7. The main contributors to this item are the general head office expenses and claims written off that were not allocated to other business lines (net of expected tax).
8. This represents transfers of monies to shareholders that relates to profits in the Lesotho operation from previous years.
9. This represents the return expected on the ANW less expected tax.
10. This item reflects investment earnings on assets in excess of expectations.
11. The economic assumption changes are summarised in more detail in table 4 below.
12. The tax variance reflects the difference between the expected and actual taxation.

Table 4 : Methodology and assumption changes

The table below reflects the net of expected taxation impact of the methodology and assumption changes on renewal business as at 30 June 2012.

Source R'000	Increase/ (decrease) in adjusted net worth	(Increase)/ decrease in cost of required capital	Increase/ (decrease) in value of in-force	Increase/ (decrease) in EV
Modelling and other technical changes (1)	(823)	—	(4 283)	(5 106)
Lapse and surrenders (2)	10	—	—	10
Mortality and morbidity (2)	1 111	—	6 182	7 293
Expenses (2)	(8 208)	—	(10 242)	(18 450)
Operating assumption changes	(7 910)	—	(8 343)	(16 253)
Risk discount rate gap (3)	—	(1 058)	(1 689)	(2 747)
Economic assumptions (3)	391	(3 276)	11 372	8 487
Economic assumption changes	391	(4 334)	9 683	5 740
Total	(7 519)	(4 334)	1 340	(10 513)

1. Commission on term assurance business was modelled to more closely reflect the current payment pattern.
2. These assumption changes reflect the latest investigations and expected future experience.
3. These two items represent the total effect of economic assumption changes per table 3. The gap between the risk discount rate and risk free rate has increased resulting in a reduction in embedded value. The change in economic assumptions follows the changes in the economic environment and more specifically movements in the government bond zero coupon yield curve.

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Table 5: Operating experience variations

The operating experience variances are summarised below. The variances relate to new business and in-force business.

R'000	Increase/ (decrease) in adjusted net worth	(Increase)/ decrease in cost of required capital	Increase/ (decrease) in value of in-force	Increase/ (decrease) in EV
Expenses (1)	(110)	—	—	(110)
Lapses and surrenders (2)	(11 074)	7 964	(25 119)	(28 229)
Mortality and morbidity (3)	20 137	—	—	20 137
Total	8 953	7 964	(25 119)	(8 202)

1. The expenses and commissions were slightly higher than expected.
2. Overall the withdrawal experience variation had a negative impact on the embedded value.
3. Overall mortality and morbidity experience was favourable..

Table 6: Embedded value of new business

R'000	2012	2011
Value of future profits from new business at point-of-sale	54 162	61 357
Attributable to cell captives	16 284	19 086
Attributable the Regent Life Group	37 878	42 270
Cost of required capital (1)	(14 110)	(9 152)
Embedded value of new business (a)	40 052	52 205
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	23 767	33 118
Value of premiums from new business at point-of-sale (b)	663 162	657 403
Profit margin (a/b)	6.0%	7.9%
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	3.6%	5.0%
New business annualised premium income (c)	197 979	192 983
Annualised profit margin (a/c) (2)	20.2%	27.1%
Attributable to the Regent Life Group	12.0%	17.2%

1. The cost of required capital for new business could not be split between cell captives and the Regent Life Group so all was allocated to the Regent Life Group.
2. The main reasons for the drop in new business profitability are the increase in initial expense assumptions as well as the increase on the cost of required capital.

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Assumptions

The following table summarises the economic assumptions used in the embedded value calculations.

Table 7.1: Embedded value economic assumptions for South Africa

	2012	2011
	%	%
Risk free rate (Individual life business)	6.39	7.68
Risk free rate (Credit life business)	5.20	5.87
Beta coefficient	195.64	186.72
Equity risk premium (non-annuity business)	3.00	3.00
Equity risk premium (annuity business)	3.00	3.00
Risk discount rate (all business)	12.11	13.18
Expense inflation	3.89	5.58
Individual life		
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – cash	5.39	7.08
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – bonds	6.39	7.68
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – equity	7.89	9.58
Credit life		
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – cash	4.20	5.77
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – bonds	5.20	5.87
Pre-tax investment returns (%) – equity	6.70	8.27
Profit tax rate	28.00	28.00

Table 7.2: Embedded value economic assumptions for Botswana

	2012	2011
	%	%
Risk free rate	4.28	5.65
Beta coefficient	277.74	267.64
Equity risk premium	3.00	3.00
Risk discount rate	12.61	13.68
Expense inflation	3.78	5.15
Pre-tax investment returns		
Cash	3.28	4.65
Bonds	4.28	5.65
Equity	7.28	8.65
STC allowance	10.00	10.00
STC payout rate (1)	100.00	100.00
Profit tax rate	15.00	15.00

1. The exchange rate for conversion into rands applicable at 30 June 2012 was 1.0717 (2011: 1.0362).

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Table 7.3: Embedded value economic assumptions Lesotho

	2012	2011
	%	%
Risk free rate	7.27	8.80
Beta coefficient	178.06	162.57
Equity risk premium	3.00	3.00
Risk discount rate	12.61	13.68
Expense inflation	4.77	6.30
Pre-tax investment returns		
Cash	527	6.80
Bonds	7.27	8.80
Equity	7.27	8.80
Profit tax rate (1)	25.00	25.00

1. The profit tax rate of 25% applies to group business. The remaining life business is not subject to tax on profits.

The exchange rate for conversion into rands is maintained at 1.

The investment return assumptions were based on the interest rates derived from the risk free zero coupon government bond yield curve, at the mean outstanding duration of each product class. Other economic assumptions were set relative to these yields. The current and projected tax position of the company has been taken into account in determining the net investment return assumption.

The risk discount rate in each case has been determined using a top-down weighted average cost of capital approach. It has been set equal to the risk-free rate increased by a risk premium determined as a market equity risk premium multiplied by the company's beta coefficient.

The beta coefficient reflects the historic performance of the company's earnings relative to the market and contains an implicit allowance for non-market related and non-financial risk. These risks are allowed for through a higher beta and hence risk discount rate. Investors may want to form their own view on an appropriate allowance for the non-financial risks which have not been modelled explicitly. The sensitivities of the value of in-force covered business and the value of new business to changes in the risk discount rate are shown below, along with other sensitivity tests.

Non-economic assumptions

Mortality, morbidity and lapse assumptions were derived from internal experience investigations, taking into account prior year assumptions and the outlook for future economic environment (particularly for lapses and retrenchments).

Maintenance expense assumptions were based on the results of the latest expense and budget information. No explicit allowance has been made for productivity gains in the future expense basis.

The cost of capital has been calculated using the greater of the SCAR and the targeted level of economic capital as set by the board to cover the risks inherent in the in-force business. The level of required capital is targeted at two times the SCAR.

It is assumed for the purposes of calculating the cost of required capital, that the required capital amount will be backed by surplus assets consisting of cash. Allowance has been made for tax and investment expenses in the calculation of the cost of capital.

Future bonus on participation business

Future bonuses were allowed for where applicable, consistent with the long-term economic assumptions. The accumulated effect of past over- and under-distributions was held as a BSR.

Consolidated embedded value report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Table 8: Embedded value sensitivities of the covered business

For all the sensitivities the reserving basis was left unchanged hence the ANW is unaffected.

R'000	Adjusted net worth	Value of in-force	Cost of required capital	Embedded value	% change from standard
Standard	346 450	424 145	(68 336)	702 260	0.0%
Risk discount rate +1%	346 450	409 220	(71 919)	683 751	(2.6%)
Inflation, expected return, risk discount rate -1%	346 450	432 968	(69 958)	709 460	1.0%
10% decrease in equity/property capital values	329 919	424 171	(68 336)	685 755	(2.4%)
1% increase in equity/property returns	346 450	400 271	(75 016)	671 704	(4.4%)
Renewal expenses -10%	346 450	440 370	(68 261)	718 559	2.3%
Withdrawals -10%	346 450	441 590	(72 409)	715 631	1.9%
Claims -5%	346 450	457 562	(67 207)	736 805	4.9%

Table 9: Value of new business sensitivities of the covered business

For all the sensitivities, the reserving basis was left unchanged.

R'000	Value of in-force	Cost of required capital	Embedded value	% change from standard
Standard	54 162	(14 111)	40 052	0.0%
Risk discount rate +1%	49 989	(15 130)	34 859	(13.0%)
Inflation, expected return, risk discount rate -1%	59 308	(14 282)	45 026	12.4%
10% decrease in equity/property capital values	54 162	(14 111)	40 052	0.0%
1% increase in equity/property returns	45 999	(16 052)	29 946	(25.2%)
Renewal expenses -10%	59 517	(14 047)	45 471	13.5%
Acquisition expenses -10% (1)	60 210	(14 111)	46 099	15.1%
Withdrawals -10%	63 806	(15 266)	48 540	21.2%
Claims -5%	59 807	(14 020)	45 787	14.3%

1. This shows the impact of reducing the non-commission acquisition expenses by 10%.

Independent auditor's report

to the members of Regent Life Assurance Company Limited for the year ended 30 June 2012

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the group annual financial statements and annual financial statements of Regent Life Assurance Company, set out on pages 39 to 93, which comprise the statements of financial position at 30 June 2012, the statements of comprehensive income, the statements of changes in equity and the statements of cash flows for the year then ended and the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Director's responsibility for the financial statements

The Regent Life Company's directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

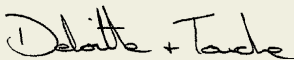
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of the Regent Life Assurance Company as at 30 June 2012, and of its consolidated and separate financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa.

Other reports required by the Companies Act

As part of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012, we have read the directors' report, the audit committee's report and the company secretary's certificate for the purpose of identifying whether there are material inconsistencies between these reports and the audited financial statements. These reports are the responsibility of the respective preparers. Based on reading these reports we have not identified material inconsistencies between these reports and the audited financial statements. However, we have not audited these reports and accordingly do not express an opinion on these reports.



Deloitte & Touche

Registered auditor

Per: **D Jorge**

Partner

16 October 2012

Building 8, Deloitte Place
The Woodlands Office Park
Woodlands Drive
Sandton

National Executive:

LL Bam (Chief Executive), AE Swiegers (Chief Operating Officer), GM Pinnock (Audit), DL Kennedy (Risk Advisory), NB Kader (Tax), L Geeringh (Consulting and Clients and Industries), JK Mazzocco (Talent and Transformation), CR Beukman (Finance), M Jordan (Strategy), S Gwala (Special Projects), TJ Brown (Chairman of the Board), MJ Comber (Deputy Chairman of the Board).

A full list of partners and directors is available on request.

B-BBEE rating: Level 2 contributor in terms of the Chartered Accountancy Profession Sector Code.

Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited

Audit committee report

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Audit committee report

The audit committee presents its report for the year ended 30 June 2012. The audit committee is an independent statutory committee, as well as a committee of the board in respect of other duties assigned to it by the board. The committee has conducted its affairs in compliance with the board approved terms of reference and has discharged its responsibilities contained herein.

Objectives and scope

The overall objective of the committee is to assist the board in discharging its duties relating to the safeguarding of assets, the operation of adequate systems and internal financial controls processes, the reviewing of financial information and the preparation of the annual financial statements.

In terms of its charter, which was updated during the current financial year, the main responsibilities of the audit committee include:

- carrying out all the functions as required in terms of legislation;
- performing all the functions of an audit committee for those operating subsidiaries that do not have their own audit committee;
- overseeing the integrity of the annual report and reviewing content thereof to ensure that the information is reliable;
- nominating to the shareholder a registered external auditor who, in the opinion of the committee, is independent of the company, for appointment as external auditor of the company, as well as nominating for appointment the designated individual auditor;
- consideration and recommendation to the board of the appointment, removal or replacement of the internal auditors of the Regent Life Group;
- consideration of the accounting treatment of significant or unusual transactions and areas of judgment that have a significant impact on the annual financial statements;
- determination of the nature and extent of any non-audit services which the external auditor may provide to the company and pre-approval of any proposed contract with the external auditor for the provision of those non-audit services;
- review and approval of the annual internal audit operational plan;
- monitoring the compliance of the Regent Life Group with legal requirements, statutes, regulations and the Regent Life Group's code of ethics;
- consideration of the reports by the internal and external auditors on their findings and recommendations;
- consideration of the annual financial statements and of any information to be included in the Imperial Group interim and preliminary announcements, and any other financial information to be made public, prior to submission and approval by the board;
- review of the effectiveness of the Regent Life Group's systems of internal control, including internal financial control and business risk management;
- review of the relationship between management, the internal auditors and the external auditors; and
- oversight of the financial risk management process.

Committee performance

The committee discharged its statutory and board responsibilities by meeting at least quarterly and during the year under review met four times. For the period under review, the committee underwent a process of self-assessment in order to ensure that it functioned effectively in accordance with its terms of reference and is satisfied that it has done so. The record of attendance by each committee member was as follows:

	18 August 2011	17 October 2011	9 February 2012	7 June 2012
RG Cottrell (Chairman)	✓	✓	✓	✓
C Erasmus (appointed 15 February 2012)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓
S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)	✓	✓	✓	n/a
RJA Sparks	ap	✓	✓	✓

Legend

✓ Present ap Absent with apology n/a Not applicable

Audit committee report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

During the year under review the committee:

- received and reviewed reports from both the internal and external auditors concerning the effectiveness of the internal control environment, systems and processes;
- reviewed the reports of both the internal and external audit findings and management's responses thereto;
- considered the independence and objectivity of the external auditors and ensured that the scope of their additional services did not impair their independence;
- received and dealt with concerns and complaints through the "whistle blowing" service provided by the Imperial Group and ensured that such concerns and complaints were dealt with appropriately by management;
- reviewed the documented going concern assumptions prepared by management and made recommendations to the board;
- reviewed and recommended for adoption by the board the annual report of the Regent Life Group and of the annual financial statements of Regent Life Company for the year ended 30 June 2012;
- considered the effectiveness of internal audit, and approved their annual plan and the rolling three-year internal audit plan;
- received and reviewed reports from the CRO on the enterprise risk management process; and
- satisfied itself that the chief financial officer of the company possesses the appropriate expertise and experience to meet the responsibilities of that position and that the company's finance function is staffed with adequately experienced and qualified people.

The committee is satisfied that it has fulfilled its obligations in respect of its scope of responsibilities.

Membership

The membership of the committee during the year under review comprised solely of independent non-executive directors. The chief executive officer, chief risk officer, chief financial officer, chief audit executive of Imperial Holdings, group risk executive of Imperial Holdings, representatives from the external auditors, the head of the internal audit service provider, other assurance providers, professional advisers and invited board members also attend the meetings as permanent invitees.

The audit committee is constituted as a statutory committee in respect of its statutory duties in terms of the Companies Act, 2008, and a committee of the board in respect of all other duties assigned to it by the board. The committee operates in terms of a charter that has been approved by the board.

As required by the Companies Act, the committee is to be elected by the shareholder at the forthcoming annual general meeting of Regent Life Company.

External audit

The committee has satisfied itself, through enquiry, that the auditor of Regent Life Company is independent as defined by the Companies Act.

No non-audit services were provided by the external auditors during the year under review.

The committee has nominated, for approval at the annual general meeting, Deloitte & Touche as the external auditor for the 2013 financial year for Regent Life Company. Mrs D Jorge is the designated auditor for Regent Life Company. In terms of the rotation requirements of the Companies Act, this will be Mrs Jorge's fourth year as designated auditor.

Annual report

Having considered the annual report, incorporating the annual financial statements, for the year ended 30 June 2012, the committee recommends the annual report for approval to the board.

Complaints

No complaints relating either to the accounting practices and internal audit of the company or to the contents or auditing of its financial statements, or to any related matter were received by the committee.



RG Cottrell

Chairman of the audit committee

16 October 2012

Directors' report

for the year ended 30 June 2012

The directors present their annual report which forms part of the audited financial statements of the Regent Life Group and Regent Life Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

Nature of business

Regent Life Company is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa and is involved predominately in the credit and individual life markets. The Regent Life Group operates in South Africa, Botswana and Lesotho.

Holding company

The holding company is Imperial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of South Africa.

	% holding	Country of incorporation
Subsidiaries		
Regent Life Botswana Limited	100	Botswana
Bridge Works Finance Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Struland Office Park Properties Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Lesotho National Life Assurance Company Limited	76	Lesotho
Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Limited	100	South Africa
I'sure Risk Solutions Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Associates		
Boland Cavaliers Financial Services Proprietary Limited	25	South Africa

Regent Life Company's interest in the aggregate profit after tax in subsidiaries amounted to R54.1 million (2011: R36.4 million) and in the losses amounted to R1.5 million (2011: R4.2 million).

Dividends

Dividends of R114.9 million were declared during the current financial year (2011: R26.1 million).

Share capital

Details of share capital are provided in note 18 to the annual financial statements.

Special resolutions

The Regent Life Company and its subsidiaries passed the following special resolution during the current financial year:

Regent Life Company

- > Approved the fees in respect of the independent non-executive directors; and
- > Authorised the company to provide any direct, or indirect financial assistance to any related or inter-related company, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act.

No other special resolutions were passed which might be significant to members in their appreciation of the state of affairs of the Regent Life Group.

Events after the reporting period

No material facts or circumstances have arisen between the reporting date and the date of this report which affect the financial position of the Regent Life Group as reflected in these annual financial statements.

Financial performance

Profit before taxation and the underwriting result increased by R76 million and R72 million respectively as compared to the previous financial year. This was achieved mainly through a combination of an improved loss ratio, growth in other income and a reduction in administration and marketing costs. Total assets increased by approximately R153 million while net assets grew by R28 million.

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Board of directors to the date of this report

HR Brody (Chairman, non-executive director)

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (Chief executive officer) (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit (Chief financial officer)

JJ Strydom (Chief executive officer) (appointed CEO 22 February 2012)

AN Tennick (Executive director)

Non-executive directors

RG Cottrell

C Erasmus (appointed 1 October 2011)

BJ Francis

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

RL Hiemstra

S Masinga

JPR Mbau

R Mumford (Zambian)

RJA Sparks

Investment committee

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Non-executive directors

RL Hiemstra

Independent non-executive directors

C Erasmus (appointed 25 October 2011)

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

RJA Sparks

External

W Reitsma (Chairman)

Audit committee

Independent non-executive directors

RG Cottrell (Chairman)

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

C Erasmus (appointed 15 February 2012)

RJA Sparks

Actuarial committee

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Independent non-executive directors

C Erasmus (Chairman) (appointed 25 October 2011)

S Handler (Chairman) (retired 15 February 2012)

External

PC Falconer (Statutory actuary)

Risk committee

Executive directors

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Non-executive directors

BJ Francis

Independent non-executive directors

S Masinga (Chairperson)

RG Cottrell

C Erasmus

Other

R Haman (Chief risk officer)

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Board meetings

Attendance of directors at board meetings for the year was as follows:

	18 August 2011	27 October 2011	16 February 2012	14 June 2012
Executive directors				
DD Gnodde	√	√	n/a	n/a
PCW Hibbit	√	√	√	√
JJ Strydom	√	√	√	√
AN Tennick	√	√	√	√
Non-executive directors				
HR Brody	√	√	√	√
BJ Francis	√	√	√	√
RL Hiemstra	√	ap	√	√
R Mumford	√	√	√	√
Independent non-executive directors				
RG Cottrell	√	√	√	√
C Erasmus	n/a	√	√	√
S Handler	√	√	√	n/a
S Masinga	√	√	√	√
JPR Mbau	√	√	√	ap
RJA Sparks	√	√	√	√

Legend

√ Present ap Absent with apology n/a Not applicable

Company secretary

E Price

The addresses of the secretary of the Regent Life Company are:

Business address	Postal address
146 Boeing Road East	PO Box 674
Elma Park	Edenvale
Edenvale	1610
1609	

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche will continue in office in accordance with section 90 (2) of the Companies Act, subject to the shareholder making such appointment.

Statements of financial position

as at 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
ASSETS					
Property and equipment	3	24 366	27 784	14 446	16 180
Intangible assets	4	15 413	16 259	7 777	7 537
Investments in subsidiaries	5	—	—	46 335	45 326
Investments in associates	6	—*	—	—*	—
Reinsurers' share of policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	7	109 300	91 280	103 322	81 350
Financial assets	8	925 935	669 514	702 612	540 327
Deferred taxation	14	1 453	406	—	—
Current taxation		42 481	3 539	36 040	—
Receivables including insurance receivables	9	109 024	78 495	77 029	47 753
Due from group companies	10	3	1	22 442	28 687
Cash and cash equivalents	11	363 434	551 443	147 711	294 920
Total assets		1 591 409	1 438 721	1 157 714	1 062 080
LIABILITIES					
Policyholders' liabilities		585 243	556 881	303 835	285 780
• Insurance contracts	12	464 700	452 360	225 686	218 420
• Investment contracts	13	120 543	104 521	78 149	67 360
Deferred taxation	14	94 366	71 539	94 366	72 402
Provisions	15	52 770	47 006	39 450	37 546
Current taxation		20 208	4 241	17 357	2 426
Due to group companies	9	23 035	15 402	21 437	15 442
Insurance and other payables	17	226 509	182 792	201 141	158 282
Total liabilities		1 002 131	877 861	677 586	571 878
EQUITY					
Share capital	18	21	21	21	21
Share premium	18	144 667	144 667	144 667	144 667
Statutory reserve		62 801	57 716	—	—
Share-based equity reserve	25	(1 998)	(10 154)	(1 998)	(10 154)
Foreign currency translation reserve		(7 194)	(10 275)	—	—
Retained earnings		327 711	322 387	282 447	301 682
Equity attributable to the equityholders of the parent		526 008	504 362	425 137	436 216
Non-controlling interests		63 270	56 498	54 991	53 986
Total equity		589 278	560 860	480 128	490 202
Total equity and liabilities		1 591 409	1 438 721	1 157 714	1 062 080

*Denotes an amount less than R1 000

Statements of comprehensive income

for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Gross written premiums		740 381	692 654	607 285	568 116
Outward reinsurance premium		(73 950)	(81 553)	(66 940)	(71 208)
Net written premiums	19	666 431	611 101	540 345	496 908
Investment income	20	56 255	61 554	61 686	44 309
Investment gains	21	52 374	43 336	36 918	37 683
Other operating income	22	100 503	53 946	33 959	7 255
Net income		875 563	769 937	672 908	586 155
Net claims and benefits incurred	23	(260 625)	(253 980)	(216 490)	(207 376)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims and benefits incurred • Reinsurers' share of claims and benefits incurred 		(309 129) 48 504	(299 418) 45 438	(257 261) 40 771	(250 144) 42 768
Change in policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts		495	15 770	8 068	32 580
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from life fund • Reinsurers' share 	12 7	(17 525) 18 020	9 254 6 516	(13 904) 21 972	29 813 2 767
Fair value adjustment to embedded derivative financial instruments		—	(21)	—	(21)
Finance cost		(9)	(89)	(8)	(68)
Commission and acquisition expenses		(196 400)	(188 888)	(174 132)	(172 223)
General marketing and administration expenses		(225 572)	(225 766)	(146 489)	(162 054)
Share of profit from associate		—*	—	—*	—
Profit before taxation	24	193 452	116 963	143 857	76 993
Taxation	26	(52 266)	(35 187)	(40 242)	(26 778)
Profit after taxation		141 186	81 776	103 615	50 215
Other comprehensive income					
Currency translation differences		3 081	(3 883)	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year		144 267	77 893	103 615	50 215
Profit attributable to:					
Equity owners of the company		118 326	59 041	87 792	30 651
Non-controlling interests		22 860	22 735	15 823	19 564
		141 186	81 776	103 615	50 215
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Equity owners of the company		121 407	55 158	87 792	30 651
Non-controlling interests		22 860	22 735	15 823	19 564
		144 267	77 893	103 615	50 215

*Denotes an amount less than R1 000.

Statements of changes in equity

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Group	Share capital* and share premium* R'000	Statutory reserve R'000	Share-based equity reserve R'000	Foreign currency translation reserve R'000	Retained earnings R'000	Non-controlling interests R'000	Total R'000
Balance at 1 July 2010	144 688	51 752	(3 148)	(6 392)	283 533	38 887	509 320
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	59 041	22 735	81 776
Other comprehensive income							
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	(3 883)	—	—	(3 883)
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2011	—	—	—	(3 883)	59 041	22 735	77 893
Transfer to statutory reserve	—	5 964	—	—	(6 313)	—	(349)
Prior year allocation to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	(1 080)	1 080	—
Non-controlling interest capital movement	—	—	—	—	—	20 500	20 500
Increase in interest in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	(7 794)	(4 206)	(12 000)
Share-based equity	—	—	(7 006)	—	—	—	(7 006)
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	(5 000)	(22 498)	(27 498)
Balance at 30 June 2011	144 688	57 716	(10 154)	(10 275)	322 387	56 498	560 860
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	118 326	22 860	141 186
Other comprehensive income							
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	3 081	—	—	3 081
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2012	—	—	—	3 081	118 326	22 860	144 267
Transfer to statutory reserve	—	5 085	—	—	(5 975)	—	(890)
Increase in interest in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	(1 270)	(1 270)
Share-based equity reserve transferred to retained earnings on vesting	—	—	6 945	—	(6 945)	—	—
Share-based equity	—	—	1 211	—	—	—	1 211
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	(100 082)	(14 818)	(114 900)
Balance at 30 June 2012	144 688	62 801	(1 998)	(7 194)	327 711	63 270	589 279
Company							
Balance at 1 July 2010	144 688	—	(3 148)	—	276 562	34 531	452 633
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	30 651	19 564	50 215
Other comprehensive income							
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2011	—	—	—	—	30 651	19 564	50 215
Prior year allocation to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	(531)	(531)	—
Non-controlling interest capital movement	—	—	—	—	—	20 500	20 500
Share-based equity	—	—	(7 006)	—	—	—	(7 006)
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	(5 000)	(21 140)	(26 140)
Balance at 30 June 2011	144 688	—	(10 154)	—	301 682	53 986	490 202
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	87 792	15 823	103 615
Other comprehensive income							
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2012	—	—	—	—	87 792	15 823	103 615
Share-based equity reserve transferred to retained earnings on vesting	—	—	6 945	—	(6 945)	—	—
Share-based equity	—	—	1 211	—	—	—	1 211
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	(100 082)	(14 818)	(114 900)
Balance at 30 June 2012	144 688	—	(1 998)	—	282 447	54 991	480 128

*Included in share capital and share premium are eight preference shares issued at a nominal cost of R0.01.

Statements of cash flows

for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Cash flow from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(utilised in) operations	27.1	118 105	35 144	65 477	(20 058)
Interest received	27.2	53 170	54 527	36 793	34 806
Interest paid		(9)	(89)	(8)	(68)
Shared-based equity movement		996	(8 964)	996	(8 964)
Taxation (paid)/refunded	27.3	(53 461)	(3 110)	(39 386)	11 897
Net cash inflow from operating activities		118 801	77 508	63 872	17 613
Cash flow from investing activities					
Acquisition of property and equipment	3	(1 258)	(639)	(3)	—
Acquisition of intangible assets	4	(5 333)	(9 355)	(4 615)	(7 827)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment		373	362	238	355
Proceeds on sale of investments		247 789	2 354 230	172 492	2 326 709
Acquisition of investments		(457 013)	(2 312 442)	(303 036)	(2 267 344)
Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiaries	27.5	(2 993)	(12 000)	(1 009)	(12 000)
Movement in investment contracts		16 022	8 097	10 789	2 184
Dividends received	27.2	7 830	8 614	28 963	47 377
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(194 583)	36 867	(96 181)	89 454
Cash flow from financing activities					
Dividends paid	27.4	(114 900)	(27 498)	(114 900)	(26 140)
Non-controlling interest capital movement		—	20 500	—	20 500
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(114 900)	(6 998)	(114 900)	(5 640)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(190 682)	107 377	(147 209)	101 427
Foreign currency translation differences on cash balances		2 673	(4 155)	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		551 443	448 221	249 920	193 493
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		363 434	551 443	147 711	294 920

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of Regent Life Group and its interest in associates have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), incorporating the guidelines in the relevant Professional Guidance Notes issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa.

All amounts are shown in rand thousands unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Basis of preparation

IFRS comprise IAS and interpretations originated by the IFRIC or the former SIC. The standards referred to are set by the IASB.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with IFRS and interpretations for year ends commencing on or before 1 July 2011 and in compliance with the Companies Act, No 71 of 2008.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis, except for:

Carried at fair value:

- Financial instruments (which includes derivative financial instruments) which are designated at fair value through profit and loss.
- Policyholder investment contract liabilities.
- Liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment arrangements.

Carried at different measurement basis:

- Policyholder insurance contract liabilities and related reinsurance assets that are measured in terms of the FSV basis as set out in note 1.22 to the accounting policies.

The accounting policies are consistent with those adopted in previous years except for the adoption of the following new standards or amendments and changes:

Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The Regent Life Group has adopted the following amended accounting standards:

- *IFRS 1 – First-time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards – Additional exemption for entities ceasing to suffer from severe hyperinflation*
- *IFRS 7 – Financial instruments: Disclosures – Amendments enhancing disclosures about transfers of financial assets*

➤ *IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements – Amendments resulting from May 2010 annual improvements to IFRS*

➤ *IAS 24 – Related Party Disclosures – Revised definition of related parties*

➤ *IFRIC 14 – IAS 19 – The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction – November 2009 amendments with respect to voluntary prepaid contributions*

None of these have had a significant impact on the Regent Life Group's accounting policies and method of computation.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

The following new or revised IFRS standards and IFRICs have been issued with effective dates applicable to future annual financial statements of the group:

IFRS 1 – First time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards

The amendments to this IFRS include amendments for government loans with a below-market rate of interest when transitioning to IFRSs and amendments resulting from annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to repeat application and borrowing costs.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 3 – Business combinations

There are consequential amendments to this IFRS resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 4 – Insurance contracts

There are consequential amendments to this IFRS, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

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IFRS 7 – Financial instruments: Disclosures

The amendments to this IFRS include enhancing disclosures about offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities and the deferral of the mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results. The amendment relating to the disclosures about offsetting of financial assets and liabilities first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 and the amendments relating to IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRS 9 – Financial instruments

IFRS 9 is a new standard with the objective of reducing the number of classification categories of financial instruments and aligning the measurement of financial instruments with how entities manage financial instruments.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRS 10 – Consolidated financial statements

IFRS 10 is a new standard which replaces all of the guidance on control and consolidation in IAS 27 'Consolidated and separate financial statements' and SIC-12, 'Consolidation – special purpose entities' so that the same criteria are applied to all entities to determine control.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 11 – Joint arrangements

IFRS 11 is a new standard with the objective of reducing the types of joint arrangements to two: joint operations and joint ventures, and classification based on rights and obligations rather than legal structure. It also eliminates the policy choice of proportionate consolidation for joint ventures.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 12 – Disclosure of interests in other entities

IFRS 12 is a new standard which sets out the required disclosures for entities reporting under the two new standards, IFRS 10, 'Consolidated financial statements', and IFRS 11, 'Joint arrangements'; it replaces the disclosure requirements currently found in IAS 28, 'Investments in associates'.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 13 – Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 is a new standard which explains how to measure fair value and aims to enhance fair value disclosures.

The Regent Life Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 1 – Presentation of financial statements

The amendments to this statement include amendments to revise the way other comprehensive income is presented and amendments resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to comparative information.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 8 – Accounting policies, changes in accounting policies and errors

There are consequential amendments to this statement resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 12 – Income taxes

There are amendments to this statement resulting from the consequential amendments from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 16 – Property, plant and equipment

There are amendments to this statement resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to servicing equipment.

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Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective (continued)

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 18 – Revenue

There are consequential amendments to the appendix to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Life Group.

IAS 19 – Employee benefits

There are consequential amendments to this statement with significant changes to the recognition and measurement of defined benefit pension expense and termination benefits, and to the disclosures for all employee benefits.

The amendments first become applicable to the Regent Life Group for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 and are not expected to have significant impact on the Regent Life Group.

IAS 21 – The effects of change in foreign exchange rates

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 27 – Separate financial statements

IAS 27 – Consolidated and separate financial statements was renamed to “Separate financial statements” and it continues to be a standard dealing solely with the separate financial statements. There are consequential amendments to this statement resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments relating to separate financial statements should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first become applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014. The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are also not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Life Group.

IAS 28 – Investments in associates and joint ventures

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments, the incorporation of SIC 13 – Jointly controlled entities – non-monetary contributions

by venturers and guidance relating to the equity method for joint ventures.

The amendments first become applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Life Group.

IAS 31 – Investments in joint ventures

IAS 31 will be replaced by IFRS 11 – Joint arrangements.

IAS 32 – Financial instruments presentation

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments. There are also amendments relating to the offsetting of assets and liabilities and amendments resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to the tax effect of equity distributions.

The amendment relating to IFRS 9 – Financial instruments should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and becomes effective for the financial year ending 30 June 2016. The amendments relating to the offsetting of assets and liabilities first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 and the amendments resulting from the annual improvements cycle first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 36 – Impairment of assets

The amendment to this statement clarifies that this statement does not apply to financial assets within the scope of IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Life Group.

IAS 39 – Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRIC 10 – Interim financial reporting and impairment

There are consequential amendments to this interpretation, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

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IFRIC 12 – Service concession arrangements

There are consequential amendments to this interpretation, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Life Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated annual financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and all its subsidiaries and associates.

Subsidiaries

Subsidiary undertakings, which are those companies in which the Regent Life Group, directly or indirectly, has an interest of more than one half of the voting rights or otherwise has power to exercise control over the operations, have been consolidated. Control is achieved where the Regent Life Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an investee enterprise so as to obtain benefits from its activities and when the Regent Life Group has the majority of the voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Regent Life Group and are no longer included from the date on which control ceases (effective date of disposal). Gains and losses on disposal of subsidiaries are included in the statement of comprehensive income. In the company's financial statements, interests in subsidiary companies are shown at cost less any required impairment (which is assessed annually as set out in note 1.12 to the accounting policies).

The Regent Life Group uses the purchase method of accounting to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Regent Life Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If after the reassessment, the Regent Life Group's interest in the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired exceeds the cost of the business combination, the excess is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

The accounting policies for subsidiaries are consistent, in all material respects, with the policies adopted by the Regent Life

Group. Inter-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses are eliminated on consolidation.

The Regent Life Group consolidates a SPE when the substance of the relationship between the Regent Life Group and the SPE indicates that the Regent Life Group controls the SPE. The Regent Life Group operates cell captives on behalf of entities that wish to participate in the insurance result of a particular category of insured risk. Preference shares are issued to those participants giving them the rights to share in profits on an agreed basis. To reflect the substance of the transaction it is consolidated and the participants' share of profits are treated as a non-controlling interest.

Non-controlling interests in the net assets (excluding goodwill) of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Regent Life Group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination (see below) and the non-controlling interest's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the minority in excess of the minority's interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the interests of the Regent Life Group except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation and is able to make an additional investment to cover the losses.

Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Regent Life Group has significant influence that are neither a subsidiary nor an interest in a joint venture. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Regent Life Group holds between 20 and 50 percent of the voting power of another entity. Investments in associates are accounted for by the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The Regent Life Group's investment in associates includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition.

The Regent Life Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying value of the investment. When the Regent Life Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Regent Life Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Regent Life Group and an associate are eliminated to the extent of the Regent Life Group's interest in the associate. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an

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1.2 Basis of consolidation (continued)

Associates (continued)

impairment of the assets transferred. Associates' accounting policies have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Regent Life Group.

1.3 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency translation

The Regent Life Group's presentation currency is the ZAR. The functional currency of the Regent Life Group's operations is the currency of the primary economic environment where each operation physically has its main activities.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies different to the functional currency at the statement of financial position date are translated into the functional currency at the ruling rate at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of transaction, and those measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised as part of fair value adjustments on financial instruments in the statement of comprehensive income.

Group foreign companies

Assets and liabilities of companies whose functional currency is different to the presentation currency are translated from their respective functional currency to the Regent Life Group's presentation currency at closing rates ruling at statement of financial position date. The income and expenditure and equity movements are translated into the Regent Life Group's presentation currency at rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the various transactions. All resulting translation differences arising from the consolidation and translation of foreign companies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. On the disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences relating to that foreign operation is recognised in profit or loss when the gain or loss on disposal is recognised.

1.4 Property and equipment

Property and equipment comprises owner-occupied properties, which are held for use in the supply of services or for administrative

purposes, computer equipment, office equipment, furniture and fittings and motor vehicles. These assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets' carrying value or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Regent Life Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method after allocating their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each statement of financial position date and adjusted if appropriate. The expected useful lives are as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	2 – 3 years
Motor vehicles	2 – 5 years
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Leasehold improvements	Over the period of the lease
Land	Not depreciated
Buildings	20 years

There has been no change to the useful lives from those applied in the previous financial year. The residual values and useful lives are reassessed on an annual basis.

Where the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by reference to the carrying amount of the asset and the net proceeds received are recorded in the statement of comprehensive income on disposal.

Where the residual value is greater than or equal to the carrying value, no depreciation is provided for.

1.5 Intangible assets

Computer software

Costs associated with maintaining computer software are recognised as an expense when incurred. Costs clearly associated with an identifiable and unique system, which will be controlled by the Regent Life Group and has a probable benefit exceeding the cost beyond one year, are recognised as an asset. These costs

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1.5 Intangible assets (continued)

comprise all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce and prepare the asset for its intended use, such as costs of material and supplier services used or consumed in generating the intangible asset. Expenditure that enhances and extends the benefits of computer software beyond their original specifications and lives is recognised as a capital improvement and capitalised to the original cost of the software. Computer software development costs recognised as assets are amortised using the straight-line method over their useful lives, between three to five years. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Amortisation of intangibles

Amortisation of intangibles is charged to the statement of comprehensive income. The expected useful lives are as follows:

- Computer software development 3 – 5 years

Amortisation commences from the date the software is applied to day-to-day business processing. As the software is proprietary and specific to the Regent Life Group's operations, no residual value is estimated.

DAC in respect of investment contracts

Commissions paid and other incremental acquisition costs are incurred when new investment contracts are obtained or existing investment contracts are renewed. These costs, if specifically attributable to an investment contract with an investment management service element, are deferred and amortised over the expected life of the contract, taking into account all decrements, on a straight-line basis, as they represent the right to receive future management services. All other costs are recognised as expenses when incurred. The DAC is subsequently amortised in line with premium revenue using assumptions consistent with those used in computing future policy benefit liabilities.

Amortisation periods are as follows:

- Linked annuities 5 – 45 years
- Other investment contracts 5 years

A DAC asset is recognised for all applicable policies with the amortisation being calculated on a portfolio basis.

An impairment test is conducted annually at reporting date on the DAC balance to ensure that the amount will be recovered from future revenue generated by the applicable remaining investment management contracts.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price consideration of an acquisition over the fair value attributable to the net identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets and goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in interests in associates.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Regent Life Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which the goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

1.6 Investment properties

Investment property is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the cost of replacing part of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met; and excludes the costs of day to day servicing of an investment property.

Investment properties are derecognised when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the year of retirement or disposal.

Transfers are made to investment property when, and only when there is a change in use, evidenced by the end of owner-occupation, commencement of an operating lease to another party or completion of construction or development. Transfers are made from investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or commencement of development with a view to sell.

For a transfer from investment property to owner-occupied property, the deemed cost of property for subsequent accounting is its fair value at the date of change in use. If the property occupied by the Regent Life Group as an owner-occupied property becomes an investment property, the Regent Life Group

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1.6 Investment properties (continued)

accounts for such property in accordance with the policy stated under property, plant and equipment up to the end of change in use. When the Regent Life Group completes the construction or development of a self-constructed investment property, any difference between the fair value of the property at that date and its previous carrying amount is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

1.7 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The Regent Life Group as lessor

Operating leases

Rental income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the lease term on the straight-line basis. Assets leased under operating leases are included under the appropriate category of assets in the statement of financial position. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar fixed assets.

The Regent Life Group as lessee

Finance leases

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Regent Life Group at their fair value at the date of acquisition. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance obligation. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are charged to the statement of comprehensive income over the term of the relevant lease.

The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the statement of comprehensive income over the lease period according to the effective interest rate method. The assets acquired under the finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. Leased assets under finance leases are treated in the same manner as owned fixed assets.

Operating leases

Operating lease costs are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the lease term on the straight-line basis. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

1.8 Acquisition costs associated with insurance contracts

Acquisition costs for insurance contracts represent commission payments and other costs that relate to the securing of new contracts and the renewing of existing contracts.

1.9 Operating and administration expenditure

Operating expenses include administration expenditure, marketing and development expenditure, indirect taxes and levies other than life insurance taxes as well as all other non-commission related expenditure, and are expensed as incurred.

1.10 Impairment of tangible and intangible assets

At each statement of financial position date, the Regent Life Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Regent Life Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and the value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount, in which case the impairment loss is taken to profit or loss immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised recoverable amount, to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years.

1.11 Financial assets

The Regent Life Group classifies its investments at initial recognition into financial assets held at fair value through profit and loss, held-to-maturity financial assets, loans and other receivables and available-for-sale financial assets.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired or originated. In general, financial assets are classified as at fair value through profit and loss, as the

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1.11 Financial assets (continued)

Regent Life Group's strategy is to manage financial investments acquired to cover its insurance and investment contract liabilities. In addition shareholders' capital is invested under a formal capital management strategy that actively measures the performance on a fair value basis. The available-for-sale and held-to-maturity categories are used when the relevant liability (including shareholders' funds) are passively managed and/or carried at amortised cost.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date i.e. the date the Regent Life Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales of financial assets require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss have two sub categories, namely, financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception. Investments typically bought with the intention to sell in the near future are classified as held for trading. For investments designated as at fair value through profit or loss, the following criteria must be met:

- the designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on a different basis, or
- the assets or liabilities are part of a Regent Life Group of financial assets, financial liabilities or both which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

These investments are initially recorded at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are remeasured at fair value. Fair value adjustments and realised gain and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss include derivative financial instruments.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that comprise fixed or determinable payments and maturities of which the Regent Life Group has the positive intention and ability to hold until maturity. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification. These investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment. All transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are expensed when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are carried at amortised cost, using the effective

interest rate method. The cost is computed as the amount initially recognised minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest rate method of any difference between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums and discounts. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the investments are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Loans and other receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment. All transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are expensed when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the investments are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or which are not classified in any of the above categories. These investments are initially recorded at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are remeasured at fair value. Fair value gains and losses are reported as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or the investment is determined to be impaired. At derecognition or impairment, the cumulative fair value gains and losses previously reported in equity is transferred to the statement of comprehensive income.

1.12 Impairment of financial assets

The Regent Life Group assesses at each statement of financial position date whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

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

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1.12 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date.

If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and its current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, is transferred from equity to the statement of comprehensive income. Reversals in respect of equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are reversed through the statement of comprehensive income if the increase in the fair value of the instruments can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment losses were recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

For assets carried at cost, if there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an unquoted equity investment that is not carried at fair value, because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, or on a derivative asset that is linked to and must be settled by delivery of such an unquoted equity instrument, has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return of a similar asset.

For held-to-maturity financial assets and loans and other receivables carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced by the impairment loss and the loss is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Regent Life Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

1.13 Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, when applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired,

- the Regent Life Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement, or
- the Regent Life Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either:
 - has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or
 - has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Regent Life Group has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Regent Life Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Regent Life Group could be required to repay.

When continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchased option (including cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Regent Life Group's continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Regent Life Group may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Regent Life Group's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

1.14 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are designated at fair value through profit and loss. All derivatives are carried as assets when the fair values are positive and as liabilities when the fair values are negative.

Embedded derivatives are treated as separate derivatives and are recorded at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the related host contract and the host contract is not itself recorded at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income. Embedded derivatives that meet the definition of insurance contracts are treated and measured as insurance contracts.

1.15 Insurance receivables

Insurance receivables are recognised when due and measured on initial recognition at the fair value of the consideration paid plus incremental cost. The carrying value of insurance receivables is

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reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, with the impairment loss recorded in the statement of comprehensive income.

1.16 Reinsurers' share of policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts

The Regent Life Group cedes insurance risk in the normal course of business. Reinsurance contracts are contracts entered into by the Regent Life Group with reinsurers under which the Regent Life Group is compensated for the entire or a portion of losses arising on one or more of the insurance contracts issued by the Regent Life Group.

Reinsurance assets represent balances due from reinsurance companies. These assets consist of short-term balances due from reinsurers (classified within loans and receivables) as well as longer-term receivables (classified as reinsurance assets) that are dependent on the present value of the expected claims and benefits arising net of expected premiums payable under the related reinsurance contracts. Recoverable amounts are estimated in a manner consistent with the outstanding claims provision and are in accordance with the reinsurance contracts.

An impairment review is performed at each reporting date or more frequently when an indication of impairment arises during the reporting year. Impairment occurs when objective evidence exists that the Regent Life Group may not recover outstanding amounts under the terms of the contract and when the impact on the amounts that the Regent Life Group will receive from the reinsurer can be measured reliably. The impairment loss is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income.

Reinsurance arrangements do not relieve the Regent Life Group from its obligations to policyholders.

Premiums and claims on assumed reinsurance are recognised as income and expenses in the same manner as they would be if the reinsurance were considered direct business, taking into account the product classification of the reinsured business. Reinsurance liabilities represent balances due to reinsurance companies. Amounts payable are estimated in a manner consistent with the associated reinsurance contract.

Premiums and claims are presented on a gross basis.

Reinsurance assets or liabilities are derecognised when the contractual rights are extinguished or expire or when the contract is transferred to another party.

1.17 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with bankers, highly liquid short-term funds on deposit and cash on hand, but do not include money market securities held for investment.

1.18 Share capital

Shares are classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets to the holder. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

1.19 Classification of contracts

Insurance contracts are those contracts when the Regent Life Group (the insurer) has accepted significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholders) by agreeing to compensate the policyholders if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholders. As a general guideline, the Regent Life Group determines whether it has significant insurance risk, by comparing benefits paid with benefits payable if the insured event did not occur. Insurance contracts can also transfer financial risk.

Investment contracts are those contracts that transfer significant financial risk with no significant insurance risk. Financial risk is the risk of a possible future change in one or more of a specified interest rate, security price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, a credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire. Investment contracts can however be reclassified as insurance contracts after inception, if insurance risk becomes significant.

1.20 Income recognition

Insurance contracts

Premiums and annuity considerations on insurance contracts are recognised when due in terms of the contract, other than in respect of Regent Life Group schemes. Premiums receivable in respect of Regent Life Group schemes are recognised when there is reasonable assurance of collection in terms of policy contract. Premium income on insurance contracts is shown gross of reinsurance. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission. Premium income received in advance is included in insurance and other payables.

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1.20 Income recognition (continued)

Reinsurance contracts

Reinsurance premiums are recognised when due for payment in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract.

Investment contracts

Amounts received under investment contracts, such as premiums, are recorded as deposits to investment contract liabilities.

Investment income

Investment return comprises interest, dividends, rental income and realised and unrealised gains or losses. Dividend income is accounted for on an entitlement, "last date to register" basis in respect of listed shares, and on date of declaration in respect of unlisted shares.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method by reference to the principal debt outstanding and the interest rate. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Other investment returns are accounted for on an accrual basis.

Policy fee income

The Regent Life Group recognises policy fees on investment management contracts on an accrual basis when the service is rendered. Fees consist primarily of investment management fees arising from services rendered in conjunction with the issue and management of investment contracts where the Regent Life Group actively manages the considerations received from its customers to fund a return that is based on the investment profile that the customer selected on origination of the contract.

Fair value adjustments to policyholder liabilities under investment contracts

The life insurance operating profits or losses are determined in accordance with the guidance note on FSVs, PGN 104 issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa. The profits or losses are arrived at after taking into account the changes over the period in values of actuarial liabilities under unmaturing policies, corresponding assets, provisions for policyholder bonuses and adjustments to other margins within policyholder liabilities.

1.21 Benefits and claims recognition

Gross benefits and claims consist of benefits and claims accrued to policyholders, which include changes in the gross valuation of insurance and investment contract liabilities. It further includes internal and external claims handling costs that are directly related to the processing and settlement of claims.

Insurance contracts

Claims on insurance contracts, which include death, disability, maturity, surrender and annuity payments, are charged to income when notified of a claim based on the estimated liability for compensation owed to policyholders. They also include allowance for claims that arise from death and disability events that have occurred up to the statement of financial position date even if they have not been reported to the Regent Life Group. Unpaid disability claims are estimated using the input of assessors for individual cases reported to the Regent Life Group and statistical analyses for the claims incurred but not reported. Outstanding claims are recognised in insurance and other payables. Reinsurance recoveries are accounted for in the same period as the related claim.

Investment contracts

Claims incurred are recorded as deductions from investment contract liabilities.

Reinsurance contracts

Contracts entered into with reinsurers, under which the Regent Life Group is compensated for losses on one or more contracts, and which meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts, are classified as reinsurance contracts held.

Premiums payable on assumed reinsurance are recognised when due. Reinsurance recoveries are accounted for in the same period as the related claim.

The benefits to which the Regent Life Group is entitled under their reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets, consisting of long-term balances due from reinsurers that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable and are recognised as an expense when due. Reinsurance assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis, reducing the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount through the statement of comprehensive income.

1.22 Policyholder insurance and investment contracts

PGNs issued by the ASSA

In terms of IFRS 4, defined insurance liabilities are measured under existing local practice at the date of adoption of IFRS 4. The Regent Life Group has, prior to the adoption of IFRS 4, adopted the PGNs to determine the liability in respect of insurance contracts issued in South Africa.

The PGNs are available on the ASSA website (www.assa.org.za).

Where applicable, the PGNs are referred to in the accounting policies and notes to the annual financial statements.

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1.22 Policyholder insurance and investment contracts (continued) *Insurance and investment contract valuation*

The Regent Life Group issues contracts that transfer insurance risk or financial risk or, in some cases, both. Insurance contracts are those contracts that transfer significant insurance risk. Such contracts may also transfer financial risk. Investment contracts are those contracts that transfer financial risk with no significant insurance risk.

Insurance contracts are classified into individual credit life contracts, individual life contracts, group funeral, group life and group credit life contracts.

All policyholder contracts that transfer significant insurance risk are classified as insurance contracts. Insurance contracts are valued in terms of the FSV basis contained in PGN 104 issued by the ASSA and are reflected as "Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts" on the statement of financial position.

The Regent Life Group's statutory actuary calculates the Regent Life Group's liabilities under insurance contracts and investment contracts annually at the statement of financial position date in accordance with prevailing legislation, GAAS in South Africa and IFRS as appropriate. The transfers to or from policyholder liabilities reflected in the notes to the financial statements represent the increase or decrease in liabilities, including provisions for policyholders' bonuses, net adjustments to policyholders' bonus stabilisation reserves, and net adjustments to margins held within the policyholder liabilities.

IBNR – Insurance contracts

Provision is made in the policyholders' liabilities under insurance contracts for the estimated cost at the end of the year for claims IBNR at that date. IBNR provisions are calculated as a multiple, based on the average historical reporting delay, of the claims reported in the three weeks following the valuation date but where the claims event occurred prior to valuation date. These liabilities are not discounted due to the short-term nature of outstanding claims. Outstanding claims and benefit payments are stated gross of reinsurance.

Liability adequacy test – insurance contracts

At each reporting date the adequacy of the insurance liabilities is assessed, using current estimates of future cash flows under the insurance contracts. If that assessment shows that the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities (less related deferred acquisition costs and related intangible assets) is inadequate in the light of the estimated future cash flows, the entire deficiency is recognised in profit or loss.

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire. Investment contracts can however be reclassified as insurance contracts after inception, if insurance risk becomes significant.

1.23 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities comprise policyholders' liabilities under investment contracts

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the raising of the funds. The measurement of policyholder liabilities under investment contracts is described in note 1.22 to the accounting policies.

Policyholder contracts that do not transfer significant insurance risk are classified in the financial statements as financial liabilities held at fair value through profit/loss, with changes in fair value being accounted for in the statement of comprehensive income. The premiums and benefit payments relating to these investment contracts have been excluded from the statement of comprehensive income and accounted for directly as a liability. Fees earned from these contracts are disclosed separately. These liabilities have been designated as financial liabilities held at fair value through income by management at inception.

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value. Thereafter, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, except for financial liabilities at fair value through income, which are measured at fair value.

Fair value is measured by taking into consideration the time value of money, credit risk, commodity and equity prices, volatility and servicing costs.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

1.24 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Regent Life Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the Regent Life Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when

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1.24 Provisions (continued)

the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of comprehensive income net of any reimbursement. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

Leave pay provision

Leave pay provision is calculated based on the outstanding number of days' leave due to employees, applied to the total cost of their employment.

Employee bonus provision

Within the Regent Life Group there are various formulas to calculate bonuses payable to employees. Provisions are raised based on the estimates of the total amount due.

1.25 Taxation

Income taxation on the profit or loss for the periods presented comprises current and deferred taxation.

Current taxation

The charge for current tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items that are non-taxable or are disallowed. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted on the statement of financial position date, in each particular jurisdiction in which the Regent Life Group operates.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and are accounted for using the statement of financial position liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each statement of financial position date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be

available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

1.26 Employee retirement benefits

The policy of the Regent Life Group and Regent Life Company is to provide retirement benefits for its employees. The contributions paid by the Regent Life Group to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the year to which they relate. The Regent Life Group's employees are members of a defined contribution plan, which is governed by the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past-service costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

For defined contribution plans, the Regent Life Group pays contributions to privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Regent Life Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as an employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

1.27 Share-based payments transactions

The Imperial Holdings Group operates equity-settled share-based compensation plans for senior employees and executives of the Regent Life Group which bears the cost thereof.

Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on the straight line basis over the vesting period with a corresponding entry to equity. The expense takes into account the best estimate of the number of shares that are expected to vest. Non-market conditions such as time-based vesting conditions and non-market performance conditions are included in the assumptions for the number of options that are expected to vest. At each statement of financial position date, the entity revises its estimates on the number of options that are expected to vest. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the statement

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1.27 Share-based payments transactions (continued)

of comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

1.28 Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and where there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.29 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Regent Life Group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Regent Life Group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Regent Life Group's board.

1.30 Events after statement of financial position date

The financial statements are adjusted to reflect events that occurred between the statement of financial position date and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue, provided they provide evidence of conditions that existed at the statement of financial position date. Events that are indicative of conditions that arose after the statement of financial position date are disclosed, but do not result in an adjustment of the financial statements themselves.

1.31 Key assumptions in applying accounting policies

Key assumptions are those used to derive estimates, which require management judgement.

The Regent Life Group's management decides on assumptions that can materially affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. These estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The most significant assets and liabilities, which typically require such assumptions, are the following:

- Policyholders' liabilities under insurance contracts are derived from estimates of the net present value of future claims and benefits under existing contracts, offset by probable future premiums to be received (net of expected service costs). The key assumptions have been detailed in note 1.22 of the accounting policies.

- The Regent Life Group holds a number of financial assets that are designated at fair value through profit/loss. These are valued at quoted market prices as far as possible. However, if such prices are unavailable, fair value is based either on internal valuations or management's best estimates of realisable amounts.

- Impairment tests are conducted on all assets included in the statement of financial position. In determining the value in use, various estimates are used by management including deriving future cash flows and applicable discount rates. These estimates are most applicable to the impairment tests on reinsurance assets, intangible assets (including goodwill), deferred acquisition costs and receivables. Further details are contained in notes 1.10 and 1.12 of the accounting policies.

2. Accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years. In terms of IAS 8, (Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors), changes in accounting estimates do not necessitate a prior period adjustment.

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	Notes	Property R'000	Computer and office equipment R'000	Furniture and fittings R'000	Motor vehicles R'000	Total R'000
3. Property and equipment						
Group						
2012						
Balance at the beginning of the year		24 135	872	1 944	833	27 784
Additions		691	581	302	375	1 949
Disposals		(1 099)	(484)	(228)	(1 518)	(3 329)
Depreciation charge for the year	24	(2 400)	(491)	(563)	(526)	(3 980)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	326	114	1 482	1 922
Arising from translation of foreign assets		2	6	8	4	20
Balance at the end of the year		21 329	810	1 577	650	24 366
Cost		24 937	7 288	5 533	2 714	40 472
Accumulated depreciation		(3 608)	(6 478)	(3 956)	(2 064)	(16 106)
Balance at the end of the year		21 329	810	1 577	650	24 366
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year		24 592	1 577	2 370	1 406	29 945
Additions		—	315	159	165	639
Disposals		—	—	—	(269)	(269)
Depreciation charge for the year	24	(453)	(1 011)	(575)	(651)	(2 690)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	—	—	183	183
Arising from translation of foreign assets		(4)	(9)	(10)	(1)	(24)
Balance at the end of the year		24 135	872	1 944	833	27 784
Cost		25 346	7 217	5 460	3 799	41 822
Accumulated depreciation		(1 211)	(6 345)	(3 516)	(2 966)	(14 038)
Balance at the end of the year		24 135	872	1 944	833	27 784

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	Notes	Property R'000	Computer and office equipment R'000	Furniture and fittings R'000	Motor vehicles R'000	Total R'000
3. Property and equipment (continued)						
Company						
2012						
Balance at the beginning of the year		14 647	93	893	547	16 810
Additions		691	3	—	—	694
Disposals		(1 099)	—	—	(1 268)	(2 367)
Depreciation charge for the year	24	(533)	(88)	(306)	(366)	(1 293)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	—	—	1 232	1 232
Balance at the end of the year		13 706	8	587	145	14 446
Cost		14 239	4 083	3 560	1 877	23 759
Accumulated depreciation		(533)	(4 075)	(2 973)	(1 732)	(9 313)
Balance at the end of the year		13 706	8	587	145	14 446
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year		14 647	560	1 237	1 206	17 650
Additions		—	—	—	—	—
Disposals		—	—	—	(150)	(150)
Depreciation charge for the year	24	—	(467)	(344)	(581)	(1 392)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	—	—	72	72
Balance at the end of the year		14 647	93	893	547	16 180
Cost		14 647	4 081	3 560	3 146	25 434
Accumulated depreciation		—	(3 988)	(2 667)	(2 599)	(9 254)
Balance at the end of the year		14 647	93	893	547	16 180

Property comprises the following:

- Property situated on Erf 35326 and 35327, situated in Bellville, Cape Town. The cost of the property is R6.4 million (2011: R5.7 million) and market value at 30 June 2012 is R5.6 million (2011: 5.9 million).
- Property situated on Erf 1346, situated in Die Wilgers, Pretoria. The cost of the property is R15.7 million (2011: R16.8 million) and market value at 30 June 2012 is R19 million (2011: R19 million).
- An amount of R2.8 million (2011: R2.8 million) relates to capitalised leasehold improvements.
- All valuations were facilitated by an Imperial Group division, Imperial Properties Proprietary Limited which deals with property related matters.

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
4. Intangible assets					
Application software					
Balance at the beginning of the year		10 858	4 366	7 537	725
Development costs capitalised during the year		5 333	9 355	4 615	7 827
Disposals		—	(54)	—	—
Amortisation for the year	24	(6 906)	(2 820)	(4 375)	(1 015)
Arising from translation of foreign currency		15	11	—	—
Balance at the end of the year		9 300	10 858	7 777	7 537
Cost		39 115	34 079	33 814	29 199
Accumulated amortisation		(29 815)	(23 221)	(26 037)	(21 662)
Net book amount		9 300	10 858	7 777	7 537
Deferred acquisition costs					
Balance at the beginning of the year		—	3 845	—	3 845
Derecognised/amortised		—	(3 845)	—	(3 845)
Balance at the end of the year		—	—	—	—
Goodwill					
Balance at the beginning of the year		5 401	5 401	—	—
Net movement on acquisition of subsidiaries		712	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year		6 113	5 401	—	—
Total		15 413	16 259	7 777	7 537

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Regent Life Group's share of the net assets of the acquired subsidiaries at the initial date of acquisition. Intangible assets were assessed for impairment at year end and were found not to be impaired.

The goodwill movement in the current financial year relates to the purchase transaction indicated in note 5.

Goodwill impairment testing

Goodwill is allocated to cash generating units (CGUs) that are measured individually for the purposes of impairment testing. A CGU represents the business operation from which goodwill was originally generated. The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined as being the higher of value in use, or the fair value less costs to sell.

	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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5. Investments in subsidiaries

Balance at the beginning of the year	45 326	33 326
Increase in interest in subsidiaries	1 009	12 000
	46 335	45 326

Regent Life Company's interest in the aggregate profit after tax in subsidiaries amounted to R54.1 million (2011: R36.4 million) and in the losses was R1.5 million (2011: R4.2 million).

Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited increased its shareholding to 84% in its two subsidiaries during the current financial year. The purchase price was R1.9 million and the fair value of liabilities and assets on purchase date was R1.1 million and R4.7 million respectively.

Details of subsidiaries have been provided in note 32.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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6. Investment in associate

Balance at the beginning of the year	—	—	—	—
New associate acquired	—*	—	—*	—
Balance at the end of the year	—	—	—	—

*Denotes an amount less than R1 000

Details of the Regent Life Group's investment in the associate is as follows:

	% holding	Country of incorporation	Principle activity	Reporting date
Boland Cavaliers Financial Services Proprietary Limited	25	South Africa	Financial services	30 June 2012

The directors' value of the associate approximates its carrying value

The summarised financial information in respect of the Regent Life Group's 25% share in the associate is set out below:

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000
Total assets attributable	1	—
Total liabilities attributable	—	—
Net assets attributable	1	—
Revenue attributable	—	—

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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7. Reinsurers' share of policyholder liabilities insurance contracts

Movements in the reinsurers' share of insurance contract liabilities for the year were as follows:

Balance at the beginning of the year	91 280	85 090	81 350	78 583
Transfer to statement of comprehensive income	18 020	6 516	21 972	2 767
Arising from translation of foreign asset	—	(326)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	109 300	91 280	103 322	81 350

8. Financial assets

The Regent Life Group's financial assets are designated at fair value through profit and loss

> Equity securities: listed	185 330	157 628	185 330	157 628
> Equity securities: unlisted	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000
> Short-term deposits less than one year	187 210	97 585	58 400	25 424
> Debt securities	133 975	112 910	124 878	103 813
> Collective investment schemes	404 420	286 391	319 004	238 462
Total	925 935	669 514	702 612	540 327

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
8.1 Total financial assets				
Balance at the beginning of the year	669 514	668 478	540 327	560 685
Additions	457 013	2 312 442	303 036	2 267 344
Disposals	(247 789)	(2 354 230)	(172 492)	(2 326 709)
Fair value adjustment	47 197	44 662	39 007	39 007
Arising from translation of foreign asset	—	(1 838)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	925 935	669 514	702 612	540 327
Fixed interest debt securities	133 975	112 910	124 878	103 813
> Government bonds	9 097	14 662	—	14 662
> Corporate bonds: listed	124 878	98 248	124 878	89 151
Equity securities: listed	185 330	157 628	185 330	157 628
Equity securities: unlisted	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000
Collective investment schemes	404 420	286 391	319 004	238 462
Short-term cash deposits	187 210	97 585	58 400	25 424
Total	925 935	669 514	702 612	540 327

The collective investment schemes comprise of balanced equity and money market portfolios in the current year. The prior year included a protected equity portfolio.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
9. Receivables including insurance receivables				
Premium debtors – insurance contracts	60 968	66 403	60 746	65 562
Prepaid expenses	2 093	—	2 093	—
Accrued interest	5 971	8 943	2 917	5 213
Other receivables	55 636	51 705	25 751	19 518
Reinsurance recoveries on intimated claims	10 699	12 582	8 821	12 910
	135 367	139 633	100 328	103 203
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	(26 343)	(61 138)	(23 299)	(55 450)
Total	109 024	78 495	77 029	47 753

Certain receivables are classified as current as economic benefits are expected to occur within one year. These receivables include all prepayments, insurance and other receivables and dividends receivable.

Insurance premium receivables

Insurance premium receivables are aged according to the terms and conditions of the underlying agreements. Past due policies are reviewed for recoverability and either lapsed or provided for where necessary. No interest is charged on the outstanding insurance premium receivables. If a claim is payable the outstanding amount receivable will be recovered from the amount payable to the client.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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9. Receivables including insurance receivables (continued)

Movement in the provision for impairment of trade receivables

Balance at the beginning of the year	61 138	24 759	55 450	19 224
(Decrease)/increase in allowance recognised in profit or loss	(2 304)	41 275	(2 370)	41 070
Amounts written off during the year	(32 491)	(4 896)	(29 781)	(4 844)
Balance at the end of the year	26 343	61 138	23 299	55 450

In determining the recoverability of a receivable, the Regent Life Group considers any change in the credit quality of the receivable from the date credit was initially granted up to the reporting date. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated. Accordingly, the directors believe that there is no further credit provision required in excess of the allowance for doubtful debts.

9.1 Age analysis

Ageing of total loans and other receivables (net)

Not past due	52 458	62 651	43 917	50 449
Past due 0 – 90 days	6 498	13 256	2 551	10 924
Past due 91 – 360 days	8 813	11 166	4 317	(3 457)
Past due more than one year	67 598	52 560	49 543	45 287
Total	135 367	139 633	100 328	103 203

10. Due from/(to) group companies

Due from group companies

Due from Regent Life Group subsidiaries	–	–	22 439	28 686
Due from Imperial Holdings	3	1	3	1
Due from group companies	3	1	22 442	28 687

Due to group companies

Due to Regent Life Group subsidiaries	–	–	(1)	(40)
Due to fellow Imperial Holdings Limited subsidiaries	(23 035)	(15 402)	(21 436)	(15 402)
Due to group companies	(23 035)	(15 402)	(21 437)	(15 442)
Due (to)/from group companies	(23 032)	(15 401)	1 005	13 245

Loans are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. Subordination agreements are in place for loans to subsidiaries where considered necessary.

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	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
11. Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash at bank and on hand	24 173	57 498	20 429	36 031
Cash deposits*	339 261	493 945	127 282	258 889
Total	363 434	551 443	147 711	294 920

*Call and cash deposits maturing within three months or less

The weighted average effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 5% (2011: 5%).

12. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts

Movements in the insurance contract liabilities for the year were as follows:

Balance at the beginning of the year	452 360	465 010	218 420	248 800
Transfer to statement of comprehensive income	17 525	(9 254)	13 904	(29 813)
Arising from translation of foreign liabilities	(5 185)	(3 396)	(6 638)	(567)
Balance at the end of the year	464 700	452 360	225 686	218 420

Process used to decide an assumption

The business was divided up into homogenous groupings and each grouping was analysed. Best estimate assumptions were then derived based on these experience investigations. Where data was limited, industry information were used. Recent trends evident in the data were allowed for. The value of insurance liabilities is based on best estimate assumptions of future experience plus compulsory margins as required in terms of PGN 104, plus additional discretionary margins determined by the statutory actuary.

The compulsory margins are summarised as follows:

Assumption	Compulsory margin
Investment earnings	Investment earnings assumption was increased or decreased by 0.25% depending on which gives the higher liability.
Expense inflation	10% loading on the expense inflation assumption.
Mortality	Assumption was increased by 7.5%.
Morbidity	Assumption was increased by 10%. For dread disease the margin is 15%.
Retrenchment	Assumption was increased by 20%.
Lapses	Lapse rate assumptions were increased or decreased by 25% depending on which gives the higher liability.
Surrenders	Surrender rate assumptions were increased or decreased by 10% depending on which gives the higher liability.
Expenses	10% loading on the expense assumption.

In addition to the above compulsory margins the following additional discretionary margins were incorporated:

Retrenchment	For credit life an additional 30% margin was added.
Expenses	Individual life business has an additional 10% discretionary margin.
Extended lives mortality	An additional 7.5% margin was added.
All other decrements	For credit life an additional 10% margin was added.

Negative reserves were eliminated on a policy-by-policy basis for all policies that had three or more premiums in arrears. For some of the cell captive arrangements, all negative reserves were eliminated.

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12. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (continued)

The assumptions used for insurance contracts are as follows:

All the assumptions below are based on the most recent experience investigations in each country modified for expected trends. Generally experience investigations are carried out for all assumptions every year:

a) Mortality

Adjusted standard assured lives and annuity tables were used to reflect the Regent Life Group's recent claims experience. The adjustments allow for the expected increase in AIDS related claims. The allowance for AIDS is based on the relevant actuarial guidance notes as provided by ASSA.

b) Morbidity

Disability and dread rates are based on standard morbidity and critical illness tables and where appropriate, adjusted to reflect the Regent Life Group's recent claims experience.

c) Medical and retrenchment

The incidence of medical and retrenchment claims is derived from the risk premium rates determined from annual investigations. The adjusted rates are intended to reflect future expected experience.

d) Withdrawal

The withdrawal assumptions are based on the most recent withdrawal investigations taking into account past as well as expected future trends. The withdrawal rates are calculated every year for each company/country, and by class and policy duration. Typically the rates are higher at early durations.

e) Investment returns

Separate investment returns were derived for the annuity and non-annuity business. Furthermore, for the non-annuity business, separate interest rates were determined for the individual life and credit life classes of business since they have a different liability profile and discounted mean rate. The returns were based on the current bond yields of appropriate term and long-term differentials between bonds, cash and equities. The assumptions were based on the long-term rates and notional matching portfolio of assets. Allowance was made for mismatches. In cases where bond yield information was not available (for example in Lesotho), approximate methods were used based on the market information available.

The long-term investment returns (before compulsory margins) are as follows:

	2012	2011
	%	%
South Africa		
Credit life	4.29	5.87
Individual life	5.99	7.68
Disabled annuity business	7.17	8.70
With-profit annuity business	7.27	8.80
Botswana		
Credit life and individual life	4.28	5.65
Lesotho		
Credit life and individual life	6.83	8.37
Lesotho future reversionary bonus	5.00	5.00

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12. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (continued)

f) For with-profits business a BSR was established being surplus assets that belong to policyholders and are available to smooth future bonuses. From time to time, the BSR may go negative if asset values fall below the value of the underlying liabilities. This implies that there is an expectation that future bonuses will be less than what future investment earnings alone will justify.

g) Renewal expenses and inflation

A detailed expense investigation for each company/country was undertaken and the expenses were split by line of business and between new business and maintenance expenses.

The maintenance expenses were adjusted for expected inflation in the future and spread over the anticipated volumes of business over the next year to derive a per policy expense for each class. The expenses allocated to new business are expected to be covered by future new business written.

h) Taxation

The interest and expense assumptions are net of any taxation payable based on the tax environment for each country and the tax position of the company.

Change in assumptions

The following changes were made to the valuation basis for Regent South Africa. All assumptions include compulsory margins.

The economic assumptions were reviewed in light of the recent level of interest and inflation rates. Generally interest, inflation and future bonus (where relevant) assumptions were reduced.

As a result of these economic changes, the actuarial liabilities reduced by R21.9 million.

The non-economic assumptions were also reviewed as follows:

- Per policy expenses were amended to reflect the current and expected future experience. This resulted in an increase in actuarial liabilities of R28 million.
- The withdrawal assumptions were adjusted to reflect the recent lapse experience. This resulted in a decrease in actuarial liabilities of R0,042 million.
- Decrement assumptions were adjusted to reflect the current and expected future experience. This resulted in a decrease to actuarial liabilities of R9.2 million.

As a result of these non-economic changes, the actuarial liabilities increased by R18.8 million.

Methodology changes to the modelling of expenses and commission resulted in an increase to actuarial liabilities of R11.8 million.

The provision of R2.8 million held for the LOA minimum surrender was released in compliance with the prescribed time period.

The overall impact of all the above changes was an increase in the actuarial liabilities of R5.9 million.

Regarding Botswana, the value of liabilities as at 30 June 2012 increased by P3.12 million as a result of changes to valuation assumptions.

The main assumptions changes causing this increase were as follows:

- The renewal expense assumptions were amended in the light of the most recent expense investigation. This resulted in an increase of P2.5 million.
- The economic assumptions were amended to reflect the current economic environment. This resulted in an increase of reserves of P0.8 million.

Regarding Lesotho, the changes detailed below were made to the assumptions. As a result the BSR increased by approximately M17.4 million.

- The renewal expense assumptions were amended in the light of the most recent expense investigation. This resulted in an increase of M1.8 million.
- The economic assumptions were amended to reflect the current economic environment. This resulted in an increase of reserves of M15.6 million.

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12. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (continued)

Sensitivity analysis: Life operations

The following table presents the sensitivity of the value of insurance liabilities disclosed in this note to movements in the assumptions used in the estimation of insurance liabilities.

Variable	Increase in variable	Increase in liability 2012 R'million	Increase in liability 2011 R'million
Worsening of mortality	10% worse claims	36.5	32.4
Lowering of investment returns	15% lower returns	(0.6)	0.3
Worsening of base renewal expense level	10% higher expenses	24.3	23.7
Worsening of expense inflation	10% higher expenses inflation	3.1	6.4
Worsening of lapse rate	25% higher withdrawals	35.4	28.8

The 2012 withdrawal sensitivity has increased relative to last year. This is due to the build-up of policies relating to the funeral product within the individual life business class. Due to their long-term nature and large negative reserves, they are relatively more sensitive to a change in lapse assumption.

The above analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and the changes in some assumptions may be correlated – e.g. change in interest rate and inflation.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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13. Financial liabilities under investment contracts

Movements in the investment contract liabilities for the year were as follows:

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	104 521	95 655	67 360	64 407
Transfer from policyholder liabilities under investment contracts in terms of IAS 39				
Deposits	28 003	16 327	21 723	5 905
Payments	(9 046)	(8 230)	(7 999)	(3 721)
Fair value adjustment to policyholder liabilities under investment contracts	(2 935)	769	(2 935)	769
Balance at the end of the year	120 543	104 521	78 149	67 360

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
14. Deferred taxation					
Balance at the beginning of the year		(71 133)	(67 250)	(72 402)	(68 396)
Statutory reserves and provisions	26	(22 265)	(5 131)	(22 648)	(5 254)
Capital gains taxation (CGT) deferred liability	26	684	1 248	684	1 248
Prior year over provision	26	(199)	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year		(92 913)	(71 133)	(94 366)	(72 402)
The deferred taxation comprises:					
Bonus scheme		(1 813)	173	(1 813)	173
Provisions – current year		1 559	1 366	106	97
CGT deferred liability		(351)	(145)	(351)	(145)
Negative reserves		(92 308)	(72 527)	(92 308)	(72 527)
Balance at the end of the year		(92 913)	(71 133)	(94 366)	(72 402)
Deferred taxation asset		1 453	406	—	—
Deferred taxation liability		(94 366)	(71 539)	(94 366)	(72 402)
Balance at the end of the year		(92 913)	(71 133)	(94 366)	(72 402)

No deferred tax asset has been raised for losses in the policyholder funds, as these losses are not likely to be utilised in the foreseeable future.

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15. Provisions

15.1 Leave pay

In terms of the Regent Life Group's policy, employees are entitled to accumulate a maximum of 30 days leave. Minimum leave of 15 days has to be taken within 12 months of earning it.

Incentive scheme

In terms of the Regent Life Group's policy, selected employees at the discretion of directors receive an incentive bonus. The incentive bonus relates to employee, corporate and divisional performance and it is approved by the remuneration committee of Imperial Holdings Limited.

	Leave pay R'000	Bonus R'000	Other R'000	Total R'000
Group				
2012				
Balance at the beginning of the year	6 256	18 873	21 877	47 006
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	2 723	22 524	31 645	56 892
Provisions utilised	(1 578)	(19 474)	(29 001)	(50 053)
Arising from translation of foreign provisions	3	(65)	16	(46)
Reclassification	(2 673)	—	1 644	(1 029)
Balance at the end of the year	4 731	21 858	26 181	52 770
2011				
Balance at the beginning of the year	6 068	21 496	20 725	48 289
Reclassification to provisions	1 028	13 022	28 713	42 763
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	(835)	(15 538)	(27 514)	(43 887)
Provisions utilised	(5)	(107)	(47)	(159)
Balance at the end of the year	6 256	18 873	21 877	47 006
Company				
2012				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3 392	13 423	20 731	37 546
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	1 475	12 138	31 501	45 114
Provisions utilised	(1 610)	(12 507)	(28 763)	(42 880)
Reclassification	—	—	(330)	(330)
Balance at the end of the year	3 257	13 054	23 139	39 450
2011				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3 146	16 531	19 612	39 289
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	780	7 792	27 647	36 219
Provisions utilised	(534)	(10 900)	(26 528)	(37 962)
Balance at the end of the year	3 392	13 423	20 731	37 546

Provision for staff bonus and leave pay represents provisions made for year-end bonus payments and leave due to employees at year end. Other provisions include amongst others, provisions for internal audit, actuarial and investment management fees.

The current year reclassification relates to external audit fees that were moved to trade and other payables as well as the severance fee provision that was reclassified from the leave provision class to other.

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	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000

16. Commitments

Operating lease liabilities

The Regent Life Group leases various offices under non-cancellable operating lease agreements.

The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Not later than one year	3 415	2 055	136	124
Later than one year and not later than five years	2 156	3 003	323	458
Balance at the end of the year	5 571	5 058	459	582

The above mentioned commitments will be funded from cash generated by operations.

17. Insurance and other payables

Accrued benefit payments on insurance contracts	52 762	44 567	47 472	39 741
Trade payables	173 747	138 225	153 669	118 541
Balance at the end of the year	226 509	182 792	201 141	158 282

All trade and other payables are current liabilities. The carrying amounts approximate the fair value given the demand feature of the financial instruments.

Refer to note 31.3.3 for age analysis.

18. Share capital and share premium

Authorised share capital

3 000 000 ordinary shares of 1 cent each	30	30	30	30
1 000 preference shares of 1 cent each	—*	—*	—*	—*

Issued share capital

2 125 000 ordinary shares of 1 cent each	21	21	21	21
8 preference shares of 1 cent each	—*	—*	—*	—*
Share premium	144 667	144 667	144 667	144 667

*Denotes an amount less than R1 000

The directors are authorised, until the forthcoming annual general meeting, to issue the unissued shares for any purpose and upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit but subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 and the company's memorandum of incorporation.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
19. Net written premiums				
Individual and credit life premium income				
> Single premiums	68 936	59 746	—	—
> Reinsurance	—	(520)	—	—
	68 936	59 226	—	—
> Recurring premiums	498 967	447 810	450 353	408 965
> Reinsurance	(22 481)	(31 600)	(21 550)	(30 084)
	476 486	416 210	428 803	378 881
Group life premium income				
> Recurring premiums	172 477	185 098	156 934	159 150
> Reinsurance	(51 468)	(49 433)	(45 392)	(41 123)
	121 009	135 665	111 542	118 027
Total	666 431	611 101	540 345	496 908
20. Investment income				
Dividend income	7 830	8 581	28 963	12 290
Interest income from investments designated at fair value through profit and loss	20 212	11 321	18 431	467
Interest income from cash and cash equivalents	29 987	44 082	16 066	33 585
Investment management expenses	(1 774)	(2 430)	(1 774)	(2 033)
Total	56 255	61 554	61 686	44 309
21. Investment gains				
Realised gains/(losses)	5 177	24 498	5 177	24 500
> Listed instruments	5 177	25 941	5 177	25 941
> Unlisted instruments	—	(1 443)	—	(1 441)
Unrealised gains	47 197	18 838	31 741	13 183
> Listed instruments	47 197	18 476	31 741	12 821
> Unlisted instruments	—	362	—	362
Total	52 374	43 336	36 918	37 683

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
22. Other operating income				
Commission	9 962	—	—	—
Training income*	379	1 500	—	—
Administration fees**	89 699	52 251	33 554	7 255
Rent received	463	195	405	—
Total	100 503	53 946	33 959	7 255

*Training income comprises revenue earned by Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited and subsidiaries for courses provided.

**The majority of this figure relates to non-insurance related activities, specifically the administration fee charged by Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
23. Net claims and benefits incurred				
Individual life benefits:				
> Death and disability benefits	114 062	106 168	105 471	98 676
> Retrenchment and surrenders	53 538	52 798	40 820	37 392
> Annuities	14 067	13 587	14 006	13 532
> Maturities and endowments	25 191	20 200	3 591	—
> Reinsurance recoveries	(5 773)	(7 018)	(4 087)	(5 719)
Total	201 085	185 735	159 801	143 881
Group benefits:				
> Death, disability and retrenchment benefits	102 271	106 665	93 373	100 544
> Reinsurance recoveries	(42 731)	(38 420)	(36 684)	(37 049)
	59 540	68 245	56 689	63 495
Total	260 625	253 980	216 490	207 376

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
24. Profit before taxation					
Profit before taxation is determined before taking the following into account:					
Property and equipment – depreciation	3, 27.1	3 980	2 690	1 293	1 392
> Property		1 947	—	533	—
> Leasehold improvements		453	453	—	—
> Computer and office equipment		491	1 011	88	467
> Furniture and fittings		563	575	306	344
> Motor vehicles		526	651	366	581
Impairment (reversals)/losses on financial assets		(2 304)	41 275	(2 370)	41 070
Amortisation of intangible assets – computer software	5, 27.1	6 906	2 820	4 375	1 015
Investment management expenses		1 774	2 430	1 774	2 033
Rentals under operating leases		7 607	9 949	3 499	5 918
Foreign exchange gains		1	1 326	1	1 324
Auditors' remuneration		4 713	3 405	3 520	2 415
Consultancy fees		8 655	6 388	5 999	3 531
> Actuarial		2 450	2 605	2 002	1 750
> Other		6 205	3 783	3 997	1 781
Legal fees		1 489	1 319	1 129	1 174
Staff costs		118 886	86 309	71 455	49 428
> Pension contributions*		6 214	5 436	2 710	2 485
> Share based payments	25	3 213	(652)	3 213	(652)
> Salaries and wages		109 459	81 525	65 532	47 595
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	27	188	215	325	172
Number of employees		260	272	127	131

*Defined contribution plans

The Regent Life Group provides retirement benefits through independent funds under the control of trustees and all contributions to those funds are charged to the statement of comprehensive income. The large majority of South African employees, other than those employees required by legislation to be members of various industry funds, are members of the Imperial Group Pension Fund and the Imperial Group Provident Fund which are governed by the Pensions Funds Act, 1956.

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
25. Share-based equity reserve					
Reconciliation of share-based payment reserve:					
Opening balance		10 154	3 148	10 154	3 148
Hedge premium paid		2 217	8 312	2 217	8 312
Direct transfer to equity		(6 944)	—	(6 944)	—
Share-based equity reserve raised					
> Direct cost	24	(3 213)	652	(3 213)	652
> Tax effect		(216)	(1 958)	(216)	(1 958)
Total share-based payments equity reserve		1 998	10 154	1 998	10 154

The Imperial Holdings share appreciation rights scheme was set up to provide executives and senior management including those of the Regent Life Group with an opportunity to own shares in the ultimate holding company of the Regent Life Group, Imperial Holdings Limited, through the grant of rights to the appreciation in Imperial Holdings Limited share price. Share appreciation rights are rights to receive shares equal in value to the appreciation of the Imperial Holdings Limited shares between the grant date and the vesting date, subject to the fulfilment of pre-determined performance criteria over the vesting period.

The fair values for the share-based payment reserves were calculated using a Black-Scholes pricing model.

The inputs into the model are set out below.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000
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Share Appreciation Rights Scheme

> Volatility (%)	30.80	33.30
> Weighted average share price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average exercise price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average fair value (rand)	43.24	36.14
> Expected life (years)	4.26	3.24
> Average risk-free rate (%)	5.85	7.13
> Expected dividend yield (%)	3.28	3.60

Deferred Bonus Plan

> Volatility (%)	30.80	33.30
> Weighted average share price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average fair value (rand)	153.56	103.17
> Expected life (years)	3.20	3.24
> Average risk-free rate (%)	5.85	7.13
> Expected dividend yield (%)	3.28	3.60

The volatilities were determined by calculating the historical volatility of the Imperial Holdings Limited's share price over the previous five years. The expected life is determined by the rules of the schemes which dictate the expiry date.

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	Notes	Group 2012	Group 2011	Company 2012	Company 2011
26. Taxation					
Current taxation					
> Current year		33 803	27 349	21 383	18 626
> Capital gains taxation		(33)	—	(33)	—
> Prior year (over)/under provision		(6 386)	1 841	(6 174)	1 842
> Withholding taxation and STC		3 102	2 114	3 102	2 304
		30 486	31 304	18 278	22 772
Deferred taxation					
> Statutory reserves and provisions	14	22 265	5 131	22 648	5 254
> Capital gains taxation	14	(684)	(1 248)	(684)	(1 248)
> Prior year under provision	14	199	—	—	—
		21 780	3 883	21 964	4 006
		52 266	35 187	40 242	26 778
		Group 2012 %	Group 2011 %	Company 2012 %	Company 2011 %
Taxation rate reconciliation					
South African normal taxation rate		28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Non-allowable expenditure		1.51	2.28	2.24	1.67
Capital gains taxation		(0.10)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.28)
Withholding taxation and STC		1.61	(1.34)	2.16	2.99
Losses in subsidiaries		0.09	1.01	—	—
Rate differential		(0.79)	(0.98)	—	—
Prior year under/(over) provision		(3.30)	1.30	(4.29)	2.39
Taxation charge in statement of comprehensive income		27.02	30.09	27.97	34.77

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
27. Notes to the statements of cashflow					
27.1 Cash generated from/(utilised in) operations					
Profit before taxation		193 452	116 963	143 857	76 993
Adjustments made for non-cash items:					
Depreciation	3	3 980	2 690	1 293	1 392
Amortisation of intangible assets – computer software	4, 24	6 906	2 820	4 375	1 015
Fair value adjustments		(52 374)	(44 641)	(36 918)	(38 986)
Change in policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts		(495)	(15 770)	(8 068)	(32 580)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	24	(188)	(215)	(325)	(172)
Interest income		(50 198)	(55 403)	(34 497)	(34 052)
Interest expense		9	89	8	68
Dividends received		(7 830)	(8 581)	(28 963)	(12 290)
		93 262	(2 048)	40 762	(38 612)
Changes in working capital					
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		(32 271)	31 090	(26 043)	16 608
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		51 350	3 540	48 854	(156)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		5 764	(1 283)	1 904	(1 743)
Intangible assets – deferred acquisition costs		–	3 845	–	3 845
		24 843	37 192	24 715	18 554
Cash generated from/(utilised in) operations		118 105	35 144	65 477	(20 058)
27.2 Investment income					
Dividends received					
Accrued dividend income at the beginning of the year		–	33	–	35 087
Dividend received per statements of comprehensive income		7 830	8 581	28 963	12 290
Accrued dividend income at the end of the year		–	–	–	–
Dividends received		7 830	8 614	28 963	47 377
Interest received					
Accrued interest income at the beginning of the year		8 943	8 067	5 213	5 967
Interest income per statements of comprehensive income		50 198	55 403	34 497	34 052
Accrued interest income at the end of the year		(5 971)	(8 943)	(2 917)	(5 213)
Interest received		53 170	54 527	36 793	34 806

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
27. Notes to the cash flow statement (continued)				
27.3 Taxation paid				
Amount (payable)/receivable at the beginning of the year	(702)	26 068	(2 426)	30 285
Amount charged to the statement of comprehensive income	(52 266)	(35 187)	(40 242)	(26 778)
Prior year under provision	—	(534)	—	—
Movement in share-based equity reserve	—	1 958	—	1 958
Movement in deferred tax	21 780	3 883	21 964	4 006
	(31 188)	(3 812)	(20 704)	9 471
Amount (receivable)/payable at the end of the year	(22 273)	702	(18 682)	2 426
Taxation (paid)/refunded	(53 461)	(3 110)	(39 386)	11 897
27.4 Dividends paid				
Dividends per statement of changes in equity	(114 900)	(27 498)	(114 900)	(26 140)
Dividends paid	(114 900)	(27 498)	(114 900)	(26 140)
27.5 Acquisition of subsidiaries				
During the current financial year Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited increased its shareholding in its two subsidiaries from 65% to 84%.				
During the prior financial year Regent Life Company increased its shareholding in Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited from 70% to 100%.				
The fair values of the assets and liabilities at each transaction were as follows:				
Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited and subsidiaries				
Property and equipment	29	2 646	—	—
Intangible assets	—	1 029	—	—
Other receivables	1 552	5 877	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents	2 859	20 756	—	—
Deferred tax asset	55	864	—	—
Provisions	(186)	(3 771)	—	—
Current taxation	241	(426)	—	—
Insurance and other payables	(961)	(9 327)	—	—
	3 589	17 648	—	—
Net cash outflow	(2 993)	(12 000)	(1 009)	(12 000)

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28. Related party transactions

28.1 Identity of related parties

The Regent Life Assurance Company has a related party relationship with its holding company, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries and with its directors and key management personnel.

28.2 Other related party transactions and balances

The company has balances receivable with subsidiary companies. These balances are disclosed below in note 28.2.2. Transactions between the Regent Life Assurance Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation.

During the year, the Regent Life Assurance Company and its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of business, entered into various transactions with fellow subsidiary companies in the greater Imperial Group of companies. These transactions occurred under terms that are no less favourable than those arranged with third parties.

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000

28.2.1 Transactions with related parties

Administration fee paid to holding company	6 681	8 116	6 681	8 116
Internal audit fee to holding company	145	143	145	143
Policy and administration fees paid	—	—	1 246	919
Interest (received)/paid	(12)	46	(12)	46
Vehicle operating lease costs	1 972	369	1 972	369

28.2.2 Year-end balances with related parties

Receivable from related parties

- > Imperial Group Proprietary Limited
- > Regent Life Group subsidiaries

	3	1	22 442	28 687
	3	1	3	1
	—	—	22 439	28 686

Payable to related parties

- > Regent Life Group subsidiaries
- > Fellow Imperial Holdings Limited subsidiaries

	(23 035)	(15 402)	(21 437)	15 442
	—	—	(1)	(40)
	(23 035)	(15 402)	(21 436)	(15 402)

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	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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29. Remuneration

29.1 Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments comprise:

Executive directors' remuneration

45 330 14 527

> Basic remuneration

8 333 6 264

> Retirement and medical benefits

811 789

> Other incentives and benefits

36 186 7 474

Non-executive directors' fees

1 598 1 037

> HR Brody

94 —

> RG Cottrell

311 239

> C Erasmus

203 —

> S Handler

307 285

> RL Hiemstra

94 —

> S Masinga

198 88

> JPR Mbau

94 84

> JR McAlpine

— 154

> R Mumford (Zambian)

94 —

> RJA Sparks

203 187

Fees for services as director for the year ended 30 June 2012 were approved by the shareholder at the annual general meeting. The remuneration of directors is determined by the remuneration committee of Imperial Holdings Limited based on the performance of the individual and market trends. All executive directors are eligible for annual performance related bonus payments. The remuneration of directors reflects the total remuneration paid by both Regent Life Company and Regent Insurance Company.

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29. Remuneration (continued)

29.2 Executive directors' remuneration

	Salary R'000	Bonus R'000	Retirement and medical contribu- tions R'000	Other benefits R'000	2012 Total R'000	2011 Total R'000
Executive directors						
DD Gnodde	2 408	—	389	15 141	17 938	6 203
PCW Hibbit	1 632	1 069	—	—	2 701	2 429
AN Tennick	2 114	1 612	206	8 334	12 266	4 231
JJ Strydom	2 179	2 250	216	7 780	12 425	1 664
	8 333	4 931	811	31 255	45 330	14 527

	Commence- ment date	Price on commence- ment date (R)	Number of rights	Exercised	Number of rights remaining	Vesting date
Participation in Imperial Holdings Limited Share Appreciation Rights Scheme						
AN Tennick	5 June 2008	49.46	132 740	132 740	—	
	18 June 2009	55.32	44 111	—	44 111	15 September 2012
	2 June 2010	96.71	26 979	—	26 979	15 September 2013
	2 June 2011	116.59	10 283	—	10 283	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	23 979	—	23 979	26 August 2015
JJ Strydom	5 June 2008	49.46	97 343	97 343	—	
	18 June 2009	55.32	75 744	—	75 744	15 September 2012
	2 June 2010	96.71	25 264	—	25 264	15 September 2013
	2 June 2011	116.59	9 384	—	9 384	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	29 342	—	29 342	26 August 2015
PCW Hibbit	2 June 2011	116.59	6 977	—	6 977	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	16 661	—	16 661	26 August 2015

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29. Remuneration (continued)

29.2 Executive directors' remuneration

	Allocation date	Number of rights allocated	Number of shares committed to the plan	Number of shares forfeited	Balance available to be taken up	Vested during the year	Balance remaining	Vesting date
Participation in Imperial Holdings Limited Deferred Bonus Plan								
PCW Hibbit	14 June 2011	3 003	2 840	163	—	—	2 840	7 September 2014
AN Tennick	05 June 2008	15 595	—	15 595	—	—	—	15 September 2011
	18 June 2009	4 301	1 734	2 567	—	—	1 734	15 September 2012
	18 June 2010	2 778	1 982	796	—	—	1 982	15 September 2013
	14 June 2011	4 425	1 530	2 895	—	—	1 530	7 September 2014
JJ Strydom	5 June 2008	11 436	10 036	—	—	10 036	—	
		—	1 364	36	—	—	1 364	15 September 2013
	18 June 2009	3 973	—	3 973	—	—	—	15 September 2012
	18 June 2010	2 602	2 602	—	—	—	2 602	15 September 2013
	14 June 2011	4 039	4 039	—	—	—	4 039	7 September 2014
	13 June 2012	3 957	—	—	3 957	—	—	26 August 2015

30. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

The Regent Life Group makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historic experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

30.1 The ultimate liability arising from claims under insurance contracts

The estimation of the ultimate liability arising from claims under insurance contracts is the Regent Life Group's most critical accounting estimate. There are several sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimate of the liability that the Regent Life Group will ultimately pay for such claims.

Claim amounts are generally fixed or relatively easy to estimate. There is therefore limited uncertainty as to the expected claim amount on a particular policy. The reinsurance terms are also known in advance and the allowance for reinsurance recoveries is readily determinable. However it is necessary to estimate the timing of the claim payments. This is based on the probability that a policy will be in force and the probability of a claim arising in the future. For each policy the present value of the expected claims is estimated based on age and calendar-year based standard tables modified to reflect the recent claims experience of the Regent Life Group and incorporating an allowance for trends.

The assumptions used are generally best estimate assumptions with compulsory margins and in certain instances discretionary margins have been included for additional prudence. The discount rate used to capitalise the claim values is also based on current economic conditions but reflects the Regent Life Group's asset mix with an allowance for mismatching risk.

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30. Critical accounting estimates and judgments in applying accounting policies (continued)

30.2 Estimate of future benefit payments and premiums arising from long-term insurance contracts and related deferred acquisition costs

The determination of the liabilities under long-term insurance contracts are dependent on estimates made by the Regent Life Group. Estimates are made as to the expected number of deaths for each of the years in which the Regent Life Group is exposed to risk. The Regent Life Group bases these estimates on standard industry and national mortality tables that reflect recent historical mortality experience, adjusted where appropriate to reflect the Regent Life Group's own experience.

Where future premiums are payable they have also been valued based on the current premium being paid. Future premiums are projected over the lifetime of each policy on a policy-by-policy basis. The value of the premiums takes into account the possibility that the policy may terminate due to early cancellation through lapsing or surrender. The interest rate used to discount the premiums reflects current economic conditions, the asset mix of the Regent Life Group and allows for mismatching risk.

Margins in premium rates to recoup up-front commission costs which have been capitalised as negative reserves have been recognised in full.

30.3 Fair value of investment contracts

The Regent Life Group issues investment contracts that are designated at fair value through profit or loss.

The liability held under these contracts is based on the account balance which represents the accumulated value of the allocated premiums less charges at the interest rate credited to the policies based on the investment performance of the underlying assets. The liability is set equal to a minimum of the surrender value payable on each policy. In most cases the liability held exceeds the minimum surrender value.

31. Management of insurance and financial risk

31.1 Capital risk

The Regent Life Group manages capital risk to ensure that entities in the Regent Life Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Regent Life Group's overall strategy remains unchanged.

The capital structure of the Regent Life Group consisted of debt, cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings as disclosed in the statement of changes in equity.

31.2 Significant accounting policies

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in the accounting policies.

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk

31.3 Financial risk management objectives

The Regent Life Group is exposed to financial risk through its financial assets, financial liabilities, reinsurance assets and insurance liabilities. In particular the key financial risk is that the proceeds from its financial assets are not sufficient to fund the obligations arising from its insurance and investment contracts. An investment committee sets policies and receives monthly and quarterly reports on compliance with investment policies.

The Regent Life Group manages these positions within an ALM framework that has been developed to achieve long-term investment returns in excess of its obligations under insurance and investment contracts. The principle technique of the Regent Life Group's ALM is to match assets to the liabilities arising from insurance and investment contracts by reference to the type of benefits payable to policyholders.

The Regent Life Group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in equity prices, interest rates and foreign currency rates. There has been no change to the Regent Life Group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk.

31.3.1 Market risk

This can be described as the risk of a change in fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument brought about by changes in interest rates, equity prices or foreign exchange rates.

Equity market risk

The Regent Life Group invests in equity investments on behalf of policyholders and shareholders. The investments in equities are reflected in the statement of financial position at fair values, which are susceptible to fluctuations in value. Continuous monitoring takes place to ensure that appropriate assets are held where the liabilities are dependent upon the performance of specific portfolios of assets. Equity investments are held for long-term investment rather than trading purposes. The Regent Life Group does not actively trade these investments.

Equity market price sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses has been determined based on the exposure to equity price risks at the reporting date. A hypothetical 1% decrease in the all share index, based on similar sensitivities used in the industry and on market conditions, would result in an estimated reduction in profit before tax of R2.5 million (2011: R1.8 million).

Fair value hierarchy disclosures

The table below shows the Regent Life Group's financial assets and liabilities that are recognised and subsequently measured at fair value analysed by valuation technique. The classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.3.1 Market risk (continued)

	Valuations with reference to quoted prices in an active market Level 1 R'000	Valuations based on observable inputs Level 2 R'000	Total carried at fair value R'000
Financial assets held as at fair value through profit and loss			
2012			
Group			
Listed preference shares	185 330	—	185 330
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Short-term deposits less than one year	—	187 210	187 210
Government bonds	9 097	—	9 097
Corporate bonds	124 878	—	124 878
Collective investment schemes	404 420	—	404 420
Total financial assets	723 725	202 210	925 935
Company			
Listed preference shares	185 330	—	185 330
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Short-term deposits less than one year	—	58 400	58 400
Corporate bonds	124 878	—	124 878
Collective investment schemes	319 004	—	319 004
Total financial assets	629 212	73 400	702 612
2011			
Group			
Listed preference shares	157 628	—	157 628
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Short-term deposits less than one year	—	97 585	97 585
Government bonds	14 662	—	14 662
Corporate bonds	98 248	—	98 248
Collective investment schemes	286 391	—	286 391
Total financial assets	556 929	112 585	669 514
Company			
Listed preference shares	157 628	—	157 628
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Short-term deposits less than one year	—	25 424	25 424
Government bonds	14 662	—	14 662
Corporate bonds	89 151	—	89 151
Collective investment schemes	238 462	—	238 462
Total financial assets	499 903	40 424	540 327

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.3.1 Market risk (continued)

Level 1 financial assets includes assets where fair value is determined using quoted prices in an active market. For quoted prices in an active market to exist there should be actual and regular occurring market transactions and the prices of those transactions should be readily available.

Fair value for level 2 assets are determined by way of valuation techniques and the inputs into the valuation model are based on observable market inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1. An input is observable if it can be observed as a market price or can be derived from an observed market price.

If fair value is determined by way of valuation techniques and the inputs into the valuation model are not based on observable market data or the observable market data has been significantly altered then those instruments are classified as level 3.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value and cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to a change in market interest rates. The following investments which are held at fair value, will be directly impacted by changes in market interest rates: Accounts receivable and accounts payable where settlement is expected within 90 days are not included in the analysis below, since the effect of interest rate risk on these balances is not considered material given the short-term duration of these underlying cash flows. The Regent Life Group does not have any interest-bearing borrowings. Interest rate risk is therefore limited to the Regent Life Group's investment in variable rate investments, such as gilts and bonds.

The table below summarises the effective interest rates at the statement of financial position date:

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	%	%	%	%
Debt securities – fixed interest rate:				
> Government bonds	9.42	9.01	—	8.75
> Listed bonds	8.33	8.52	8.33	8.52
Cash at bank	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

Investment decisions are delegated by the board to the investment committee, which has responsibility for the investment portfolio's risk profile and related decisions. To this end, the committee is supported by a well-developed research function utilising portfolio managers.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at statement of financial position date. A 1% increase or decrease was used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If the interest rates had been 1% higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Regent Life Group's profit for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 would decrease/increase by R4.2 million (2011: R4.6 million decrease/increase).

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.3.1 Market risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate in rands due to the changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Regent Life Group operates in Botswana and its exposure arises with respect to the Botswana pula.

The following table sets out the exchange rates used:

	Group 2012 Average ZAR	Group 2011 Average ZAR	Group 2012 Closing ZAR	Group 2011 Closing ZAR
Botswana pula	1.06090	1.05826	1.07170	1.03625

The table below illustrates the analysis of assets and liabilities of the Regent Life Group in Botswana pula.

	2012 BWP'000	2011 BWP'000
Total assets	182 818	159 106
Total liabilities	74 016	60 346
Net assets	108 802	98 760

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Regent Life Group's sensitivity to a 1% increase and decrease in the rand against the Botswana pula. 1% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonable possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the period end for a 1% change in foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates an increase in profit and other equity where the rand strengthens 1% against the relevant currency. For a 1% weakening of the rand against the relevant currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit and other equity, and the balances below would be negative.

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Profit or loss	—*	1

*Denotes an amount less than R1 000

31.3.2 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the Regent Life Group to incur a financial loss.

Fair values of financial assets may be affected by the credit worthiness of the issuer. Limits of exposure are set by the investment committee and are continuously monitored. The concentrations of credit risk are throughout South Africa, Lesotho and Botswana, with the most significant portion in the Gauteng area. The Regent Life Group has policies that limit the credit exposure to any institution and reputable reinsurers are used for the Regent Life Group's reinsurance treaties.

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.3.2 Credit risk (continued)

With regard to credit risk contained in insurance and other receivables, the exposure amounts to R123.0 million (2011: R127.0 million), comprising balances with policyholders, agents, brokers and intermediaries:

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Policyholder short-term debtors	60 968	66 403	60 746	65 562
Agents, brokers and intermediaries	841	3 014	841	3 014
Investment debtors	5 971	8 943	2 917	5 213
Other	54 795	48 690	24 910	16 505
	122 575	127 050	89 414	90 294

Group policy dictates that provision is made for all debtors that exceed 90 days.

Agents, brokers and intermediaries totalling R1.0 million (2011: R3.0 million) are subject to a comprehensive relationship management programme, including credit assessment. There is no material exposure to any single agent, broker or intermediary. The widespread nature of the individual amounts combined with the relationship programme reduces the credit risk.

Industry supported default lists help to prevent rogue agents, brokers and intermediaries from conducting business with the Regent Life Group. Full provision is made for non-recoverability as soon as management is uncertain as to the recovery.

31.3.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regent Life Group will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities.

Insurance companies are registered financial institutions and are required to hold minimum capital to, *inter alia*, reduce policyholder exposure to the entity's liquidity risk. The Financial Services Board is the regulatory authority that regularly reviews compliance with these minimum capital requirements. The statutory actuary and management continually manage and monitor liquidity and capital requirements – refer to the statutory actuary report (pages 18 to 22) and to the consolidated statutory actuary report (pages 23 to 24).

Liabilities entered into by the Regent Life Group are continuously managed in order to control the liquidity risks to which the Regent Life Group is exposed. The Regent Life Group has sufficient liquid resources.

The following tables detail the Regent Life Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Regent Life Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

Management monitors the liquidity risks by ensuring that all short-term liabilities are not paid earlier or later than the credit terms and also by ensuring that the payment terms are favourable to the Regent Life Group.

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.3.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

	Total	1 – 3 months R'000	4 – 5 months R'000	1 – 5 years R'000	Over 5 years R'000
Period when cash flow becomes due					
2012					
Group					
Liabilities					
Insurance and other payables	226 509	226 509	–	–	–
Total for the group	226 509	226 509	–	–	–
Company					
Liabilities					
Insurance and other payables	201 141	201 141	–	–	–
Total for the company	201 141	201 141	–	–	–
2011					
Group					
Liabilities					
Insurance and other payables	182 792	182 792	–	–	–
Total for the group	182 792	182 792	–	–	–
Company					
Liabilities					
Insurance and other payables	158 282	158 282	–	–	–
Total for the company	158 282	158 282	–	–	–

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.4 Insurance risk

Insurance risk is the risk that future claims and expenses will exceed the value placed on insurance liabilities.

It occurs due to the uncertainty of the timing and amount of future cash flows arising under insurance contracts. This could also occur because of the frequency or severity of claims and benefits being greater than estimated. Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims and benefits will vary from year to year from the estimate (using statistical techniques). The Regent Life Group uses appropriate base tables of standard mortality according to the type of contract being written and the territory in which the insured person resides. An investigation into the actual experience of the Regent Life Group over the last three years is carried out, and statistical methods are used to adjust the crude mortality rates to produce a best estimate of expected mortality for the future. The Regent Life Group maintains termination statistics to investigate the deviation of actual termination experience against assumptions. Statistical methods are used to determine appropriate termination rates. An allowance is then made for any trends in the data to arrive at the best estimate of future termination rates.

The timing is specifically influenced by future mortality, morbidity, and withdrawal rates, about which assumptions are made in order to place a value on the liabilities. Deviations from assumptions will result in actual cash flows different from those projected in liability calculations. As such, each assumption represents a source of uncertainty.

The larger the portfolio of uncorrelated insurance risks, the smaller the relative variability about what the expected outcome will be. In addition, a more diversified portfolio of risks in terms of type and amount of risk, geographical location and type of industry covered, is less likely to be affected, across the board, by a change in any subset of the risks.

Policyholder behaviour risks

Policyholders have the option to discontinue or withdraw benefits prior to expiry of the contract term. As a result policyholder behaviour contributes to insurance risk.

The main risk posed by this behaviour is the risk that expenses and commissions incurred early in the term of the contract, but priced to be recovered by means of ongoing charges over a longer period, are not fully recovered due to the decision by the policyholder to cease or reduce contributions.

On contracts where a withdrawal benefit is payable, this risk is mitigated by conditions built into policy contracts which enable the Regent Life Group to recoup these unrecovered expenses by means of a lump sum charge.

In addition, commission clawback provisions, included in contracts with intermediaries, enable the Regent Life Group to mitigate some of the risk of early termination.

Frequency and severity of claims

For contracts where death is the insured risk, the most significant factors that could increase the overall frequency of claims are epidemics such as AIDS. The Regent Life Group manages these risks through its underwriting strategy and reinsurance arrangements.

Catastrophe risk is the risk of multiple claims arising out of a single event. The Regent Life Group has catastrophe reinsurance in place as a mitigating action.

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.4 Insurance risk (continued)

Terms of liabilities net of reinsurance including investment contracts

Payable within one year	64 006	121 216	49 989	104 031
Payable between one and five years	91 436	38 988	(9 055)	(46 860)
Payable after five years	320 501	305 398	159 579	147 259
	475 943	465 602	200 513	204 430

Claims development

The tables below show the claims development gross and net of reinsurance for Regent Life.

	2010	2011	2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Group			
Insurance claims – gross			
Estimate of ultimate claim costs:			
At the end of the claim year	302 082	302 656	309 129
One year later	214 871	241 404	–
Two years later	212 951	–	–
Current estimate of cumulative claims	212 951	241 404	309 129
Cumulative payments to date	(211 678)	(238 515)	(260 529)
Liability recognised	1 273	2 889	48 600
Cumulative liability – statement of financial position			52 762
Insurance claims – net			
Estimate of ultimate claim costs:			
At the end of the claim year	256 845	253 980	260 625
One year later	176 687	200 158	–
Two years later	175 700	–	–
Current estimate of cumulative claims	175 700	200 158	260 625
Cumulative payments to date	(174 476)	(197 415)	(222 529)
Liability recognised	1 224	2 743	38 096
Cumulative liability – statement of financial position			42 063

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.4 Insurance risk (continued)

Claims development

	2010 R'000	2011 R'000	2012 R'000
Company			
Insurance claims – gross			
Estimate of ultimate claim costs:			
At the end of the claim year	230 433	250 144	257 261
One year later	214 871	241 404	–
Two years later	212 951	–	–
Current estimate of cumulative claims	212 951	241 404	257 261
Cumulative payments to date	(211 678)	(238 515)	213 951
Liability recognised	1 273	2 889	43 310
Cumulative liability – statement of financial position			47 472
Insurance claims – net			
Estimate of ultimate claim costs:			
At the end of the claim year	189 857	207 376	216 490
One year later	176 687	200 158	–
Two years later	175 700	–	–
Current estimate of cumulative claims	175 700	200 158	216 490
Cumulative payments to date	(174 476)	(197 415)	(181 806)
Liability recognised	1 224	2 743	34 684
Cumulative liability – statement of financial position			38 651

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements (continued)

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31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.5 Other risks

Legal risk

The Regent Life Group's legal obligations arise throughout its operations and where the Regent Life Group may be faced with risk where legal proceedings are brought against it.

Legal risk arises where:

- the Regent Life Group's businesses may not be conducted in accordance with applicable laws in the countries in which it operates;
- the Regent Life Group may be liable for damages to third parties; and
- contractual obligations may be enforced against the Regent Life Group in an adverse way, resulting in legal proceedings being instituted against it.

The Regent Life Group has processes and controls in place to manage its legal risk.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

The initiation of all transactions and their administration is conducted on the foundation of segregation of duties that has been designed to ensure materially the completeness, accuracy and validity of all transactions. These controls are augmented by management and executive review of control accounts and systems, electronic and manual checks and controls, back-up facilities and contingency planning. The internal control systems and procedures are also subjected to regular internal audit reviews.

Taxation risk

Taxation risk is the risk that the Regent Life Group will incur a financial loss due to an incorrect interpretation and application of taxation legislation or due to the impact of new taxation legislation on existing structures.

During the development stage of any new product and prior to any corporate transactions, the taxation resources of the Regent Life Group, and if required external resources, identify and advise on any material potential taxation impact thereof.

Proposed new taxation legislation is researched fully by the legal and taxation resources to identify any potential impact to the Regent Life Group.

Taxation risk is further mitigated through policy terms and conditions, which enable the risk to be passed back to policyholders.

Regulatory risk

Regulatory risk is the risk arising from the non-compliance with, or incorrect application of, regulatory requirements. In order to manage this risk, the Regent Life Group is an active participant in industry bodies that engage in discussions with policy makers and regulators. The Regent Life Group also has a compliance function which monitors conformance to all regulatory requirements.

Underwriting risk

The statutory actuary reports annually on the actuarial soundness of the premium rates in use and the profitability of the business taking into consideration the reasonable benefit expectation of policyholders. All new rate tables are approved and authorised by the statutory actuary prior to being issued. Regular investigations into mortality and morbidity experience are conducted.

All applications for risk cover in excess of specified limits are reviewed by experienced underwriters and evaluated against established standards. All risk related liabilities in excess of specified monetary or impairment limits are reinsured.

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

31. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

31.6 Capital adequacy requirement (CAR)

The Regent Life Group is required to demonstrate solvency to the Registrar of Long-term Insurance, in accordance with the Long-term Insurance Act (1998) as amended. This requires the Regent Life Group to demonstrate that it has sufficient assets to meet its liabilities and CAR for statutory purposes. Statutory returns are submitted to the Registrar quarterly, and valuations are performed half-yearly.

The CAR is intended to approximate a risk-based capital measure and gives guidance to the board concerning acceptable minimum Regent Life Group capital requirements. The CAR is calculated in accordance with the Long-term Insurance Act (1998) and PGN 104, as the greater of the TCAR and the OCAR. The TCAR examines a highly selective scenario in which all policies, where the surrender value is greater than the policy liability, terminate immediately. The OCAR is calculated based on a number of stress tests, which together with compulsory margins are intended to provide approximately a 95% confidence level over the long term that the insurer will be able to meet all its obligations. It explicitly includes stress tests for the following risks:

- Financial risk arising from mismatches between assets and liabilities in respect of embedded derivatives and the liabilities themselves;
- Changes in lapse and withdrawal experience; and
- Fluctuations in experience for mortality, morbidity and expenses.

Statutory CAR was covered 3.6 times at 30 June 2012 (2011: 3.89 times). The CAR is R93.7 million (2011: R85.4 million).

32. Subsidiaries

Details of the Regent Life Company's subsidiaries are as follows:

Subsidiaries	Holding 2012 %	Holding 2011 %	Cost of shares R'000	Principal activity
Regent Life Botswana Limited	100	100	20 000	Life assurance
Lesotho National Life Assurance Company Limited	76	76	7 333	Life assurance
Cedar Employee Benefits and Consultants Proprietary Limited	100	100	16 993	Pension fund Administrators
I'sure Risk Solutions Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	Insurance Administrator
Bridge Works Finance Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	Finance intermediary
Struland Office Park Properties Proprietary Limited	100	100	2 009	Property
			46 335	

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

33. Contingent liabilities

The Regent Life Group, in the ordinary course of business enters into transactions which expose the Regent Life Group to tax, legal and business risk. Provisions are made for known liabilities which are expected to materialise. Possible obligations and known liabilities where no reliable estimate can be made or where it is considered improbable that an outflow would result, are noted as a contingent liability. This is in accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets. At statement of financial position date there were no material contingent liabilities for the Regent Life Group.

34. Events after the reporting period

No material facts or circumstances have arisen between the reporting date and the date of this report which affect the financial position of the Regent Life Group as reflected in these annual financial statements.



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Directors' approval and statement of responsibility

for the year ended 30 June 2012

The directors of the Regent Insurance Group are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the integrity of the annual financial statements and group annual financial statements of Regent Insurance Company. The annual financial statements presented on pages 97 to 155 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Regent Insurance Group's external auditors, Deloitte & Touche, have audited the annual financial statements and their audit report appears on page 96.

The directors are also responsible for the Regent Insurance Company and Regent Insurance Group's systems of internal control. These are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance as to the reliability of the annual financial statements and group annual financial statements, to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability for assets and to prevent and detect material misstatement and loss.

The going concern basis has been adopted in preparing the annual financial statements. The directors have no reason to believe that the Regent Insurance Company and Regent Insurance Group will not be a going concern in the foreseeable future based on forecasts and available cash resources. The viability of the Regent Insurance Company and Regent Insurance Group is supported by the annual financial statements.

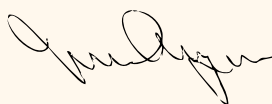
Deloitte & Touche were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of shareholders, the board of directors and committees of the board. The directors believe that all representations made to the independent auditors during their audit were valid and appropriate.

The annual financial statements of the Regent Insurance Company and the Regent Insurance Group on pages 97 to 155 were approved by the board of directors on 16 October 2012 and are signed on its behalf by:



HR Brody
Chairman

16 October 2012



JJ Strydom
Chief executive officer

16 October 2012

Certificate by the company secretary

In accordance with Section 88(e) of the Companies Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the Regent Insurance Group has lodged with the Registrar of Companies, for the financial year ended 30 June 2012, all such returns as are required by a public company in terms of the Act and that such returns are true, correct and up to date.



E Price
Company secretary

16 October 2012

Independent auditor's report

to the members of Regent Insurance Company Limited for the year ended 30 June 2012

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the group annual financial statements and annual financial statements of Regent Insurance Company set out on pages 102 to 155, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the statements of comprehensive income, the statements of changes in equity and the statements of cash flows for the year ended and the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Directors' responsibility for the financial statements

The Regent Insurance Company's directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

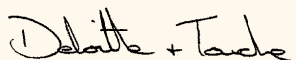
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of the Regent Insurance Company as at 30 June 2012, and of its consolidated and separate financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa.

Other reports required by the Companies Act

As part of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012, we have read the directors' report, the audit committee's report and the company secretary's certificate for the purpose of identifying whether there are material inconsistencies between these reports and the audited financial statements. These reports are the responsibility of the respective preparers. Based on reading these reports we have not identified material inconsistencies between these reports and the audited financial statements. However, we have not audited these reports and accordingly do not express an opinion on these reports.



Deloitte & Touche

Registered auditor

Per: **D Jorge**

Partner

16 October 2012

Building 8, Deloitte Place
The Woodlands office park
Woodlands Drive
Sandton

National Executive:

LL Bam (Chief Executive), AE Swiegers (Chief Operating Officer), GM Pinnock (Audit), DL Kennedy (Risk Advisory), NB Kader (Tax), L Geeringh (Consulting and Clients and Industries), JK Mazzocco (Talent and Transformation), CR Beukman (Finance), M Jordan (Strategy), S Gwala (Special Projects), TJ Brown (Chairman of the Board), MJ Comber (Deputy Chairman of the Board).

A full list of partners and directors is available on request.

B-BBEE rating: Level 2 contributor in terms of the Chartered Accountancy Profession Sector Code.

Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited

Audit committee report

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Audit committee report

The audit committee presents its report for the year ended 30 June 2012. The audit committee is an independent statutory committee, as well as a committee of the board in respect of other duties assigned to it by the board. The committee has conducted its affairs in compliance with the board approved terms of reference and has discharged its responsibilities contained herein.

Objectives and scope

The overall objective of the committee is to assist the board in discharging its duties relating to the safeguarding of assets, the operation of adequate systems and internal financial controls processes, the reviewing of financial information and the preparation of the annual financial statements.

In terms of its charter, which was updated during the current financial year, the main responsibilities of the audit committee include:

- > carrying out all the functions as required in terms of legislation;
- > performing all the functions of an audit committee for those operating subsidiaries that do not have their own audit committee;
- > overseeing the integrity of the annual report and reviewing content thereof to ensure that the information is reliable;
- > nominating to the shareholder a registered external auditor who, in the opinion of the committee, is independent of the company, for appointment as external auditor of the company, as well as nominating for appointment the designated individual auditor;
- > consideration and recommendation to the board of the appointment, removal or replacement of the internal auditors of the Regent Insurance Group;
- > consideration of the accounting treatment of significant or unusual transactions and areas of judgment that have a significant impact on the annual financial statements;
- > determination of the nature and extent of any non-audit services which the external auditor may provide to the company and pre-approval of any proposed contract with the external auditor for the provision of those non-audit services;
- > review and approval of the annual internal audit operational plan;
- > monitoring the compliance of the Regent Insurance Group with legal requirements, statutes, regulations and the Regent Insurance Group's code of ethics;
- > consideration of the reports by the internal and external auditors on their findings and recommendations;
- > consideration of the annual financial statements and of any information to be included in the Imperial Group interim and preliminary announcements, and any other financial information to be made public, prior to submission and approval by the board;
- > review of the effectiveness of the Regent Insurance Group's systems of internal control, including internal financial control and business risk management;
- > review of the relationship between management, the internal auditors and the external auditors; and
- > oversight of the financial risk management process.

Committee performance

The committee discharged its statutory and board responsibilities by meeting at least quarterly and during the year under review met four times. For the period under review, the committee underwent a process of self-assessment in order to ensure that it functioned effectively in accordance with its terms of reference and is satisfied that it has done so. The record of attendance by each committee member was as follows:

	15 August 2011	17 October 2011	9 February 2012	7 June 2012
RG Cottrell (Chairman)	✓	✓	✓	✓
C Erasmus (appointed 15 February 2012)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓
S Handler (resigned 15 February 2012)	✓	✓	✓	n/a
RJA Sparks	ap	✓	✓	✓

Legend:

✓ Present ap Absent with apology n/a Not applicable

Audit committee report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

During the year under review the committee:

- received and reviewed reports from both the internal and external auditors concerning the effectiveness of the internal control environment, systems and processes;
- reviewed the reports of both the internal and external audit findings and management's responses thereto;
- considered the independence and objectivity of the external auditors and ensured that the scope of their additional services did not impair their independence;
- received and dealt with concerns and complaints through the "whistle blowing" service provided by the Imperial Group and ensured that such concerns and complaints were dealt with appropriately by management;
- reviewed the documented going concern assumptions prepared by management and made recommendations to the board;
- reviewed and recommended for adoption by the board the annual report of the Regent Insurance Group and of the annual financial statements of Regent Insurance Company for the year ended 30 June 2012;
- considered the effectiveness of internal audit, and approved their annual plan and the rolling three-year internal audit plan;
- received and reviewed reports from the CRO on the enterprise risk management process; and
- satisfied itself that the chief financial officer of the company possesses the appropriate expertise and experience to meet the responsibilities of that position and that the company's finance function is staffed with adequately experienced and qualified people.

The committee is satisfied that it has fulfilled its obligations in respect of the scope of its responsibilities.

Membership

The membership of the committee during the year under review comprised solely of independent non-executive directors. The chief executive officer, chief risk officer, chief financial officer, chief audit executive of Imperial Holdings, group risk executive of Imperial Holdings, representatives from the external auditors, the head of the internal audit service provider, other assurance providers, professional advisers and invited board members also attend the meetings as permanent invitees.

The audit committee is constituted as a statutory committee in respect of its statutory duties in terms of the Companies Act,

2008, and a committee of the board in respect of all other duties assigned to it by the board. The committee operates in terms of a charter that has been approved by the board.

As required by the Companies Act, the committee is to be elected by the shareholder at the forthcoming annual general meeting of Regent Insurance Company.

External audit

The committee has satisfied itself, through enquiry, that the auditor of Regent Insurance Company is independent as defined by the Companies Act.

Non-audit services were provided by the external auditors during the year under review.

The committee has nominated, for approval at the annual general meeting, Deloitte & Touche as the external auditor for the 2013 financial year for Regent Insurance Company. Mrs D Jorge is the designated auditor for Regent Insurance Company. In terms of the rotation requirements of the Companies Act, this will be Mrs Jorge's second year as designated auditor.

Annual report

Having considered the annual report, incorporating the annual financial statements, for the year ended 30 June 2012, the committee recommends the annual report for approval to the board.

Complaints

No complaints relating either to the accounting practices and internal audit of the company or to the contents or auditing of its financial statements, or to any related matter were received by the committee.



RG Cottrell

Chairman of the audit committee

16 October 2012

Directors' report

for the year ended 30 June 2012

The directors present their annual report which forms part of the audited annual financial statements of the Regent Insurance Group and Regent Insurance Company for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Nature of business

Regent Insurance Company, Regent Insurance Botswana and Lesotho National General Insurance Company are registered short-term insurers and underwrite all classes of business. Subsidiary companies own properties for rental and provide other insurance related and administrative services.

Holding company

The holding company is Imperial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of South Africa.

	% held	Country of incorporation
Subsidiaries		
Regent Insurance Botswana Proprietary Limited	100	Botswana
Regent Reinsurance Management Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
RCS Risk Solutions Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Legal Advice Consultants Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Erf Four Nine Nine Spartan Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Newcastle Properties Shareblock Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Anvil Investments Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Anvil Financial Services Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Lesotho National General Insurance Company Limited	60	Lesotho
SA Warranties Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Paint Tech Maintenance Proprietary Limited	100	South Africa
Associates		
Pan African Underwriters Proprietary Limited	30	South Africa

Regent Insurance Company's interest in the aggregate profit after tax in subsidiaries amounted to R75.9 million (2011: R56.4 million) and in the losses amounted to Rnil (2011: R1.2 million).

Dividends

Dividends of R327 million (2011: R213 million) were declared and paid during the current financial year.

Share capital

Details of the authorised and issued share capital of the Regent Insurance Company are reflected in note 19 to the annual financial statements.

Special resolutions

The Regent Insurance Company and subsidiaries passed the following special resolutions:

Regent Insurance Company

- > Approved the fees in respect of the independent non-executive directors; and
- > Authorised the company to provide any direct, or indirect financial assistance to any related or inter-related company, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act.

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

No other special resolutions were passed which might be significant to members in their appreciation of the state of affairs of the Regent Insurance Group.

Events after reporting period

No material facts or circumstances have arisen between the reporting date and the date of this report which affect the financial position of the Regent Insurance Group as reflected in these annual financial statements.

Financial performance

The Regent Insurance Group increased premium by R155 million in the current financial year. However the claims expense increased by R197 million and, together with an increase in acquisition costs, contributed to a reduction in the underwriting result. A lower investment return in the current financial year also contributed to a reduction in the profit before tax.

Board of directors to the date of this report

HR Brody (Chairman, non-executive director)

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (Chief executive officer) (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit (Chief financial officer)

JJ Strydom (Chief executive officer) (appointed CEO 22 February 2012)

AN Tennick (Executive director)

Non-executive directors

RG Cottrell

C Erasmus (appointed 1 October 2011)

BJ Francis

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

RL Hiemstra

S Masinga

JPR Mbau

R Mumford (Zambian)

RJA Sparks

Audit committee

Independent non-executive directors

RG Cottrell (Chairman)

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

C Erasmus (appointed 15 February 2012)

RJA Sparks

Investment committee

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Non-executive directors

RL Hiemstra

C Erasmus (appointed 25 October 2011)

S Handler (retired 15 February 2012)

RJA Sparks

External

W Reitsma (Chairman)

Actuarial committee

Executive directors

DD Gnodde (resigned 23 January 2012)

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Independent non-executive directors

C Erasmus (Chairman) (appointed 25 October 2011)

S Handler (Chairman) (retired 15 February 2012)

Risk committee

Executive directors

PCW Hibbit

JJ Strydom

AN Tennick

Non-executive directors

BJ Francis

Independent non-executive directors

S Masinga (Chairperson)

RG Cottrell

C Erasmus

Other

R Haman (Chief risk officer)

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2012

Board meetings

Attendance of directors at board meetings for the year was as follows:

	18 August 2011	25 October 2011	15 February 2012	14 June 2012
Executive directors				
DD Ghodde	√	√	n/a	n/a
PCW Hibbit	√	√	√	√
JJ Strydom	√	√	√	√
AN Tennick	√	√	√	√
Non-executive directors				
HR Brody	√	√	√	√
BJ Francis	√	√	√	√
RL Hiemstra	√	ap	√	√
R Mumford	√	√	√	√
Independent non-executive director				
RG Cottrell	√	√	√	√
C Erasmus	n/a	√	√	√
S Handler	√	√	√	n/a
S Masinga	√	√	√	√
JPR Mbau	√	√	√	ap
RJA Sparks	√	√	√	√

Legend

√ Present ap Absent with apology n/a Not applicable

Company secretary

E Price

The addresses of the secretary of the Regent Insurance Company are:

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146 Boeing Road East
Elma Park
Edenvale
1609

Postal address

PO Box 674
Edenvale
1610

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche will continue in office in accordance with Section 90 (2) of the Companies Act, subject to the shareholder making such appointment.

Statements of financial position

as at 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
ASSETS					
Property and equipment	3	112 171	86 642	80 505	76 409
Investment property	4	2 204	2 798	—	—
Intangible assets	5	12 095	7 637	6 444	1 723
Investments in subsidiaries	6	—	—	81 915	81 915
Investments in associates	7	(330)	8 318	(330)	59
Reinsurers' share of outstanding claims	8	142 468	163 039	126 509	139 936
Reinsurers' share of unearned premiums	8	12 672	28 778	6 030	12 508
Financial assets	9	1 292 091	1 361 958	1 150 725	1 306 150
Non-current assets held for sale	10	1 099	2 862	—	—
Agents' and other insurers' balances	11	117 100	146 592	51 208	68 593
Deferred tax asset	12	8 374	6 142	—	—
Current taxation		67 332	67 224	64 049	63 639
Other receivables including insurance receivables	14	32 379	95 278	19 422	72 963
Due from group companies	15	24 316	15 402	24 478	16 278
Cash and cash equivalents	16	718 899	694 388	378 312	340 034
Total assets		2 542 870	2 687 058	1 989 267	2 180 207
LIABILITIES					
Outstanding claims	8	633 463	646 126	531 472	554 626
Unearned premiums	8	487 470	494 494	391 572	393 371
Agents' and other insurers' balances	11	17 382	431	16 851	431
Deferred tax liability	12	14 294	11 510	6 320	7 310
Provisions	17	162 560	150 718	55 601	63 738
Current taxation		37	2 595	—	—
Due to group companies	15	—	—	1 935	3 242
Insurance and other payables	18	183 314	190 804	111 890	110 134
Total liabilities		1 498 520	1 496 678	1 115 641	1 132 852
EQUITY					
Share capital	19	2 940	2 940	2 940	2 940
Share premium	19	452 564	452 564	452 564	452 564
Contingency reserve		64 808	192 087	—	150 692
Share-based equity reserve	26	(2 856)	(8 630)	(2 856)	(8 630)
Foreign currency translation reserve		(30 200)	(24 592)	—	—
Retained earnings		246 678	339 496	140 547	242 833
Equity attributable to the equityholders of the parent		733 934	953 865	593 195	840 399
Non-controlling interests		310 416	236 515	280 431	206 956
Shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests		1 044 350	1 190 380	873 626	1 047 355
Total equity and liabilities		2 542 870	2 687 058	1 989 267	2 180 207

Statements of comprehensive income

for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Gross written premiums		2 193 814	2 038 204	1 823 704	1 704 457
Outward reinsurance premiums		(215 251)	(276 013)	(133 364)	(197 545)
Net written premiums		1 978 563	1 762 191	1 690 340	1 506 912
Change in provision for unearned premium		(9 895)	45 110	(4 676)	60 218
> Change in gross provision		(3 948)	63 766	1 800	70 361
> Reinsurers' share		(5 947)	(18 656)	(6 476)	(10 143)
Net premiums earned	20	1 968 668	1 807 301	1 685 664	1 567 130
Commission income		43 831	51 207	27 132	37 101
Investment income	21	106 400	134 238	136 284	124 630
Investment gains	22	30 991	30 662	27 163	29 705
Other operating income	23	86 065	47 789	41 355	28 130
Net income		2 235 955	2 071 197	1 917 598	1 786 696
Net claims incurred		(1 078 266)	(880 846)	(933 771)	(758 686)
> Gross insurance claims paid	24	(1 179 490)	(995 936)	(1 029 045)	(857 550)
> Reinsurers' share of claims paid	24	106 928	71 912	85 547	53 702
> Change in provision for outstanding claims	24	9 543	1 385	23 154	15 321
> Change in reinsurers' share of provision for outstanding claims	24	(15 247)	41 793	(13 427)	29 841
Finance costs		(5 866)	(4 282)	(5 787)	(4 190)
Commission and acquisition expenses		(521 529)	(410 946)	(429 420)	(379 043)
General marketing and administration expenses		(394 150)	(368 633)	(365 418)	(311 241)
Share of profit from associate		1 645	1 935	(330)	–
Profit before taxation	25	237 789	408 425	182 872	333 536
Taxation	13	(59 054)	(103 226)	(31 982)	(81 531)
Profit after taxation		178 735	305 199	150 890	252 005
Other comprehensive income					
Currency translation differences		(5 608)	(2 440)	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the year		173 127	302 759	150 890	252 005
Profit attributable to:					
Equity owners of the company		91 735	220 457	69 027	183 609
Non-controlling interests		87 000	84 742	81 863	68 396
		178 735	305 199	150 890	252 005
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Equity owners of the company		86 127	218 017	69 027	183 609
Non-controlling interests		87 000	84 742	81 863	68 396
		173 127	302 759	150 890	252 005

Statements of changes in equity

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Group	Share capital* R'000	Share premium R'000	Contingency reserve R'000	Share-based equity reserve R'000	Foreign currency translation reserve R'000	Retained earnings R'000	Non-controlling interests R'000	Total R'000
Balance at 1 July 2010	2 940	452 564	184 350	(2 914)	(22 152)	300 852	213 279	1 128 919
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	220 457	84 742	305 199
Other comprehensive income								
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	(2 440)	—	—	(2 440)
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2011	—	—	—	—	(2 440)	220 457	84 742	302 759
Transfer to statutory reserve	—	—	7 737	—	—	(7 737)	—	—
Transfer from equity	—	—	—	—	—	(5 250)	—	(5 250)
Increase in interest in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	(31 476)	(5 525)	(37 001)
Non-controlling interest capital movement	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20 500)	(20 500)
Prior year allocation to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	650	51 889	52 539
Share-based equity	—	—	—	(5 716)	—	—	—	(5 716)
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(138 000)	(87 370)	(225 370)
Balance at 30 June 2011	2 940	452 564	192 087	(8 630)	(24 592)	339 496	236 515	1 190 380
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	91 735	87 000	178 735
Other comprehensive income								
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	(5 608)	—	—	(5 608)
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2012	—	—	—	—	(5 608)	91 735	87 000	173 127
Transfer from statutory reserve	—	—	(127 279)	—	—	137 452	—	10 173
Share-based equity reserve transferred to retained earnings on vesting	—	—	—	3 596	—	(3 596)	—	—
Share-based equity	—	—	—	2 178	—	—	—	2 178
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(318 409)	(13 099)	(331 508)
Balance at 30 June 2012	2 940	452 564	64 808	(2 856)	(30 200)	246 678	310 416	1 044 350
Company								
Balance at 1 July 2010	2 940	452 564	145 076	(2 914)	—	202 190	182 162	982 018
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	183 609	68 396	252 005
Other comprehensive income								
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2011	—	—	—	—	—	183 609	68 396	252 005
Transfer to statutory reserve	—	—	5 616	—	—	(5 616)	—	—
Share-based equity	—	—	—	(5 716)	—	—	—	(5 716)
Non-controlling interest capital movement	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20 500)	(20 500)
Prior year allocation to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	650	51 889	52 539
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(138 000)	(74 991)	212 991
Balance at 30 June 2011	2 940	452 564	150 692	(8 630)	—	242 833	206 956	1 047 355
Net profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	69 027	81 863	150 890
Other comprehensive income								
Arising from translation of foreign entity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2012	—	—	—	—	—	69 027	81 863	150 890
Transfer from statutory reserve	—	—	(150 692)	—	—	150 692	—	—
Share-based equity reserve transferred to retained earnings on vesting	—	—	—	3 596	—	(3 596)	—	—
Share-based equity	—	—	—	2 178	—	—	—	2 178
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(318 409)	(8 388)	(326 797)
Balance at 30 June 2012	2 940	452 564	—	(2 856)	—	140 547	280 431	873 626

*Included in share capital and share premium are seven preference shares issued at a nominal cost of R0.01

Statements of cash flows

for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Cash flow from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	27.1	200 577	276 492	61 358	156 941
Interest received	27.2	136 093	88 768	111 371	62 852
Interest paid		(5 866)	(4 282)	(5 787)	(4 190)
Share-based equity movement		(5 775)	(6 278)	(5 775)	(6 278)
Taxation paid	27.3	(63 105)	(126 150)	(35 319)	(94 255)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		261 924	228 550	125 848	115 070
Cash flows from investing activities					
Acquisition of property and equipment	3	(23 104)	(12 960)	(21 092)	(11 044)
Additions of intangible assets	5	(6 528)	(2 114)	(6 366)	(633)
Proceeds on sale of property and equipment		741	135	203	134
Proceeds on sale of non-current asset held for sale		7 900	—	—	—
Proceeds on sale of operations		5 000	—	5 000	—
Proceeds on sale of investments		1 395 300	707 336	1 358 788	699 836
Acquisition of investments		(1 284 002)	(800 064)	(1 165 760)	(783 161)
Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiary	27.4	(10 379)	(37 002)	—	(37 002)
Investments in associates' movement		(136)	(524)	475	—
Dividends received	27.2	7 077	17 846	67 979	36 408
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		91 869	(127 347)	239 227	(95 462)
Cash flow from financing activities					
Dividends paid	27.5	(331 508)	(225 370)	(326 797)	(212 991)
Non-controlling interest capital movement		—	(20 500)	—	(20 500)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(331 508)	(245 870)	(326 797)	(233 491)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents					
Foreign currency translation differences on cash balances		2 226	(7 112)	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		694 388	846 167	340 034	553 917
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		718 899	694 388	378 312	340 034

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of Regent Insurance Group and its interest in associates have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), incorporating the guidelines in the relevant Professional Guidance Notes issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa.

All amounts are shown in rand thousands unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Basis of preparation

IFRS comprise IAS and interpretations originated by the IFRIC or the former SIC. The standards referred to are set by the IASB.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with IFRS and interpretations for year-ends commencing on or before 1 July 2011 and in compliance with the Companies Act, No 71 of 2008.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis, except for:

Carried at fair value:

- Financial instruments (which includes derivative financial instruments) which are designated at fair value through profit and loss.
- Policyholder investment contract liabilities.
- Liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment arrangements.

Carried at different measurement basis:

- Policyholder insurance contract liabilities and related reinsurance assets that are measured in terms of the FSV basis as set out in note 1.23 to the accounting policies.

The accounting policies are consistent with those adopted in previous years except for the adoption of the following new standards or amendments and changes:

Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The Regent Insurance Group has adopted the following amended accounting standards:

- *IFRS 1 – First-time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards – Additional exemption for entities ceasing to suffer from severe hyperinflation*

➤ *IFRS 7 – Financial instruments: Disclosures – Amendments enhancing disclosures about transfers of financial assets*

➤ *IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements – Amendments resulting from May 2010 annual improvements to IFRS*

➤ *IAS 24 – Related Party Disclosures – Revised definition of related parties*

➤ *IFRIC 14 – IAS 19 – The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction – November 2009 amendments with respect to voluntary prepaid contributions*

None of these have had a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's accounting policies and methods of computation.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

The following new or revised IFRS standards and IFRICs have been issued with effective dates applicable to future annual financial statements of the Regent Insurance Group:

IFRS 1 – First time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards

The amendments to this IFRS include amendments for government loans with a below-market rate of interest when transitioning to IFRSs and amendments resulting from annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to repeat application and borrowing costs.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 3 – Business combinations

There are consequential amendments to this IFRS resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

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Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 4 – Insurance contracts

There are consequential amendments to this IFRS, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 7 – Financial instruments: Disclosures

The amendments to this IFRS include enhancing disclosures about offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities and the deferral of the mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results. The amendment relating to the disclosures about offsetting of financial assets and liabilities first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 and the amendments relating to IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRS 9 – Financial instruments

IFRS 9 is a new standard with the objective of reducing the number of classification categories of financial instruments and aligning the measurement of financial instruments with how entities manage financial instruments.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRS 10 – Consolidated financial statements

IFRS 10 is a new standard which replaces all of the guidance on control and consolidation in IAS 27 'Consolidated and separate financial statements' and SIC-12, 'Consolidation – special purpose entities' so that the same criteria are applied to all entities to determine control.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 11 – Joint arrangements

IFRS 11 is a new standard with the objective of reducing the types of joint arrangements to two: joint operations and joint ventures, and classification based on rights and obligations rather than legal structure. It also eliminates the policy choice of proportionate consolidation for joint ventures.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 12 – Disclosure of interests in other entities

IFRS 12 is a new standard which sets out the required disclosures for entities reporting under the two new standards, IFRS 10, 'Consolidated financial statements', and IFRS 11, 'Joint arrangements'; it replaces the disclosure requirements currently found in IAS 28, 'Investments in associates'.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IFRS 13 – Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 is a new standard which explains how to measure fair value and aims to enhance fair value disclosures.

The Regent Insurance Group is currently assessing the impact of the standard on its results, financial position and cash flows. The standard first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 1 – Presentation of financial statements

The amendments to this statement include amendments to revise the way other comprehensive income is presented and amendments resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to comparative information.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements (continued)

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Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective (continued)

IAS 8 – Accounting policies, changes in accounting policies and errors

There are consequential amendments to this statement resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 12 – Income taxes

There are amendments to this statement resulting from the consequential amendments from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 16 – Property, plant and equipment

There are amendments to this statement resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to servicing equipment.

Our initial assessment is that these amendments should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 18 – Revenue

There are consequential amendments to the appendix to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group.

IAS 19 – Employee benefits

There are consequential amendments to this statement with significant changes to the recognition and measurement of defined benefit pension expense and termination benefits, and to the disclosures for all employee benefits.

The amendments first become applicable to the Regent Insurance Group for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group.

IAS 21 – The effects of change in foreign exchange rates

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IAS 27 Separate financial statements

IAS 27 – Consolidated and separate financial statements was renamed to “Separate financial statements” and it continues to be a standard dealing solely with the separate financial statements. There are consequential amendments to this statement resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments relating to separate financial statements should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first become applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014. The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are also not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group.

IAS 28 Investments in associates and joint ventures

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments, the incorporation of SIC 13 – Jointly controlled entities – non-monetary contributions by venturers and guidance relating to the equity method for joint ventures.

The amendments first become applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group.

IAS 31 – Investments in joint ventures

IAS 31 will be replaced by IFRS 11 – Joint arrangements.

IAS 32 – Financial instruments presentation

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments. There are also amendments relating to the offsetting of assets and liabilities and amendments resulting from the annual improvements 2009 – 2011 cycle relating to the tax effect of equity distributions.

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Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective (continued)

IAS 32 – Financial instruments presentation (continued)

The amendment relating to IFRS 9 – Financial instruments should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and becomes effective for the financial year ending 30 June 2016. The amendments relating to the offsetting of assets and liabilities first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 and the amendments resulting from the annual improvements cycle first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

IAS 36 – Impairment of assets

The amendment to this statement clarifies that this statement does not apply to financial assets within the scope of IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendments resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments are applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, and are not expected to have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group.

IAS 39 – Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement

There are consequential amendments to this statement, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRIC 10 – Interim financial reporting and impairment

There are consequential amendments to this interpretation, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments from the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

IFRIC 12 – Service concession arrangements

There are consequential amendments to this interpretation, resulting from IFRS 9 – Financial instruments.

The amendment should have no significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results, and first becomes applicable when it applies IFRS 9 – Financial instruments for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated annual financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and all its subsidiaries and associates.

Subsidiaries

Subsidiary undertakings, which are those companies in which the Regent Insurance Group, directly or indirectly, has an interest of more than one half of the voting rights or otherwise has power to exercise control over the operations, have been consolidated. Control is achieved where the Regent Insurance Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an investee enterprise so as to obtain benefits from its activities and when the Regent Insurance Group has the majority of the voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Regent Insurance Group and are no longer included from the date on which control ceases (effective date of disposal). Gains and losses on disposal of subsidiaries are included in the statement of comprehensive income. In the Company's financial statements, interests in subsidiary companies are shown at cost less any required impairment (which is assessed annually as set out in the accounting policies).

The Regent Insurance Group uses the purchase method of accounting to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Regent Insurance Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If after the reassessment, the Regent Insurance Group's interest in the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired exceeds the cost of the business combination, the excess is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

The accounting policies for subsidiaries are consistent, in all material respects, with the policies adopted by the Regent Insurance Group. Inter-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses are eliminated on consolidation.

The Regent Insurance Group consolidates a SPE when the substance of the relationship between the Regent Insurance Group and the SPE indicates that the Regent Insurance Group controls the SPE. The Regent Insurance Group operates cell captives on behalf of entities that wish to participate in the insurance result of a particular category of insured risk. Preference shares are issued to those participants giving them the rights to share in profits on an agreed basis. To reflect the substance of the transaction it is consolidated and the participants' share of profits are treated as a non-controlling interest.

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1.2 Basis of consolidation (continued)

Non-controlling interests in the net assets (excluding goodwill) of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Regent Insurance Group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination (see below) and the non-controlling interests' share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the minority in excess of the minority's interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the interests of the Regent Insurance Group except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation and is able to make an additional investment to cover the losses.

Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Regent Insurance Group has significant influence that is neither a subsidiary nor an interest in a joint venture. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Regent Insurance Group holds between 20 and 50 percent of the voting power of another entity. Investments in associates are accounted for by the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The Regent Insurance Group's investment in associates includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition.

The Regent Insurance Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying value of the investment. When the Regent Insurance Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Regent Insurance Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Regent Insurance Group and an associate are eliminated to the extent of the Regent Insurance Group's interest in the associate. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the assets transferred. Associates' accounting policies have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Regent Insurance Group.

1.3 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency translation

The Regent Insurance Group's presentation currency is the South African rands. The functional currency of the Regent Insurance

Group's operations is the currency of the primary economic environment where each operation physically has its main activities.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies different to the functional currency at the statement of financial position date are translated into the functional currency at the ruling rate at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of transaction, and those measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised as part of fair value adjustments on financial instruments in the statement of comprehensive income.

Group foreign companies

Assets and liabilities of companies whose functional currency is different to the presentation currency are translated from their respective functional currency to the Regent Insurance Group's presentation currency at closing rates ruling at statement of financial position date. The income and expenditure and equity movements are translated into the Regent Insurance Group's presentation currency at rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the various transactions. All resulting translation differences arising from the consolidation and translation of foreign companies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as a foreign currency translation reserve. On the disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences relating to that foreign operation is recognised in profit or loss when the gain or loss on disposal is recognised.

1.4 Property and equipment

Property and equipment comprise of owner-occupied properties, which are held for use in the supply of services or for administrative purposes, computer equipment, office equipment, furniture and fittings and motor vehicles. These assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets' carrying value or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the

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1.4 Property and equipment (continued)

item will flow to the Regent Insurance Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method after allocating their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each statement of financial position date and adjusted if appropriate. The expected useful lives are as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	2 – 3 years
Motor vehicles	2 – 5 years
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Leasehold improvements	Over the period of the lease
Land	Not depreciated
Buildings	20 years

There has been no change to the useful lives from those applied in the previous financial year. The residual values and useful lives are reassessed on an annual basis.

Where the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by reference to the carrying amount of the asset and the net proceeds received are recorded in the statement of comprehensive income on disposal.

Where the residual value is greater than or equal to the carrying value, no depreciation is provided for.

1.5 Intangible assets

Computer software

Costs associated with maintaining computer software are recognised as an expense when incurred. Costs clearly associated with an identifiable and unique system, which will be controlled by the Regent Insurance Group and has a probable benefit exceeding the cost beyond one year, are recognised as an asset. These costs comprise all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce and prepare the asset for its intended use, such as costs of material and supplier services used or consumed in generating the intangible asset. Expenditure that enhances and extends the benefits of computer software beyond their original specifications and lives is recognised as a capital improvement and capitalised to the original cost of the software. Computer software development

costs recognised as assets are amortised using the straight-line method over their useful lives, not exceeding a period of 3 years. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Amortisation of intangibles

Amortisation of intangibles is charged to the statement of comprehensive income. The expected useful lives are as follows:

- Computer software development costs 3 years

Amortisation commences from the date the software is applied to day-to-day business processing. As the software is proprietary and specific to the Regent Insurance Group's operations, no residual value is estimated.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price consideration of an acquisition over the fair value attributable to the net identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets and goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in interests in associates.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Regent Insurance Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which the goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

1.6 Investment properties

Investment property is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the cost of replacing part of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met; and excludes the costs of day to day servicing of an investment property.

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1.6 Investment properties (continued)

Investment properties are derecognised when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the year of retirement or disposal.

Transfers are made to investment property when, and only when there is a change in use, evidenced by the end of owner-occupation, commencement of an operating lease to another party or completion of construction or development. Transfers are made from investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or commencement of development with a view to sell.

For a transfer from investment property to owner-occupied property, the deemed cost of property for subsequent accounting is its fair value at the date of change in use. If the property occupied by the Regent Insurance Group as an owner-occupied property becomes an investment property, the Regent Insurance Group accounts for such property in accordance with the policy stated under property and equipment up to the end of change in use. When the Regent Insurance Group completes the construction or development of a self-constructed investment property, any difference between the fair value of the property at that date and its previous carrying amount is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

1.7 Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which is expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their previous carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

1.8 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The Regent Insurance Group as lessor

Operating leases

Rental income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the lease term on the straight-line basis. Assets leased under operating leases are included under the appropriate category of assets in the statement of financial position. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar fixed assets.

The Regent Insurance Group as lessee

Finance leases

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Regent Insurance Group at their fair value at the date of acquisition. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance obligation. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are charged to the statement of comprehensive income over the term of the relevant lease.

The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the statement of comprehensive income over the lease period according to the effective interest method. The assets acquired under the finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term, whilst the property is depreciated over its useful life. Leased assets under finance leases are treated in the same manner as owned fixed assets.

Operating leases

Operating lease costs are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the lease term on the straight-line basis. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

1.9 Acquisition costs associated with insurance contracts

Acquisition costs for insurance contracts represent commission payments and other costs that relate to the securing of new contracts and the renewing of existing contracts. These costs are expensed as incurred.

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1.10 Operating and administration expenditure

Operating expenses include administration expenditure, marketing and development expenditure, indirect taxes and levies other than life insurance taxes as well as all other non-commission related expenditure, and are expensed as incurred.

1.11 Impairment of tangible and intangible assets

At each statement of financial position date, the Regent Insurance Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Regent Insurance Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and the value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount, in which case the impairment loss is taken to profit or loss immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years.

1.12 Financial assets

The Regent Insurance Group classifies its investments at initial recognition into financial assets held at fair value through profit and loss, held-to-maturity financial assets, loans and other receivables and available-for-sale financial assets.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired or originated. In general, financial assets are classified as at fair value through profit or loss, as the Regent Insurance Group's strategy is to manage financial investments acquired to cover its insurance and investment contract liabilities. In addition shareholders' capital is invested

under a formal capital management strategy that actively measures the performance on a fair value basis. The available-for-sale and held-to-maturity categories are used when the relevant liability (including shareholders' funds) are passively managed and/or carried at amortised cost.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date i.e. the date the Regent Insurance Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales of financial assets require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss have two sub categories, namely, financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception. Investments typically bought with the intention to sell in the near future are classified as held for trading. For investments designated as at fair value through profit or loss, the following criteria must be met:

- the designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on a different basis, or
- the assets or liabilities are part of a Regent Insurance Group of financial assets, financial liabilities or both which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

These investments are initially recorded at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are remeasured at fair value. Fair value adjustments and realised gain and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include derivative financial instruments.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that comprise fixed or determinable payments and maturities of which the Regent Insurance Group has the positive intention and ability to hold until maturity. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification. These investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment. All transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are expensed when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate

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1.12 Financial assets (continued)

method. The cost is computed as the amount initially recognised minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest rate method of any difference between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums and discounts. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the investments are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Loans and other receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment. All transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are expensed when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the investments are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or which are not classified in any of the above categories. These investments are initially recorded at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are remeasured at fair value. Fair value gains and losses are reported as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or the investment is determined to be impaired. At derecognition or impairment, the cumulative fair value gains and losses previously reported in equity is transferred to the statement of comprehensive income.

1.13 Impairment of financial assets

The Regent Insurance Group assesses at each statement of financial position date whether a financial asset or Regent Insurance Group of financial assets is impaired.

The Regent Insurance Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If it is determined that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, the asset is included in a Regent Insurance Group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics which are collectively assessed for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which

an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment. The impairment assessment is performed at each statement of financial position date.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date.

If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and its current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, is transferred from equity to the statement of comprehensive income. Reversals in respect of equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are reversed through the statement of comprehensive income if the increase in the fair value of the instruments can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment losses were recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

For assets carried at cost, if there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an unquoted equity investment that is not carried at fair value, because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, or on a derivative asset that is linked to and must be settled by delivery of such an unquoted equity instrument, has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return of a similar asset.

For held-to-maturity financial assets and loans and other receivables carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced by the impairment loss and the loss is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Regent Insurance Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

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1.14 Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, when applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a Regent Insurance Group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Regent Insurance Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; or
- the Regent Insurance Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either:
 - has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or
 - has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Regent Insurance Group has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Regent Insurance Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Regent Insurance Group could be required to repay.

When continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchased option (including cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Regent Insurance Group's continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Regent Insurance Group may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Regent Insurance Group's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

1.15 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are designated at fair value through profit and loss. All derivatives are carried as assets when the fair values are positive and as liabilities when the fair values are negative.

Embedded derivatives are treated as separate derivatives and are recorded at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the related host contract and the host contract is not itself recorded at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income. Embedded derivatives that meet the definition of insurance contracts are treated and measured as insurance contracts.

1.16 Agents' and other insurers' balances

Agents' and other insurers' balances comprise amounts due to and from underwriting agents, insurers and other insurance related entities.

1.17 Insurance receivables

Insurance receivables are recognised when due and measured on initial recognition at the fair value of the consideration paid plus incremental cost. The carrying value of insurance receivables is reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, with the impairment loss recorded in the statement of comprehensive income.

1.18 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with bankers, highly liquid short-term funds on deposit and cash on hand, but do not include money market securities held for investment.

1.19 Share capital

Shares are classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets to the holder. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

1.20 Classification of contracts

Insurance contracts are those contracts where the Regent Insurance Group has accepted significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholder) by agreeing to compensate the policyholders if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholder. Insurance risk is risk other than financial risk, transferred from the holder of the contract to the issuer. Financial risk is the risk of a possible future change in one or more of a specified interest rate, security price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, a credit rating or credit index or other variable. Insurance contracts can also transfer financial risk.

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1.20 Classification of contracts (continued)

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire. Investment contracts can however be reclassified as insurance contracts after inception, if insurance risk becomes significant.

Reinsurance

Contracts entered into with reinsurers by the short-term operations, under which the group is compensated for losses on one or more contracts, and which meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts, are classified as reinsurance contracts held.

The benefits to which the Regent Insurance Group is entitled under their reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets, consisting of short-term balances due from reinsurers that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable and are recognised as an expense when due. Reinsurance assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis, reducing the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount through the statement of comprehensive income.

1.21 Income recognition

Premium

Gross written premiums comprise the premiums on insurance contracts entered into during the year, irrespective of whether they relate in whole or in part to a later accounting period. Premiums are disclosed gross of commission to intermediaries and exclude Value Added Tax. Premiums written include adjustments to premiums written in prior accounting periods.

Premiums on reinsurance assumed are included in gross written premiums and accounted for as if the reinsurance was considered direct business, taking into account the product classification of the reinsured business.

Outward reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting period as the premiums for the related direct insurance or reinsurance business assumed.

The earned portion of the premium received is recognised as revenue. Premiums are earned from the date of attachment of risk, over the indemnity period, based on the pattern of risks underwritten. Outward reinsurance premiums are recognised as an expense in accordance with the pattern of indemnity received.

Unearned premiums

Premiums are earned from the date the risk attaches over the indemnity period, based on the pattern of the risk underwritten. Unearned premiums, which represent the proportion of premiums written in the current year which relate to the risks that have not expired by the end of the financial year, are calculated on the 365th basis for even risk business and other bases that best represent the unearned risk profile for uneven risk business.

Reinsurance contracts

The Regent Insurance Group cedes risks to reinsurers in the normal course of business for the purpose of limiting its exposure to liability. Reinsurance arrangements do not relieve the Regent Insurance Group from its direct obligations to its policyholders. Amounts recoverable under reinsurance contracts are assessed for impairment at each statement of financial position date. Such assets are deemed impaired if there is objective evidence, as a result of an event that occurred after its initial recognition, that the Regent Insurance Group may not recover all amounts due and that there is a reliably measurable impact on the amounts that the Regent Insurance Group will receive from the reinsurer. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Only contracts that give rise to a significant transfer of insurance risk are accounted for as reinsurance. Amounts recoverable under such contracts are recognised in the same year as the related claim. Contracts that do not transfer significant risk (that is, financial reinsurance) are accounted for as financial assets. The benefits to which the Regent Insurance Group is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets. These assets consist of short-term balances due from reinsurers as well as long-term receivables that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsured insurance contracts. Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

Investment income

Investment return comprises interest, dividends, rental income and realised and unrealised gains or losses. Dividend income is accounted for on an entitlement, "last date to register" basis in respect of listed shares, and on date of declaration in respect of unlisted shares.

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1.21 Income recognition (continued)

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method by reference to the principal debt outstanding and the interest rate. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Other investment returns are accounted for on an accrual basis.

1.22 Claims recognition

Insurance contracts

Underwriting results

The Regent Insurance Company's short-term underwriting results are determined after making provisions for unearned premiums, outstanding claims and such additional provisions as are considered necessary. The methods used to determine these provisions are set out below.

Claims incurred

Claims incurred consist of claims and claims handling expenses paid during the financial year together with the movement in the provision for outstanding claims. Claims outstanding comprise provisions for the Regent Insurance Group's estimate of the ultimate cost of settling all claims incurred but unpaid at the statement of financial position date whether reported or not, and an appropriate risk margin.

Whilst the directors consider that the gross provisions for claims and the related reinsurance recoveries are fairly stated on the basis of the information currently available to them, the ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided. Adjustments to the amounts of claims provisions established in prior years are reflected in the financial statements for the period in which the adjustments are made, and disclosed separately if material.

1.23 Policyholder insurance contracts

IBNR – Insurance contracts

Provision is made in the policyholders' liabilities under insurance contracts for the estimated cost at the end of the year for claims IBNR at that date. IBNR provisions are calculated using run-off triangle techniques or as a multiple, based on the average historical reporting delay, of the claims reported in the three weeks following the valuation date but where the claims event occurred prior to valuation date. These liabilities are not discounted due to

the short-term nature of outstanding claims. Outstanding claims and benefit payments are stated gross of reinsurance.

Liability adequacy test – insurance contracts

At each reporting date the adequacy of the insurance liabilities is assessed. This is done using an unearned premium approach for pre-claims liabilities and by using a statistical approach for the claims liabilities. The claims liabilities are reported at a 75% level of sufficiency, claims liabilities are thus expected to be sufficient three out of every four years. If that assessment shows that the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities (less related deferred acquisition costs and related intangible assets) is inadequate in the light of the estimated future cash flows, the insurance liability is increased and the deficiency is recognised as a loss.

1.24 Financial liabilities

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are measured at fair value.

1.25 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Regent Insurance Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the Regent Insurance Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of comprehensive income net of any reimbursement. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at pre-tax rates that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

Leave pay provision

Leave pay provision is calculated based on the outstanding number of days' leave due to employees, applied to the total cost of their employment.

Employee bonus provision

Within the Regent Insurance Group there are various formulas to calculate bonuses payable to employees. Provisions are raised based on the estimates of the total amount due.

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1.26 Taxation

Income taxation on the profit or loss for the periods presented comprises current and deferred taxation.

Current taxation

The charge for current tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items that are non-taxable or are disallowed. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted on the statement of financial position date, in each particular jurisdiction in which the Regent Insurance Group operates.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and are accounted for using the statement of financial position liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

1.27 Employee retirements benefits

The policy of the Regent Insurance Group is to provide retirement benefits for its employees. The contributions paid by the Regent Insurance Group to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the year to which they relate. The Regent Insurance Group's employees are members of a defined contribution plan, which is governed by the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past-service costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

For defined contribution plans, the Regent Insurance Group pays contributions to privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Regent Insurance Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as an employee

benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

1.28 Share-based payments transactions

The Imperial Holdings Group operates equity-settled share-based compensation plans. Senior employees and executives of the Regent Insurance Group participate in the plan and Regent Insurance Group bears the costs thereof.

Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on the straight-line basis over the vesting period with a corresponding entry to equity. The expense takes into account the best estimate of the number of shares that are expected to vest. Non-market conditions such as time-based vesting conditions and non-market performance conditions are included in the assumptions for the number of options that are expected to vest. At each statement of financial position date, the entity revises its estimates on the number of options that are expected to vest. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the statement of comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

1.29 Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and where there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.30 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Regent Insurance Group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Regent Insurance Group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Regent Insurance Group's board of directors.

1.31 Events after the statement of financial position date

The financial statements are adjusted to reflect events that occurred between the statement of financial position date and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue, provided they provide evidence of conditions that existed at the statement of financial position date. Events that are indicative of conditions that arose after the statement of financial position date are disclosed, but do not result in an adjustment of the financial statements themselves.

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1.32 Key assumptions in applying accounting policies

Key assumptions are those used to derive estimates, which require management's most complex or subjective judgements.

The Regent Insurance Group's management decides on assumptions that can materially affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. These estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The most significant assets and liabilities, which typically require such assumptions, are the following:

- The Regent Insurance Group holds a number of financial assets that are held at fair value through profit and loss. These are valued at quoted market prices as far as possible. However, if such prices are unavailable, fair value is based either on internal valuations or management's best estimates of realisable amounts.
- Impairment tests are conducted on all assets included in the statement of financial position. In determining the value in use, various estimates are used by management including deriving future cash flows and applicable discount rates. These estimates are most applicable to the impairment tests on reinsurance assets, intangible assets (including goodwill), deferred acquisition costs and receivables. Further details are contained in notes 1.11 and 1.13 of the accounting policies.
- The IBNR provision consists of a best estimate reserve and an explicit risk margin. Further details are contained in note 8.3 of the notes to the consolidated annual financial statements.

2. Accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years. In terms of IAS 8, (Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors), changes in accounting estimates do not necessitate a prior period adjustment.

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	Notes	Property R'000	Computer and office equipment R'000	Furniture and fittings R'000	Motor vehicles R'000	Total R'000
3. Property and equipment						
Group						
2012						
Balance at the beginning of the year		66 254	16 200	3 223	965	86 642
Additions		23 228	15 017	5 724	957	44 926
Reclassification to intangible assets		—	(4 965)	—	—	(4 965)
Disposals		(23)	(381)	(204)	(290)	(898)
Depreciation charge for the year	25	(3 164)	(9 088)	(1 311)	(372)	(13 935)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		19	181	8	161	369
Arising from translation of foreign assets		—	5	18	9	32
Balance at the end of the year		86 314	16 969	7 458	1 429	112 171
Cost		90 612	46 472	14 002	2 797	153 883
Accumulated depreciation and impairments		(4 298)	(29 503)	(6 544)	(1 367)	(41 712)
Balance at the end of the year		86 314	16 969	7 458	1 430	112 171
Included in additions is a property that was acquired when an associate became a subsidiary, indicated in note 7. This addition is non-cashflow.						
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year		73 374	15 562	3 092	1 044	93 072
Additions		620	10 892	1 100	348	12 960
Disposals		(340)	(6 493)	(40)	(207)	(7 080)
Reclassification to investments in associates		(7 203)	—	—	—	(7 203)
Depreciation charge for the year	25	(537)	(10 218)	(953)	(390)	(12 098)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		340	6 467	40	171	7 018
Arising from translation of foreign assets		—	(10)	(16)	(1)	(27)
Balance at the end of the year		66 254	16 200	3 223	965	86 642
Cost		67 406	46 613	8 200	2 442	124 661
Accumulated depreciation and impairments		(1 152)	(30 413)	(4 977)	(1 477)	(38 019)
Balance at the end of the year		66 254	16 200	3 223	965	86 642

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	Notes	Property R'000	Computer and office equipment R'000	Furniture and fittings R'000	Motor vehicles R'000	Total R'000
3. Property and equipment (continued)						
Company						
2012						
Balance at the beginning of the year		60 416	13 817	2 081	95	76 409
Additions		1 391	14 447	5 254	—	21 092
Reclassification to intangible assets		—	(4 965)	—	—	(4 965)
Disposals		—	(23)	(176)	—	(199)
Depreciation charge for the year	25	(2 894)	(7 854)	(997)	(95)	(11 840)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	8	—	—	8
Balance at the end of the year		58 913	15 430	6 162	—	80 505
Cost		62 660	39 717	11 069	545	113 991
Accumulated depreciation and impairments		(3 748)	(24 287)	(4 907)	(545)	(33 486)
Balance at the end of the year		58 913	15 430	6 162	—	80 505
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year		60 190	13 060	2 033	263	75 546
Additions		583	9 729	732	—	11 044
Disposals		—	(5 097)	—	(207)	(5 304)
Depreciation charge for the year	25	(357)	(8 954)	(683)	(133)	(10 127)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals		—	5 079	0	171	5 250
Balance at the end of the year		60 416	13 817	2 082	94	76 409
Cost		61 270	39 734	5 994	544	107 542
Accumulated depreciation and impairments		(854)	(25 917)	(3 912)	(450)	(31 133)
Balance at the end of the year		60 416	13 817	2 082	94	76 409

A register of all property and equipment owned by the Regent Insurance Company and the Regent Insurance Group is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company. Property comprises the following:

- Property situated on Erf 262, Elma Park, Edenvale. The cost of the property is R10.0 million and market value at 30 June 2012 is R38.3 million (2011: R36.2 million).
- Property situated on Erf 264 and 265, Elma Park, Edenvale. The cost of the property is R46.6 million and market value at 30 June 2012 is R53.5 million (2011: R52.2 million).
- Property situated on Erf 35325, Belville, Cape Town. The cost of the property is R2.8 million and market value at 30 June 2012 is R2.8 million (2011: R2.9 million).
- Property situated on Erf 33989, Goodwood, Cape Town. The cost of the property is R3.6 million and market value at 30 June 2012 is R10.1 million (2011: R11.9 million).
- Property situated on Erf 64511, Fairground Office Park, Gaberone. The cost of the property is R21.8 million and market value at 30 June 2012 is R21.8 million. The property was acquired in the current financial year.
- An amount of R0.3 million relates to the cost of land.
- An amount of R3.4 million (2011: R1.96 million) relates to capitalised leasehold improvements.

All valuations were facilitated by an Imperial Group division, Imperial Properties Proprietary Limited which deals with property related matters.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
4. Investment property				
Balance at the beginning of the year	2 798	4 561	—	—
Transfer to non current assets held for sale	—	(1 763)		
Depreciation	(594)	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	2 204	2 798	—	—
Cost	3 607	3 607	—	—
Accumulated depreciation	(1 403)	(809)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	2 204	2 798	—	—
5. Intangible assets				
Application software				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3 730	6 808	1 723	4 929
Additions	6 528	2 114	6 366	633
Reclassification from property and equipment	4 965	—	4 965	—
Disposals	—	(12 222)	—	(9 656)
Amortisation charge	25 (7 777)	(5 190)	(6 610)	(3 839)
Accumulated amortisation on disposals	—	12 222	—	9 656
Arising from translation of foreign assets	—	(2)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	7 446	3 730	6 444	1 723
Cost	47 285	26 311	43 043	22 234
Accumulated amortisation	(39 839)	(22 581)	(36 599)	(20 511)
Balance at the end of the year	7 446	3 730	6 444	1 723
Goodwill				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3 907	3 907	—	—
Movement	742	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	4 649	3 907	—	—
Total	12 095	7 637	6 444	1 723

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Regent Insurance Group's share of the net assets of the acquired subsidiaries at the initial date of acquisition. Intangible assets were assessed for impairment at year end and were found not to be impaired.

Goodwill impairment testing

Goodwill is allocated to cash generating units (CGUs) that are measured individually for the purposes of impairment testing. A CGU represents the business operation from which goodwill was originally generated. The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined being the higher of value in use, or the fair value less costs to sell method.

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	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
6. Investments in subsidiaries		
Balance at the beginning of the year	81 915	44 913
Purchase of subsidiary	—	1
Increase in interest in subsidiary	—	37 001
Balance at the end of the year	81 915	81 915

Regent Insurance Company's interest in the aggregate profit after tax in subsidiaries amounted to R75.9 million (2011: R56.4 million) and in the losses amounted to Rnil (2011: R1.2 million).

Details of subsidiaries have been provided in note 36.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
7. Investments in associates				
Balance at the beginning of the year	8 318	59	59	59
Disposal	(59)	—	(59)	—
Reclassification from property and equipment	—	7 203	—	—
Share of profits	1 645	1 935	(330)	—
Dividend paid	(611)	(524)	—	—
Movement from associate to subsidiary	(9 623)	—	—	—
Arising from translation of foreign assets	—	(355)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	(330)	8 318	(330)	59

Details of the Regent Insurance Group's investment in the associate is as follows

	Percentage holding	Country of incorporation	Principle activity	Reporting date
Pan African Underwriters Proprietary Limited	30	South Africa	Underwriters	30 June 2012
The directors' value of the associate approximates its carrying value				
The summarised financial information in respect of the Regent Life Group's 30% share in the associate is set out below:				
Total assets attributable	*	—		
Total liabilities attributable	—	—		
Net assets attributable	*	—		
Revenue attributable	—	—		

*Denotes amount less than R1 000

In terms of the agreement with Pan African Underwriters Proprietary Limited, Regent Insurance Company will recognise losses to the extent of their shareholding in Pan African Underwriters Proprietary Limited.

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	2012			2011		
	Gross R'000	Reinsurance R'000	Net R'000	Gross R'000	Reinsurance R'000	Net R'000
8. General insurance liabilities						
Group						
Reported claims	485 071	132 016	353 055	495 860	128 436	367 424
Incurred but not reported	148 392	10 452	137 940	150 266	34 603	115 663
Outstanding claims, including claims IBNR	633 463	142 468	490 995	646 126	163 039	483 087
Unearned premiums	487 470	12 672	474 798	494 494	28 778	465 716
Balance at the end of the year	1 120 933	155 140	965 793	1 140 620	191 817	948 803
Company						
Reported claims	410 417	116 057	294 360	428 085	128 436	299 649
Incurred but not reported	121 055	10 452	110 603	126 541	11 500	115 041
Outstanding claims, including claims IBNR	531 472	126 509	404 963	554 626	139 936	414 690
Unearned premiums	391 572	6 030	385 542	393 371	12 508	380 863
Balance at the end of the year	923 044	132 539	790 505	947 997	152 444	795 553
Analysis of movements in net outstanding claims including claims IBNR						
2012						
	Group			Company		
Balance at the beginning of the year	646 126	163 039	483 087	554 626	139 936	414 690
Claims incurred during the year	1 169 947	91 681	1 078 266	1 005 891	72 120	933 771
Less: claims paid during the year	(1 179 490)	(106 928)	(1 072 562)	(1 029 045)	(85 547)	(943 498)
Effects of translation of foreign balances	1 944	(260)	2 204	—	—	—
Other	(5 064)	(5 064)	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	633 463	142 468	490 995	531 472	126 509	404 963
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year	652 016	124 167	527 849	569 947	110 095	459 852
Claims incurred during the year	994 551	113 705	880 846	842 229	83 543	758 686
Less: claims paid during the year	(995 936)	(71 912)	(924 024)	(857 550)	(53 702)	(803 848)
Effects of translation of foreign balances	(956)	628	(1 584)	—	—	—
Other	(3 549)	(3 549)	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	646 126	163 039	483 087	554 626	139 936	414 690
Analysis of movements in unearned premium						
2012						
	Group			Company		
Balance at the beginning of the year	494 494	28 778	465 716	393 371	12 508	380 863
Premiums written during the year	2 193 814	215 251	1 978 563	1 823 704	133 364	1 690 340
Less: premiums earned during the year	(2 189 866)	(221 199)	(1 968 667)	(1 825 503)	(139 842)	(1 685 661)
Effects of translation of foreign balances	(814)	—	(814)	—	—	—
Other	(10 158)	(10 158)	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	487 470	12 672	474 798	391 572	6 030	385 542
2011						
Balance at the beginning of the year	554 684	46 870	507 814	463 732	22 651	441 081
Premiums written during the year	2 038 204	276 013	1 762 191	1 704 457	197 545	1 506 912
Less: premiums earned during the year	(2 101 970)	(294 669)	(1 807 301)	(1 774 818)	(207 688)	(1 567 130)
Effects of translation of foreign balances	(5 223)	(2 985)	(2 238)	—	—	—
Other	8 799	3 549	5 250	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	494 494	28 778	465 716	393 371	12 508	380 863

Other relates to adjustments processed directly against the balance in respect of the Lesotho subsidiary.

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8. General insurance liabilities (continued)

8.1 Maturity analysis of general insurance liabilities

Based on actuarial modelling of historical and future expected trends, the Regent Insurance Group has estimated the probable cash outflows associated with general insurance liabilities. The maturity analysis of the gross insurance liabilities is set out below. The maturity profile of the related reinsurance assets is expected to be similar to the profile of the gross liabilities.

	Maturity in less than 3 months R'000	Maturity between 3 months and 1 year R'000	Maturity more than 1 year R'000	Total R'000
Group				
2012				
Claims IBNR	61 777	47 083	39 532	148 392
Outstanding claims	196 039	155 352	133 680	485 071
Unearned premiums	107 681	181 631	198 158	487 470
	365 497	384 066	371 370	1 120 933
2011				
Claims IBNR	82 043	26 667	41 556	150 266
Outstanding claims	190 453	187 252	118 155	495 860
Unearned premiums	114 670	195 799	184 025	494 494
	387 166	409 718	343 736	1 140 620
Company				
2012				
Claims IBNR	47 414	39 071	34 570	121 055
Outstanding claims	160 748	132 464	117 205	410 417
Unearned premiums	64 542	128 923	198 107	391 572
	272 704	300 458	349 882	923 044
2011				
Claims IBNR	68 565	22 015	35 961	126 541
Outstanding claims	162 150	168 129	97 806	428 085
Unearned premiums	68 420	141 091	183 860	393 371
	299 135	331 235	317 627	947 997

8.2 Process used to determine significant assumptions

Insurance risks are unpredictable and the Regent Insurance Group recognises that it is impossible to forecast with absolute precision, future claims payable under existing insurance contracts. Over time, the Regent Insurance Group has developed methodologies that are aimed at establishing insurance provisions that are estimated to be adequate.

8.3 Claim provisions

The Regent Insurance Group's outstanding claims provisions include notified claims as well as claims IBNR.

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8. General insurance liabilities (continued)

8.3 Claim provisions (continued)

Notified claims

Each notified claim is assessed on a separate, case-by-case basis with due regard to the specific circumstances, information available from the insured and/or loss adjuster and past experience with similar claims. The Regent Insurance Group employs staff experienced in claims handling and rigorously applies standardised policies and procedures around claim assessments.

The ultimate cost of the reported claims may vary as a result of future developments or better information becoming available about the current circumstances. Case estimates are therefore reviewed regularly and updated if new information becomes available.

Claims IBNR

The IBNR provision, other than for business originating from underwriting managers, consists of a best estimate reserve and an explicit risk margin. The best estimate represents the expected value of the insurance liabilities, that is, the mean in a range of possible outcomes in the development of unreported claims and the future development of notified claims. The explicit risk margins are added to the best estimate to reflect the uncertainty of the ultimate cost of claims. The IBNR for business originating from underwriting managers is set at the historical industry average and adjusted if the experience indicates that the methodology is no longer appropriate. The aggregate of the best estimate reserve and risk margins, expressed as a percentage of premiums written, represents the IBNR assumption for each financial year.

The methods applied by the Regent Insurance Group use historical claims development information and therefore the underlying basis assumes that the historical claims development pattern will occur again in the future. There are reasons why this may not be the case, which, insofar as they can be identified, have been allowed for by modifying the methods. Such reasons include:

- > changes in processes that affect the development or recording of claims paid and incurred;
- > economic, legal, political and social trends;
- > changes in mix of business; and
- > random fluctuations including the impact of large losses.

The provision for the notified claims and IBNR are initially estimated at a gross level. A separate calculation is then carried out to determine the estimated reinsurance recoveries. The calculation of the reinsurance recoveries considers the type of risk underwritten, which year the gross claim occurred and therefore under which reinsurance programme the recovery will be made, the size of the claim and whether the claim was an isolated incident or forms part of a catastrophe reinsurance claim.

8.4 Premium provisions

The Regent Insurance Group raises provisions for unearned premiums on a basis that reflects the underlying risk profile of its insurance contracts. An unearned premium provision is created at the commencement of each insurance contract and is then released as the risk under the contract expires. The majority of the Regent Insurance Group's insurance contracts have an even risk profile and therefore the unearned premium provisions are released evenly over the period of insurance using a time proportionate basis. For the remainder of the insurance portfolio the unearned premium is released on a basis consistent with the increasing, decreasing or uneven risk profile of the contracts.

The provisions for unearned premiums are first determined on a gross level and thereafter the reinsurance impact is recognised. Deferred acquisition costs and reinsurance commission revenue are recognised on a basis consistent with the related provisions for unearned premiums.

8.5 Assumptions

The IBNR provision, other than for policies underwritten by underwriting managers, consists of a best estimate reserve and an explicit risk margin. The best estimate represents the expected value of the insurance liabilities, that is, the mean in a range of possible outcomes in the development of unreported claims and the future development of notified claims. The explicit risk margins are added to the best estimate to reflect the uncertainty of the ultimate cost of claims. The risk margins are determined statistically such that the level of confidence on the adequacy of the provision is approximately 75% (or only a 25% probability that the provision will be inadequate). The levels of the IBNR provisions and the risk margins are assessed annually by management against the Regent Insurance Group's past claims experience and adjusted if the experience indicates that the methodology is no longer appropriate.

The IBNR provision for policies underwritten by underwriting managers ranges from 5% to 9% of net written premiums.

The unearned premiums provision for motor warranty policies takes account of assumed premium earning patterns. The premium earning patterns are reassessed and updated by management after review of the actual loss experience for these types of contracts.

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8. General insurance liabilities (continued)

8.6 Sensitivity of assumptions

The assumption that will have a significant impact on the Regent Insurance Group's results is the confidence level used in the IBNR calculation. A hypothetical increase in the IBNR from the 75th percentile confidence level to the 80th percentile will have an adverse effect of R9.1 million (2011: R6.7 million) in income before tax. The 75% level of adequacy is considered prudent until the requirements of the Financial Services Board's proposed Solvency Assessment and Management (SAM) principles are finalised.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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9. Financial assets

The Regent Insurance Group's financial assets at fair value through profit and loss comprise:

Listed preference shares	87 518	66 517	87 518	66 517
Unlisted preference shares	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000
Listed foreign government bonds	2 598	2 598	—	—
Corporate bonds	152 399	97 233	152 399	97 233
Collective investment schemes	692 362	613 361	682 199	572 400
Short-term cash deposits	342 214	567 249	213 610	555 000
Total	1 292 091	1 361 958	1 150 725	1 306 150

The collective investment schemes comprise equity, balanced equity and money market portfolios in the current year. The prior year included a protected equity portfolio.

Market value

Maturity analysis of gilts

Maturing in more than one year from statement of financial position date	2 247	—	2 247	—
Maturing in more than one year and less than five years from statement of financial position date	152 750	99 831	150 152	97 233
Total	154 997	99 831	152 399	97 233

Movement

Balance at the beginning of the year	1 361 958	1 238 568	1 306 150	1 193 120
Additions	1 284 002	800 064	1 165 760	783 161
Disposals	(1 384 860)	(707 336)	(1 348 348)	(699 836)
Fair value adjustment	30 991	30 662	27 163	29 705
Balance at the end of the year	1 292 091	1 361 958	1 150 725	1 306 150

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10. Non-current assets held for sale

In the 2009 financial year management committed to the sale of the Cenez property that is held in Lesotho National General Insurance Company. The Deed of Sale, which is subject to approval by the authorities in Lesotho, was concluded in the prior financial year. Management is of the opinion that the sale will be approved by Lesotho authorities in the next financial year.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Cost				
> Buildings	2 862	1 099	—	—
Transfer from investment property	—	1 763	—	—
Disposals	(1 763)	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	1 099	2 862	—	—

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Premium debtors	153 368	179 024	78 639	94 331
Provision for bad debts	(36 268)	(32 432)	(27 431)	(25 738)
Net receivable	117 100	146 592	51 208	68 593
Commission payable	(985)	(228)	(456)	(228)
Fees payable	(16 397)	(203)	(16 395)	(203)
Net payable	(17 382)	(431)	(16 851)	(431)
Net agent and other insurers' balance	99 718	146 161	34 357	68 162

11. Agents and other insurers' balances

This balance represents current amounts due to or from underwriters, brokers and premium debtors. The Regent Insurance Group is of the opinion that the carrying amounts of these assets represents a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
12. Deferred tax				
Balance at the beginning of the year	(5 368)	(14 533)	(7 310)	(11 843)
Movement during the year attributable to:				
> Temporary differences	(552)	9 552	990	4 533
> Prior year under provision	—	(387)	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	(5 920)	(5 368)	(6 320)	(7 310)
Comprising:				
> Provisions	2 441	6 222	2 041	3 484
> Unrealised appreciation on financial assets at fair value	(8 361)	(11 590)	(8 361)	(10 794)
Balance at the end of the year	(5 920)	(5 368)	(6 320)	(7 310)
Reflected in the statement of financial position*:				
> Deferred tax asset	8 374	6 142	—	—
> Deferred tax liability	(14 294)	(11 510)	(6 320)	(7 310)
Balance at the end of the year	(5 920)	(5 368)	(6 320)	(7 310)

*In terms of IAS 12, the deferred tax asset and liability cannot be offset against one another, as they have arisen in different legal entities

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
13. Taxation				
South African normal taxation				
Current				
	55 297	104 892	29 768	77 608
> Current year	43 610	101 668	18 333	74 734
> Prior year	2 509	2 647	2 660	2 297
> Capital gains	9 178	577	8 775	577
Deferred				
	552	(9 165)	(990)	(4 533)
> Current year	552	(9 552)	(990)	(4 533)
> Prior year adjustment	—	387	—	—
Withholding taxation				
	3 205	7 499	3 205	8 456
Total				
	59 054	103 226	31 982	81 531
Reconciliation of taxation:				
	%	%	%	%
South African normal taxation at statutory rate of 28%	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Adjusted for:				
Non-allowable expenditure	(1.17)	(1.23)	(11.05)	(3.09)
Withholding tax and STC	1.35	1.84	1.75	2.25
Foreign tax rate difference	(1.82)	(0.50)	—	—
Losses in subsidiaries	0.02	0.06	—	—
Capital profit on sale of property	(0.55)	—	—	—
Realised and unrealised gains for CGT	(1.90)	(2.82)	(2.46)	(3.45)
Prior year (over)/under provision	0.90	(0.07)	1.25	0.73
Taxation charge in income statement				
	24.83	25.28	17.49	24.44
	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000

14. Other receivables including insurance receivables

Other receivables comprise:

Reinsurance debtors	7 067	46 804	4 797	46 123
Salvage debtors	7 329	11 667	7 329	11 667
Sundry and other debtors	19 511	81 125	8 824	59 491
Gross receivables including insurance receivables				
	33 907	139 596	20 950	117 281
Bad debt provision	(1 528)	(44 318)	(1 528)	(44 318)
Balance at the end of the year				
	32 379	95 278	19 422	72 963

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	Re- insurance debtors R'000	Salvage debtors R'000	Sundry and other debtors R'000	Total R'000
14. Other receivables including insurance receivables (continued)				
14.1 Ageing of other receivables				
2012				
Group				
Neither impaired nor past due	3 269	4 433	18 242	25 944
Past due but not impaired:	2 271	2 896	1 268	6 435
> 0 – 90 days	1 869	2 896	435	5 200
> 91 – 360 days	402	–	833	1 235
	1 528	–	–	1 528
Balance at the end of the year	7 068	7 329	19 510	33 907
Company				
Neither impaired nor past due	3 269	4 433	8 824	16 526
Past due but not impaired:	–	2 896	–	2 896
> 0 – 90 days	–	2 896	–	2 896
	1 528	–	–	1 528
Balance at the end of the year	4 797	7 329	8 824	20 950
2011				
Group				
Neither impaired nor past due	5	5 399	79 461	84 865
Past due but not impaired:	2 481	6 268	1 664	10 413
> 0 – 90 days	1 133	4 013	781	5 927
> 91 – 360 days	1 348	2 255	883	4 486
	44 318	–	–	44 318
Balance at the end of the year	46 804	11 667	81 125	139 596

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	Re- insurance debtors R'000	Salvage debtors R'000	Sundry and other debtors R'000	Total R'000
14. Other receivables including insurance receivables (continued)				
14.1 Ageing of other receivables (continued)				
2011				
Company				
Neither impaired nor past due	5	5 399	59 491	64 895
Past due but not impaired:	1 800	6 268	—	8 068
> 0 – 90 days	1 133	4 013	—	5 146
> 91 – 360 days	667	2 255	—	2 922
	44 318	—	—	44 318
Balance at the end of the year	46 123	11 667	59 491	117 281

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
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15. Due to and from group companies

Due from Regent Insurance Group subsidiaries	—	—	24 477	876
Due from Imperial Holdings and fellow Imperial Holdings subsidiaries	24 316	15 402	1	15 402
Due from group companies	24 316	15 402	24 478	16 278
Due to Regent Insurance Group subsidiaries	—	—	(1 935)	(3 242)
Due to group companies	—	—	(1 935)	(3 242)
Due from group companies	24 316	15 402	22 543	13 036

Loans are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. Subordination agreements are in place for loans to subsidiaries where considered necessary.

16. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash in bank and on hand	130 838	156 723	80 873	81 163
Cash on call	588 061	537 665	297 439	258 871
Total cash and cash equivalents	718 899	694 388	378 312	340 034

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	Leave pay R'000	Staff bonus R'000	Service and main- tenance R'000	Other* R'000	Total R'000
17. Provisions					
Group					
2012					
Balance at the beginning of the year	16 131	38 413	77 201	18 973	150 718
Reclassification	(2 696)	(796)	—	3 492	—
Charged to statement of comprehensive income	5 104	45 409	38 619	3 335	92 467
Utilised during the year	(4 795)	(41 487)	(21 033)	(14 879)	(82 195)
Foreign currency translation reserve	27	1 542	—	—	1 569
Balance at the end of the year	13 771	43 081	94 787	10 921	162 560
2011					
Balance at the beginning of the year	13 727	42 508	61 567	18 392	136 194
Charged to statement of comprehensive income	7 819	26 966	29 353	12 778	76 916
Utilised during the year	(5 390)	(30 940)	(13 719)	(12 197)	(62 246)
Foreign currency translation reserve	(25)	(121)	—	—	(146)
Balance at the end of the year	16 131	38 413	77 201	18 973	150 718
Company					
2012					
Balance at the beginning of the year	10 444	34 517	—	18 777	63 738
Charged to statement of comprehensive income	4 936	37 690	—	2 624	45 250
Utilised during the year	(4 330)	(34 794)	—	(14 263)	(53 387)
Balance at the end of the year	11 050	37 413	—	7 138	55 601
2011					
Balance at the beginning of the year	8 755	38 132	—	17 926	64 813
Charged to statement of comprehensive income	7 111	26 595	—	12 582	46 288
Utilised during the year	(5 422)	(30 210)	—	(11 731)	(47 363)
Balance at the end of the year	10 444	34 517	—	18 777	63 738

Provision for staff bonus and leave pay represents provisions made for year end bonus payments and leave due to employees at year end.

*Other provisions include amongst others, actuarial and investment management fees

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
18. Insurance and other payables				
Income received in advance	1 168	10 269	1 168	10 269
Reinsurance payable	72 429	85 515	37 352	41 336
Commission	—	—	—	—
Sundry creditors	93 302	28 380	59 636	3 210
Accruals	2 684	7 438	1 819	588
*Other	13 731	59 202	11 915	54 731
Balance at the end of the year	183 314	190 804	111 890	110 134

This current liability consists of sundry creditors relating to insurance and administration operations which are considered to approximate fair value.

*Other payables include underwriting managers profit share, fees payable and deferred lease costs

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
19. Share capital and share premium				
Authorised share capital				
3 000 000 ordinary shares of R1 each and 1 000 preference shares of R0.01 each	3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000
Issued share capital				
2 940 000 ordinary shares of R1 each 7 preference shares of R0.01 each	2 940 *	2 940 *	2 940 *	2 940 *
Share premium	452 564	452 564	452 564	452 564

*Denotes an amount of less than R1 000

The directors' are authorised, until the forthcoming annual general meeting, to issue the unissued shares for any purpose and upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit but subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 and the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
20. Net premiums earned				
Net premiums earned represents gross written insurance premiums from policyholders adjusted for unearned premiums and reinsurance premiums paid.				
Gross premium income	2 193 814	2 038 204	1 823 704	1 704 457
Reinsurance	(215 251)	(276 013)	(133 364)	(197 545)
Unearned premium	(3 948)	63 766	1 800	70 361
Reinsurance on unearned premiums	(5 947)	(18 656)	(6 476)	(10 143)
Total	1 968 668	1 807 301	1 685 664	1 567 130

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
21. Investment income				
Net foreign exchange gains	(77)	23	(77)	23
Interest income	96 584	113 639	67 372	87 208
Rental income	3 721	4 515	1 915	2 776
Investment management expenses	(905)	(1 608)	(905)	(1 608)
Dividend income	7 077	17 669	67 979	36 231
> Listed	7 077	17 669	7 073	17 662
> Unlisted	—	—	60 906	18 569
Total	106 400	134 238	136 284	124 630
22. Investment gains				
Realised profit on disposal of investments	10 440	33 803	10 440	33 803
> Listed	10 440	33 803	10 440	33 803
Unrealised profit/(loss) on revaluation of investments	20 551	(3 141)	16 723	(4 098)
> Listed	20 551	(3 141)	16 723	(4 098)
Total	30 991	30 662	27 163	29 705
23. Other operating income				
Policy and underwriting fees	23 340	29 306	37 725	26 776
Recoveries	45 646	16 470	(1 235)*	—
Sundry income	17 079	2 013	4 865	1 354
Total	86 065	47 789	41 355	28 130
*This amount is in debit due to towing fees reversed from the previous financial year				
24. Net claims incurred				
Gross	(1 169 947)	(994 551)	(1 005 891)	(842 229)
> Claims paid	(1 179 490)	(995 936)	(1 029 045)	(857 550)
> Change in provision for outstanding claims	9 543	1 385	23 154	15 321
Reinsurers' share	91 681	113 705	72 120	83 543
> Claims paid	106 928	71 912	85 547	53 702
> Change in provision for outstanding claims	(15 247)	41 793	(13 427)	29 841
Total	(1 078 266)	(880 846)	(933 771)	(758 686)

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	Notes	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
25. Profit before taxation					
Profit before taxation is determined after taking the following into account:					
Property and equipment – depreciation	3	13 935	12 098	11 840	10 127
> Buildings		2 613	—	2 531	—
> Furniture and fittings		1 311	953	997	683
> Computer and office equipment		9 088	10 218	7 854	8 954
> Leasehold improvements		551	537	363	357
> Motor vehicles		372	390	95	133
Amortisation of intangible assets	5	7 777	5 190	6 610	3 839
Rentals under operating leases		9 786	10 507	5 209	6 140
Auditors' remuneration		4 118	3 507	2 928	2 461
Consultancy fees		9 671	8 572	9 632	8 444
Staff costs		308 178	260 821	245 354	202 908
> Pension contributions		13 223	11 455	10 318	8 751
> Salaries		284 055	239 960	224 136	184 751
> Share-based payment expense	26	10 900	9 406	10 900	9 406
Profit on sale of property and equipment		211	72	(11)	80
Profit on sale of operations		5 000	—	5 000	—
Profit on sale of investment property		6 137	—	—	—
Rental income		3 721	4 515	1 916	2 776
Administration fees received		5 362	4 782	5 900	4 778
Number of employees at year end		805	747	724	537

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	Note	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
26. Share-based equity reserve					
<i>Reconciliation of share-based payment reserve</i>					
Balance at the beginning of the year		8 630	2 914	8 630	2 914
Hedge premium paid		5 493	15 683	5 493	15 683
Share-based equity reserve raised:					
> Direct cost	25	(10 900)	(9 406)	(10 900)	(9 406)
> Tax		(367)	(561)	(367)	(561)
Total share-based payments equity reserve		2 856	8 630	2 856	8 630

The Imperial Holdings Limited Share Appreciation rights scheme was set up to provide executives and senior management including those of the Regent Insurance Group with an opportunity to own shares in the ultimate holding company of Regent Insurance Group, Imperial Holdings Limited, through the grant of rights to the appreciation in Imperial Holdings Limited share price. Share Appreciation Rights are rights to receive shares equal in value to the appreciation of the Imperial Holdings Limited shares between the grant date and the vesting date, subject to the fulfillment of pre-determined performance criteria over the vesting period.

The fair values for the share-based payment reserves were calculated using a Black-Scholes pricing model.

	Group 2012	Group 2011
Share appreciation rights scheme		
> Volatility (%)	30.8	33.30
> Weighted average share price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average exercise price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average fair value (rand)	43.24	36.14
> Expected life (years)	4.26	3.24
> Average risk-free rate (%)	5.85	7.13
> Expected dividend yield (%)	3.28	3.6
Deferred bonus plan		
> Volatility (%)	30.8	33.3
> Weighted average share price (rand)	170.57	116.59
> Weighted average exercise price (rand)	0	0
> Weighted average fair value (rand)	153.56	103.17
> Expected life (years)	3.2	3.24
> Average risk-free rate (%)	5.85	7.13
> Expected dividend yield (%)	3.28	3.6

The volatilities were determined by calculating the historical volatility of the Imperial Holdings Limited's share price over the previous five years. The expected life is determined by the rules of the schemes which dictate the expiry date.

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
27. Notes to the cash flow statement				
27.1 Cash generated by operations				
Profit before taxation	237 789	408 425	182 872	333 536
Adjusted for:				
Interest income	(96 585)	(113 639)	(67 373)	(87 208)
Interest expense	5 866	4 282	5 787	4 190
Dividends received	(7 077)	(17 669)	(67 979)	(36 231)
Unrealised (profit)/loss on revaluation of investments	(20 551)	3 141	(16 723)	4 098
Depreciation of property and equipment	13 935	12 098	11 840	10 127
Depreciation of investment property	594	—	—	—
Amortisation of intangible assets	7 777	(5 190)	6 610	3 839
Profit on sale of property and equipment	(211)	(72)	(11)	(80)
Profit on sale of investment property	(6 137)	—	—	—
Profit on sale of investments	(10 440)	(33 803)	(10 440)	(33 803)
Profit on disposal of operation	(5 000)	—	(5 000)	—
Share of (profit)/loss from associate	(1 645)	(1 935)	330	—
Changes in working capital:	82 262	20 854	21 445	(41 527)
> Decrease in receivables	52 884	41 675	26 927	77 038
> Increase in other payables	9 460	57 053	17 210	7 861
> Increase/(decrease) in provisions	11 842	14 524	(8 137)	(1 075)
> Net movement in group loans	(8 914)	(5 539)	(9 507)	(19 971)
> Increase/(decrease) in net outstanding claims and IBNR	7 908	(44 761)	(9 727)	(45 162)
> Increase/(decrease) in unearned premiums	9 082	(42 098)	4 679	(60 218)
Total	200 577	276 492	61 358	156 941
27.2 Investment income				
Dividend received				
Accrued dividend income at the beginning of the year	—	177	—	177
Dividend received per statement of comprehensive income	7 077	17 669	67 979	36 231
Accrued dividend income at the end of the year	—	—	—	—
Total	7 077	17 846	67 979	36 408
Interest received				
Accrued interest income at the beginning of the year	53 886	29 015	50 268	25 912
Interest income per statement of comprehensive income	96 584	113 639	67 372	87 208
Accrued interest income at the end of the year	(14 377)	(53 886)	(6 269)	(50 268)
Total	136 093	88 768	111 371	62 852

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	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
27. Notes to the cash flow statement (continued)				
27.3 Taxation paid				
Amount receivable at the beginning of the year	64 629	47 585	63 639	54 887
Amount charged to statement of comprehensive income	(59 054)	(103 226)	(31 982)	(81 531)
Prior year over provision	—	2 724	—	—
Tax effect on the share-based equity reserves	(1 937)	561	(1 937)	561
Movement in deferred tax	552	(9 165)	(990)	(4 533)
	4 190	(61 521)	28 730	(30 616)
Amount receivable at the end of the year	(67 295)	(64 629)	(64 049)	(63 639)
Total	(63 105)	(126 150)	(35 319)	(94 255)

27.4 Acquisition of subsidiary

During the current financial year Regent Insurance Botswana increased its shareholding in Howden Investment Proprietary Limited from 50% to 100%. Howden Investment Proprietary Limited was previously accounted for as an associate.

During the prior financial year Regent Insurance Company increased its shareholding in SA Warranties Proprietary Limited from 60% to 100%.

The fair values of the assets and liabilities at each transaction date were as follows:

Assets

- > Property, plant and equipment
- > Intangible assets
- > Deferred tax assets
- > Loans and other receivables
- > Cash and cash equivalents

	22 237	37 803	—	37 803
	21 434	2 990	—	2 990
	—	2 055	—	2 055
	—	2 697	—	2 697
	271	19 442	—	19 442
	532	10 619	—	10 619

Liabilities

- > Provisions
- > Trade and other payables
- > Taxation

	2 259	22 766	—	22 766
	—	18 693	—	18 693
	79	2 569	—	2 569
	2 180	1 504	—	1 504

SA Warranties Proprietary Limited

Cash paid on purchase of additional interest — (37 001) — (37 001)

Paint Tech Maintenance Proprietary Limited

Cash paid on purchase of interest — (1) — (1)

Howden Investment Proprietary Limited

Cash paid on purchase of interest (10 911) — — —

Less cash and cash equivalent in subsidiary 532 — — —

Net cash outflow (10 379) (37 002) — (37 002)

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27. Notes to the cash flow statement (continued)

27.5 Dividend paid

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
Dividends per statement of changes in equity	(331 508)	(225 370)	(326 797)	(212 991)
Dividends paid	(331 508)	(225 370)	(326 797)	(212 991)

28. Related party transactions

28.1 Identity of related parties

The Regent Insurance Company has a related party relationship with its holding company, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries and with its directors and key management personnel.

28.2 Other related party transactions and balances

The company has balances receivable with subsidiary companies. These balances are disclosed below in note 28.2.1. Transactions between the Regent Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation.

During the year, the Regent Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of business, entered into various transactions with fellow subsidiary companies in the greater Imperial group of companies. These transactions occurred under terms that are no less favourable than those arranged with third parties.

	Group 2012 R'000	Group 2011 R'000	Company 2012 R'000	Company 2011 R'000
28.2.1 Transactions with group companies				
Management fee to holding company	15 745	13 880	15 745	13 880
Internal audit fee to holding company	145	125	145	125
Premiums received	(58 781)	(137 160)	(58 781)	(137 160)
Administration fees paid to subsidiary	—	—	77 871	56 229
Rental income	(1 915)	(3 758)	(1 916)	(2 586)
Interest paid	(55)	(78)	(55)	(78)
Vehicle operating lease costs	4 334	3 871	4 334	3 871

28.2.2 Year-end balances with related parties

Receivable from related parties

	24 316	15 402	24 478	16 278
> Regent Insurance Group subsidiaries	—	—	24 477	876
> Fellow Imperial Holdings Limited subsidiaries	24 316	15 402	1	15 402

Payable to related parties

	—	—	(1 935)	(3 242)
> Regent Insurance Group subsidiaries	—	—	(1 935)	(3 242)

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	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000

29. Operating lease commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

> Not later than 1 year	9 811	6 138	4 312	4 984
> Between 1 and 5 years	19 266	12 524	4 281	10 994

The Regent Insurance Group leases certain of its office buildings and office equipment in terms of operating leases. The Regent Insurance Company does not have an option to acquire the assets at the termination of the lease.

30. Events after the reporting period

No material facts or circumstances have arisen between the reporting date and the date of this report which affect the financial position of the Regent Insurance Group as reflected in these annual financial statements.

	Company	Company
	2012	2011
	R'000	R'000

31. Remuneration

31.1 Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments comprise:

Executive directors' remuneration

> Basic remuneration	8 333	6 264
> Retirement and medical benefits	811	789
> Other incentives and benefits	36 186	7 474

Non-executive directors' fees

> HR Brody	94	—
> RG Cottrell	311	239
> C Erasmus	203	—
> S Handler	307	285
> RL Hiemstra	94	—
> S Masinga	198	88
> JPR Mbau	94	84
> JR McAlpine	—	154
> R Mumford (Zambian)	94	—
> RJA Sparks	203	187

Fees for services as director for the year ended 30 June 2012 were approved by the shareholder at the annual general meeting.

The remuneration of directors is determined by the remuneration committee of Imperial Holdings Limited based on the performance of the individual and market trends. All executive directors are eligible for annual performance related bonus payments. The remuneration of directors reflects the total remuneration paid by both Regent Life Company and Regent Insurance Company.

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31. Remuneration (continued)

31.2 Executive directors' remuneration

	Salary R'000	Bonus R'000	Retirement and medical contribu- tions R'000	Other benefits R'000	2012 Total R'000	2011 Total R'000
Executive directors						
DD Ghodde	2 408	—	389	15 141	17 938	6 203
PCW Hibbit	1 632	1 069	—	—	2 701	2 429
AN Tennick	2 114	1 612	206	8 334	12 266	4 231
JJ Strydom	2 179	2 250	216	7 780	12 425	1 664
	8 333	4 931	811	31 255	45 330	14 527

	Commence- ment date	Price on commence- ment date (R)	Number of rights	Exercised	Number of rights remaining	Vesting date
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Participation in Imperial Holdings Limited Share Appreciation Rights Scheme

AN Tennick	5 June 2008	49.46	132 740	132 740	—	
	18 June 2009	55.32	44 111	—	44 111	15 September 2012
	2 June 2010	96.71	26 979	—	26 979	15 September 2013
	2 June 2011	116.59	10 283	—	10 283	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	23 979	—	23 979	26 August 2015
JJ Strydom	5 June 2008	49.46	97 343	97 343	—	
	18 June 2009	55.32	75 744	—	75 744	15 September 2012
	2 June 2010	96.71	25 264	—	25 264	15 September 2013
	2 June 2011	116.59	9 384	—	9 384	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	29 342	—	29 342	26 August 2015
PCW Hibbit	2 June 2011	116.59	6 977	—	6 977	15 September 2014
	2 June 2012	170.57	16 661	—	16 661	26 August 2015

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	Allocation date	Number of rights allocated	Number of shares committed to the plan	Number of shares forfeited	Balance available to be taken up	Vested during the year	Balance remaining	Vesting date
Participation in Imperial Holdings Limited Deferred Bonus plan								
PCW Hibbit	14 June 2011	3 003	2 840	163	—	—	2 840	7 September 2014
AN Tennick	5 June 2008	15 595	—	15 595	—	—	—	15 September 2011
	18 June 2009	4 301	1 734	2 567	—	—	1 734	15 September 2012
	18 June 2010	2 778	1 982	796	—	—	1 982	15 September 2013
	14 June 2011	4 425	1 530	2 895	—	—	1 530	7 September 2014
JJ Strydom	5 June 2008	11 436	10 036	—	—	10 036	—	—
		—	1 364	36	—	—	1 364	15 September 2013
	18 June 2009	3 973	—	3 973	—	—	—	15 September 2012
	18 June 2010	2 602	2 602	—	—	—	2 602	15 September 2013
	14 June 2011	4 039	4 039	—	—	—	4 039	7 September 2014
	13 June 2012	3 957	—	—	3 957	—	—	26 August 2015

32. Post-employment benefits

The Regent Insurance Group operates a defined contribution plan for all qualifying employees. The assets of the plan are held separately from those of the Regent Insurance Group in funds under the control of trustees.

The contributions paid by the Regent Insurance Group to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged against income in the year of payment. The contributions paid by the Regent Insurance Group for retirement benefits during the year were R13.2 million (2011: R11.5 million). On retirement, employees are entitled to their accumulated contributions and those of the company plus growth thereon. The retirement benefit plan is governed by the Pensions Fund Act of 1956.

33. Contingent liabilities

The Regent Insurance Group, in the ordinary course of business enters into transactions which expose the Regent Insurance Group to tax, legal and business risk. Provisions are made for known liabilities which are expected to materialise. Possible obligations and known liabilities where no reliable estimate can be made or where it is considered improbable that an outflow would result, are noted as a contingent liability. This is in accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets. At statement of financial position date there were no material contingent liabilities for the Regent Insurance Group.

MANAGEMENT OF RISK

34. Insurance risk

34.1 Terms and conditions of insurance contracts

The Regent Insurance Group underwrites risks that natural persons, corporates or other entities wish to transfer to an insurer. Such risks may relate to property, accident, personal accident, motor, engineering, marine, liability, aviation and other perils that may give rise to an insurable event. The Regent Insurance Group is exposed to uncertainty surrounding the timing, frequency and severity of claims under insurance contracts. The principal risk is that the frequency and/or severity of claims is greater than expected. Insurance events are by their nature random and the actual size and number of events in any one year may vary from those estimated or experienced in prior periods.

The Regent Insurance Group underwrites primarily short-tailed risks, that is, insurance under which claims are typically settled within one year of the occurrence of the events giving rise to the claims. Risks that are long-tailed in nature represent an insignificant portion of the Regent Insurance Group's insurance portfolio.

The product features of insurance contracts underwritten by the Regent Insurance Group that have a material effect on the amount, timing and uncertainty of future cash flows arising from insurance contracts in the Regent Insurance Group are described below:

Property

Provides indemnity for loss or damage to immovable and movable property caused by perils such as fire, lightning, explosion, weather, water, earthquake and malicious damage. The fire classes also include business interruption policies which insure the loss of profits incurred by a business as a result of loss or damage to the insured property.

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34. Insurance risk (continued)

34.1 Terms and conditions of insurance contracts (continued)

Accident

Provides indemnity for loss or damage to mainly movable property for losses caused by crime, certain accidental damage such as damage to goods in transit or accidental damage to glass, loss of money and fidelity guarantee for staff.

Personal accident

Provides compensation arising out of the death, permanent or temporary total disability of the insured, the family of the insured or possibly the employees of a business. Such death or disability is restricted to certain accidents and does not provide the wider cover available from the life insurance industry.

Motor

Provides indemnity for loss or damage to the insured's motor vehicle. The cover is normally on a comprehensive basis providing a wide scope of cover following an accident or a theft of the vehicle but the insured can select restricted forms of cover such as cover for fire and theft only. Legal liabilities arising out of the use or ownership of a motor vehicle for damage to third party property or death or injury to a third party are also covered under this class of business.

Engineering

Provides indemnity for loss sustained through the use of machinery and equipment or the erection of buildings or structures. This type of contract may cover losses resulting from project delay, machinery breakdown, loss of profits and deterioration of stock.

Marine

Provides indemnity for both cargo and hull classes of business. Cargo covers physical loss of or damage to cargo, with a project delay option. Hull covers loss or damage to vessels as a result of accidents and may also include legal liability as a result of the accident.

Liability

Provides indemnity for the insured against damages consequent to a personal injury or property damage and includes professional indemnity as well as directors' and officers' liability for errors and omissions.

Aviation

Provides indemnity for cargo, hull and liability classes of business. Cargo covers physical loss or damage to cargo. Hull covers loss or damage to aircraft. Liability covers third party claims.

34.2 Risks that arise from insurance contracts

The Regent Insurance Group distributes these products to personal and commercial policyholders using traditional methods of distribution through intermediaries and direct sales, as well as through strategic partnerships with niche underwriting managers, retailers, banks and motor dealers. The Regent Insurance Group provides primary risk policies, which are contracts structured to provide entry level insurance cover for corporate entities.

34.3 Limiting exposure to insurance risk

The Regent Insurance Group manages its insurance risk through setting underwriting limits, through approval procedures for transactions that involve new products or that exceed set limits or pricing guidelines and through monitoring of emerging issues. These procedures are described below:

Underwriting strategy

Factors that aggravate insurance risk include lack of risk diversification in terms of type and amount of risk, geographical location and type of industry covered. Experience shows that the larger the portfolio of similar insurance contracts, the smaller the relative variability of risk incidence will be, and therefore a well-diversified portfolio is not likely to be affected across the board by a change in any subset of the portfolio. The Regent Insurance Group has developed its insurance underwriting strategy to stabilise risk experience by utilising a sufficiently large population of risks to reduce the variability of the expected outcome. The concentration of insurance risk is thereby substantially limited to the occurrence of natural disasters in densely populated areas.

The underwriting strategy is detailed in underwriting authorities which set the limits for underwriters in terms of amount of capacity, class of business, geographical location and industry to enforce the appropriate risk selection within the portfolio. The underwriting mandates are applicable to both internal underwriters and partners. Management review and periodic internal audits ensure that underwriters operate within these limits.

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34. Insurance risk (continued)

34.3 Limiting exposure to insurance risk (continued)

Ongoing review and analysis of underwriting information enables the Regent Insurance Group to monitor its risks and take timely corrective action. The ability to adjust premiums allows the Regent Insurance Group to mitigate the risks of underwriting losses by addressing adverse loss ratios in respect of different classes of business, different portfolios or specific classes of clients. The risk of fraudulent claims is reduced by internal controls embedded in claims handling processes and specific techniques developed to detect fraudulent claims proactively.

Reinsurance

The Regent Insurance Group obtains third party reinsurance cover to reduce risks from single events or accumulation of risk which could have a significant impact on earnings for the current year or on the Regent Insurance Group's capital. This cover is placed in the local and international reinsurance markets.

Catastrophe events

The Regent Insurance Group defines in its underwriting strategy the total aggregate exposure that it is prepared to accept in certain territories from a range of events such as natural catastrophes. The aggregate position is reviewed annually. The Regent Insurance Group uses a number of modelling tools to monitor aggregation and to simulate catastrophe losses in order to measure the effectiveness of the reinsurance programmes and the net risk exposure of the Regent Insurance Group.

Other risks

Insurance companies are exposed to the risk of false, invalid and exaggerated claims. Sophisticated software and fraud detection measurements are in place to improve the Regent Insurance Group's ability to detect fraudulent claims proactively.

Claims development

The Regent Insurance Group is liable for all insured events that occurred during the term of the contract, even if the loss is discovered after the end of the contract term, subject to pre-determined time scales dependent on the nature of the insurance contract. The Regent Insurance Group is therefore exposed to the risk that claims reserves will not be adequate to fund historic claims "run-off risk". To manage run-off risk the Regent Insurance Group takes steps to ensure that it has appropriate information regarding its claims and exposures and adopts sound reserving practices.

The majority of the Regent Insurance Group's insurance contracts are classified as "short-tailed", meaning that generally claims are settled within a year after the loss date. This contrasts with the "long-tailed" classes where the claims cost takes longer to emerge. The Regent Insurance Group's long-tailed business is generally limited to third-party motor liability and some engineering classes.

In terms of IFRS 4, an insurer need only disclose claims run-off information where uncertainty exists about the amount and timing of claim payments not resolved within one year. In total long-tail business comprises less than 11% (2011:10%) of an average year's claims cost and consequently, detailed claims run-off information is not presented.

35. Financial risk

The Regent Insurance Group is exposed to various financial risks through its operating activities. The main financial risk is that the proceeds from the Regent Insurance Group's financial assets are insufficient to fund the obligations arising from insurance contracts. The major components of this risk are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. An investment committee proposes asset management policies to the board and implements the policy as approved. It also appoints and monitors the activities of asset managers, receiving quarterly reports on compliance with investment mandates.

35.1 Market risk

This can be described as the risk of a change in fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument brought about by changes in interest rates, equity prices or foreign exchange rates.

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.1 Market risk

Equity price risk

The portfolio of listed equities, gilts and foreign equities which are carried on the statement of financial position at fair value, are exposed to price risk, being the potential loss in market value resulting from an adverse change in prices.

At 30 June 2012 the Regent Insurance Group had no direct exposure to listed equities, however, it was exposed to equities through investments in collective investment schemes to the value of R418.3 million (2011: Rnil) at fair value. A hypothetical 1% decrease in the all share index, based on similar sensitivities used in the industry and on market conditions, would result in an estimated reduction in profit before tax of R4.2 million (2011: Rnil).

Fair value hierarchy disclosures

The table below shows the group's financial assets and liabilities that are recognised and subsequently measured at fair value analysed by valuation technique. The classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

	Valuations with reference to quoted prices in an active market Level 1 R'000	Valuations based on observable inputs Level 2 R'000	Total carried at fair value R'000
Financial assets held as at fair value through profit and loss			
2012			
Group			
Listed preference shares	87 518	—	87 518
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Government bonds	2 598	—	2 598
Corporate bonds	152 399	—	152 399
Collective investment schemes	692 362	—	692 362
Short-term cash deposits	—	342 214	342 214
Total financial assets	934 877	357 214	1 292 091
2012			
Company			
Listed preference shares	87 518	—	87 518
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Government bonds	—	—	—
Corporate bonds	152 399	—	152 399
Collective investment schemes	682 198	—	682 198
Short-term cash deposits	—	213 610	213 610
Total financial assets	922 115	228 610	1 150 725

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.1 Market risk (continued)

	Valuations with reference to quoted prices in an active market Level 1 R'000	Valuations based on observable inputs Level 2 R'000	Total carried at fair value R'000
Financial assets held as at fair value through profit and loss			
2011			
Group			
Listed preference shares	66 517	—	66 517
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Government bonds	2 598	—	2 598
Corporate bonds	97 233	—	97 233
Collective investment schemes	613 361	—	613 361
Short-term cash deposits	—	567 249	567 249
Total financial assets	779 709	582 249	1 361 958
2011			
Company			
Listed preference shares	66 517	—	66 517
Unlisted preference shares	—	15 000	15 000
Corporate bonds	97 233	—	97 233
Collective investment schemes	572 400	—	572 400
Short-term cash deposits	—	555 000	555 000
Total financial assets	736 150	570 000	1 306 150

Level 1 financial assets include assets where fair value is determined using quoted prices in an active market. For quoted prices in an active market to exist there should be actual and regular occurring market transactions and the prices of those transactions should be readily available.

Fair value for level 2 assets are determined by way of valuation techniques and the inputs into the valuation model are based on observable market inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1. An input is observable if it can be observed as a market price or can be derived from an observed market price.

If fair value is determined by way of valuation techniques and the inputs into the valuation model are not based on observable market data or the observable market data has been significantly altered then those instruments are classified as level 3.

Movements on financial assets and liabilities subsequently measured at fair value using valuations based on unobservable inputs (level 3).

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.2 Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value and cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to a change in market interest rates. The following investments, which are held at fair value, will be directly impacted by changes in market interest rates: Accounts receivable and accounts payable where settlement is expected within 90 days are not included in the analysis below, since the effect of interest rate risk on these balances is not considered material given the short-term duration of these underlying cash flows. The Regent Insurance Group does not have any interest-bearing borrowings. Interest rate risk is therefore limited to the Regent Insurance Group's investment in variable rate investments, such as gilts and bonds.

The table below summarises the effective interest rates at the financial position date:

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	%	%	%	%
Debt securities – fixed interest rate:				
Government bonds	8.54	8.54	—	—
Listed bonds	7.69	8.12	7.69	8.12
Cash at bank	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

Investment decisions are delegated by the board to the investment committee, which has ultimate responsibility for the investment portfolio's risk profile and related decisions. To this end, the committee is supported by a well-developed research function utilising portfolio managers.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at statement of financial position date. A 1% increase or decrease was used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

It is estimated that a 1% movement in the prime lending rate would increase/decrease the Regent Insurance Group's profit before tax by R8.1 million (2011: R6.7 million).

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.3 Foreign currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate in rands due to the changes in foreign exchange rates. The Regent Insurance Group manages this risk by limiting the extent of net foreign assets to pre-determined amounts considering the type of asset and foreign currency.

The group also operates in Botswana and its exposure arises with respect to the Botswana pula.

The following table sets out the exchange rates used:

	2012 Average ZAR	2011 Average ZAR	2012 Closing ZAR	2011 Closing ZAR
Botswana Pula	1.05177	1.05826	1.07170	1.03625

The table below illustrates the analysis of assets and liabilities of the Regent Insurance Group in Botswana pula.

	2012 BWP'000	2011 BWP'000
Total assets	277 095	230 268
Total liabilities	137 872	112 813
Net assets	139 223	117 455

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Regent Insurance Group's sensitivity to a 1% increase and decrease in the rand against the Botswana pula. The sensitivity rate used is 1% when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the period end for a 1% change in foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates an increase in profit and other equity where the rand strengthens 1% against the relevant currency. For a 1% weakening of the rand against the relevant currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit and other equity and the balances below would be negative.

	2012 R'000	2011 R'000
Profit or loss	542	578

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.4 Credit risk (continued)

The Regent Insurance Group is exposed to the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. The main areas of exposure are:

- > reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities;
- > amounts due from reinsurers in respect of claims already paid;
- > amounts due from insurance contract holders; and
- > amounts due from insurance contract intermediaries.

The group structures the levels of credit risk it accepts by placing limits on its exposure to a single counterparty or groups of counterparties and industry segments. Reputable financial institutions are used for investment and cash-handling purposes.

The group has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made via brokers with an appropriate credit history.

Credit risk in terms of direct insurance clients is mitigated by the fact that where premiums are not paid to the Regent Insurance Group, the Regent Insurance Group is not obliged to perform in terms of the policy contract, with respect to monthly business.

All reinsurers have at least an "A-" rating or better as rated by Standard and Poor's. Some of the local reinsurers are not separately rated, however, they are subsidiaries of international reinsurance groups, that are rated as above, and carry parental guarantees.

Analysis of the credit quality of the Regent Insurance Group's assets

	Normal monitoring R'000	Not rated R'000	Total R'000
Group			
2012			
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	155 140	—	155 140
Short-term deposits	342 214	—	342 214
Due from group companies	—	24 316	24 316
Cash and cash equivalents	718 899	—	718 899
Insurance and other receivables	—	149 478	149 478
Total	1 216 253	173 794	1 390 047
2011			
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	191 816	—	191 816
Short-term deposits	567 249	—	567 249
Due from group companies	—	15 402	15 402
Cash and cash equivalents	694 388	—	694 388
Insurance and other receivables	—	241 870	241 870
Total	1 453 453	257 272	1 710 725

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.4 Credit risk (continued)

	Normal monitoring R'000	Not rated R'000	Total R'000
Company			
2012			
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	132 539	—	132 539
Short-term deposits	213 610	—	213 610
Due from group companies	—	24 478	24 478
Cash and cash equivalents	378 312	—	378 312
Insurance and other receivables	—	70 630	70 630
Total	724 461	95 108	819 569
2011			
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	152 444	—	152 444
Short-term deposits	555 000	—	555 000
Due from group companies	—	16 278	16 278
Cash and cash equivalents	340 034	—	340 034
Insurance and other receivables	—	141 556	141 556
Total	1 047 478	157 834	1 205 312

Normal monitoring

This refers to the credit ratings ranging from AAA to B-. AAA rating would refer to a counterparty being a superior financial security. The capacity to meet obligations is overwhelming under a variety of economic conditions. B- refers to a counterparty which is a partially vulnerable security. Counterparties are able to meet current obligations, but the capacity to meet obligations is vulnerable during adverse economic conditions. Ratings are continuously monitored.

Reinsurance

Reinsurance is used to manage insurance risk. This does not discharge the Regent Insurance Group's liability as the primary insurer. If the reinsurer fails to pay a claim for any reason, the Regent Insurance Group remains liable for the payment to the policyholder. The Regent Insurance Group monitors the financial condition of reinsurers on an ongoing basis and reviews its reinsurance arrangements periodically.

When selecting a reinsurer the Regent Insurance Group considers the reinsurer's security. This is assessed from public rating information and from internal investigations.

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.4 Credit risk (continued)

The ageing of the Regent Insurance Group's financial assets after impairment at the reporting date was as follows:

	Other insurance balances	Other receivables	Due from group companies	Cash and cash equivalents	Reinsurers' share of outstanding claims	Reinsurers' share of unearned premium
Group						
2012						
Neither impaired nor past due	85 897	25 944	24 316	718 899	142 468	12 672
Past due but not impaired:	31 203	6 435	—	—	—	—
> 0 – 90 days	17 957	5 200	—	—	—	—
> 91 – 360 days	13 246	1 235	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	117 100	32 379	24 316	718 899	142 468	12 672
2011						
Neither impaired nor past due	90 044	84 862	15 402	694 388	163 039	28 778
Past due but not impaired:	56 548	10 416	—	—	—	—
> 0 – 90 days	48 053	5 929	—	—	—	—
> 91 – 360 days	8 495	4 487	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	146 592	95 278	15 402	694 388	163 039	28 778

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.4 Credit risk (continued)

The ageing of the Regent Insurance Company's financial assets after impairment at the reporting date was as follows:

	Other insurance balances	Other receivables	Due from group companies	Cash and cash equivalents	Reinsurers' share of outstanding claims	Reinsurers' share of unearned premium
Company						
2012						
Neither impaired nor past due	43 071	16 526	24 478	378 312	126 509	6 030
Past due but not impaired:	8 137	2 896	—	—	—	—
> 0 – 90 days	4 160	2 896	—	—	—	—
> 91 – 360 days	3 977	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	51 208	19 422	24 478	378 312	126 509	6 030
2011						
Neither impaired nor past due	49 515	64 895	16 278	340 034	139 936	12 508
Past due but not impaired:	19 078	8 068	—	—	—	—
> 0 – 90 days	20 672	5 146	—	—	—	—
> 91 – 360 days	(1 594)	2 922	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the year	68 593	72 963	16 278	340 034	139 936	12 508

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.5 Liquidity risk

The Regent Insurance Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources from claims arising. Liquidity risk is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due at a reasonable cost. The Regent Insurance Group's liabilities are matched by appropriate assets and it has significant liquid resources to cover its obligations. The Regent Insurance Group's liquidity and ability to meet such calls are monitored by the investment committee. The Regent Insurance Group has significant liquid resources to cover its obligations.

The maturity of the liquidity risk of the company has been detailed in the table below:

Insurance and other payables

	Financial statement balance R'000	6 months or less R'000	6 – 12 months R'000
Group			
2012			
Insurance and other payables	183 314	171 560	11 752
2011			
Insurance and other payables	190 804	182 712	8 092
Company			
2012			
Insurance and other payables	111 890	100 138	11 752
2011			
Insurance and other payables	110 134	102 042	8 092

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35. Financial risk (continued)

35.6 Solvency

The Regent Insurance Company is registered in South Africa, to provide short-term insurance and therefore submits quarterly and annual returns to the Financial Services Board in terms of the Short-term Insurance Act, 1998. It is required to maintain at all times a statutory surplus asset ratio as defined in the Short-term Insurance Act. The quarterly returns submitted to the regulator showed that Regent Insurance Company met the minimum capital requirements at year end.

The operating subsidiaries in Lesotho and Botswana are governed by the legislation in those jurisdictions and these insurers also met their respective solvency requirements.

International solvency margin

The Regent Insurance Group solvency margin is calculated as the ratio of capital and reserves to net premium. At year end the Regent Insurance Group solvency margin was 43.7% (2011: 46.4%) and the Regent Insurance Company was 40.0% (2011: 44.0%).

36. Subsidiaries

Details of the Regent Insurance Company's subsidiaries are as follows:

	Holding 2012 %	Holding 2011 %	Cost of shares 2012 R'000	Cost of shares 2011 R'000	Principal activity
Subsidiaries					
Regent Insurance Botswana Proprietary Limited	100	100	12 000	12 000	Insurance
Regent Reinsurance Management Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	—	Reinsurance
RCS Risk Solutions Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	—	Risk Administration
Legal Advice Consultants Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	—	Legal
Erf Four Nine Nine Spartan Proprietary Limited	100	100	1 774	1 774	Property
Newcastle Properties Shareblock Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	—	Property
Anvil Investments Proprietary Limited	100	100	141	141	Investments
Anvil Financial Services Proprietary Limited	100	100	—	—	Finance
Lesotho National General Insurance Company Limited	60	60	28 760	28 760	Insurance
SA Warranties Proprietary Limited	100	60	39 239	39 239	Maintenance and Warranty
Paint Tech Maintenance Proprietary Limited	100	—	1	1	Maintenance
Balance at the end of the year			81 915	81 915	

