

To the holders of General Accident 7% and 8% cumulative irredeemable preference shares of £1 each

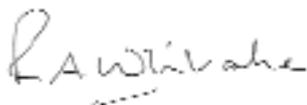
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Dear preference shareholder,

Unaudited results of General Accident plc for the six months ended 30 June 2005

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the unaudited results of General Accident plc and its subsidiary companies for the six month period ended 30 June 2005. General Accident plc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviva plc.

Yours sincerely



R A Whitaker
Company Secretary

Information for General Accident preference shareholders

General Accident plc and subsidiary companies

Unaudited results for the six months ended 30 June 2005

These results are published for the benefit of preference shareholders of General Accident plc. The preference shares have remained listed following the merger of the Company with Commercial Union plc, in June 1998 to form CGU plc (CGU), and the subsequent merger of CGU with Norwich Union plc in May 2000 to form Aviva plc (formerly CGNU plc).

Our results for the first half of 2005 are excellent. They build on the strong performance in 2004 and show a significant improvement compared with the same period last year. Operating profit before tax on an IFRS basis of £1,016 million (2004: £733 million) reflects our focus on profitability in our long-term savings business, the resilience and sustainability of our general insurance performance, and the benefits of our actions to reduce our cost base. Our fund management business benefited from worldwide markets that have steadily improved and our continuing focus on cost control.

Our diverse business mix, geographical spread, distribution capability and strong brand portfolio give us a strong and stable base from which to grow our business.

Summarised consolidated income statement

| | Unaudited results 6 months to 30 June 2005 £m | Restated Unaudited results 6 months to 30 June 2004 £m |
|---|--|--|
| Statutory results | | |
| Premiums written net of reinsurance and fee and commission income | 13,074 | 11,976 |
| Operating profit before tax | 1,016 | 733 |
| Profit before tax | 1,248 | 635 |
| Tax expense | | |
| UK tax | (208) | (123) |
| Overseas tax | (141) | (99) |
| Total | (349) | (222) |
| Profit for the period | 899 | 413 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Equity shareholders of GA plc | 849 | 389 |
| Minority interests | 50 | 24 |

Summarised consolidated balance sheet

| | Unaudited results 30 June 2005 £m | Restated* Unaudited results to 30 June 2004 £m |
|---|---|---|
| Total assets | 246,511 | 214,722 |
| Equity attributable to shareholders of GA plc | 11,948 | 8,692 |
| Minority interests | 738 | 517 |
| Technical provisions and other liabilities | 233,825 | 205,513 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 246,511 | 214,722 |

* Restated for the effect of changes in accounting policies to transition GA plc onto an IFRS basis. The total impact of the above restatement is to reduce shareholders' funds by £679 million at 30 June 2004.

Summarised consolidated statement of changes in equity

| | Unaudited 6 months to 30 June 2005 £m |
|---|---|
| Total equity at 1 January 2005 on an IFRS basis | 12,062 |
| Profit for the period | 899 |
| Fair value gains, net of transfers to the profit and loss account | 19 |
| Actuarial gains and losses on pension schemes | (84) |
| Foreign exchange rate movements | (272) |
| Aggregate tax effect – shareholder tax | 18 |
| Total recognised income and expense for the period | 580 |
| Dividends and appropriations | (11) |
| Other | 55 |
| Total equity at 30 June 2005 | 12,686 |
| Minority interest | (738) |
| Equity attributable to shareholders | 11,948 |

Summarised consolidated cash flow statement

| | Unaudited 6 months to 30 June 2005 £m | Restated Unaudited 6 months to 30 June 2004 £m |
|---|---|---|
| Net cash from operating activities | 4,764 | 4,731 |
| Net cash used in other activities | (159) | (57) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2,243) | (4,473) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 2,362 | 201 |

Basis of preparation

From 2005, all European Union listed groups are required to prepare consolidated financial statements using standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The listing rules in the UK require that the 2005 interim results must also be presented on a basis consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Accordingly, the results of the GA plc group ("the Group") for the six months to 30 June 2005 have been prepared using the Group's accounting policies under IFRS. These correspond to the Aviva plc accounting policies published in the Aviva plc market release on 5 July 2005, "Impact of International Financial Reporting Standards on the results for 31 December 2004". This is the Group's first set of financial results prepared in accordance with IFRS accounting policies and its previously reported 2004 comparatives have been restated to comply with IFRS, with the date of transition to IFRS being 1 January 2004. The impact of IFRS reduces the 30 June 2004 statutory operating profit before tax by 21% to £733 million, increases statutory profit before tax by 8% to £635 million and reduces statutory shareholders' funds by 7% to £8,692 million.

The Group's accounting policies are in accordance with IFRS issued by the IASB. The European Union has endorsed all relevant IFRS with the exception of the Amendment to IAS19 Employee Benefits (2004) and the amendments to IAS39, The Fair Value Option published by the IASB in June 2005. Both these amendments are expected to be endorsed by the European Commission during 2005 and although they are not mandatory until 2006, the Group has decided to adopt them early and reflect their impact within this interim announcement. The Group's full year financial statements at 31 December 2005 will be prepared in accordance with these endorsed IFRS and this announcement reflects the accounting policies expected to apply at the year end. IFRS remains subject to possible amendment by interpretative guidance from the IASB or other external bodies and are therefore subject to change prior to publication of the Group's full year financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 in 2006.

The unaudited results of Aviva plc for the six months ended 30 June 2005 are available on application to the Group Company Secretary, Aviva plc, St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. A copy can also be found on the Aviva plc website at www.aviva.com

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