

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

2005 Annual Report to Stockholders



## Financial Highlights

<i>(In millions, except per share data and ratios)</i>					
<i>As of and for the years ended December 31,</i>					
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
		<i>Restated*</i>	<i>Restated*</i>	<i>Restated*</i>	<i>Restated*</i>
<b>RESULTS OF OPERATIONS</b>					
Revenues	\$ 9,862	\$ 9,924	\$11,715	\$12,293	\$13,097
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 243	\$ 446	\$ (1,419)	\$ 263	\$ (1,550)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	21	(21)	2	(43)	6
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, net of tax	—	—	—	(57)	(61)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ (1,417)</b>	<b>\$ 163</b>	<b>\$ (1,605)</b>
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.68	\$ 1.49	\$ (6.52)	\$ 1.18	\$ (7.99)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	0.08	(0.09)	0.01	(0.20)	0.04
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, net of tax	—	—	—	(0.26)	(0.32)
<b>Earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 0.76</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>	<b>\$ (6.51)</b>	<b>\$ 0.72</b>	<b>\$ (8.27)</b>
<b>FINANCIAL CONDITION</b>					
Total investments	\$39,695	\$39,231	\$38,100	\$35,293	\$35,826
Total assets	58,786	62,496	68,296	61,426	65,425
Insurance reserves	42,436	43,653	45,494	40,250	43,721
Long and short term debt	1,690	2,257	1,904	2,292	2,567
Stockholders' equity	8,950	8,974	8,735	9,139	7,839
Book value per share	\$ 31.26	\$ 31.63	\$ 30.95	\$ 37.51	\$ 35.06
<b>STATUTORY SURPLUS</b>					
Property and casualty companies**	\$ 6,940	\$ 6,998	\$ 6,170	\$ 6,836	\$ 6,241
Life and group insurance company(ies)	627	1,177	707	1,645	1,752

\*See Note T of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further discussion.

\*\*Surplus includes the property and casualty companies' equity ownership of the life and group company(ies)' capital and surplus.

# focus & discipline

Letter to Stockholders

Dear Stockholder:

2005 was a year that started out quietly for CNA and became increasingly turbulent as the year wore on. This description applies to the insurance industry in general even more so than to CNA. A full discussion of the year's issues and events would go beyond the scope of this letter, but there are several key points that define CNA's performance in 2005.

Our core Property & Casualty Operations continues to perform well with sub-100% combined ratios, excluding catastrophes and commutations. Specialty Lines continues to perform as a market leader with excellent returns. Standard Lines has shown improving results. Both segments have demonstrated underwriting discipline and are well positioned with steadily expanding capabilities.

CNA's balance sheet is quite large and very strong. Significant progress has been and continues to be made on expense reduction.



Stephen W. Lilienthal

**I continue to be very proud of the CNA team for a year of solid performance, and I appreciate the support we continue to receive from our distribution partners and stockholders.**

Significant progress has been made on finite and corporate cover commutations. While these transactions reduced 2005 earnings, they have the triple benefit of reducing our exposure to reinsurance credits, enhancing future earnings and simplifying our balance sheet.

Moody's and Fitch rating agencies removed their negative outlooks on CNA's ratings and returned them to "stable."

Our catastrophic risk has been handled well from an exposure management, reinsurance structure and claims standpoint.

We continue to address reserve issues as they arise. Apart from the commutations, we recorded prior year development on our run-off book of assumed reinsurance business, primary and excess workers' compensation, certain specialty businesses and pollution.

We put up a reserve that reflects what we believe was needed to fully address our surety-related obligations to a large national contractor.

We identified and dealt with three accounting issues, two of which related to the merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995.

Most importantly, the 2006 outlook is positive.

I continue to be very proud of the CNA team for a year of solid performance, and I appreciate the support we continue to receive from our distribution partners and stockholders.

#### **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS**

CNA's financial results fell short of expectations. Net income for the year was \$264 million, or \$0.76 per share, compared with \$425 million, or \$1.40 per share, in 2004.

Significant commutations and catastrophes reduced net income by \$259 million and \$334 million, respectively. The aforementioned prior year development and surety losses reduced income by an additional \$243 million and \$58 million, respectively. Offsetting these factors was a \$115 million favorable tax settlement recorded in the 2nd quarter.

Our 2005 net operating income was \$253 million from continuing operations, or \$0.72 per share, as compared with \$599 million, or \$2.09 per share in 2004. The decrease was the result of the same items mentioned above.

As to the restatements, the effects of the accounting corrections related to businesses acquired in the Continental merger resulted in a \$233 million reduction of stockholders' equity at year-end 2004. Corrected cash flow statements had no earnings or equity impact. Detailed discussion of the restatements are found on pages 175-176 in our 2004 10-K/A, and pages 150-152 in our 2005 10-K.

#### **PROPERTY & CASUALTY OPERATIONS**

The 2005 combined ratio for Property & Casualty Operations was 110%. Commutations and catastrophes accounted for approximately 12 points of this reported ratio. The surety losses added another point. I do not mean to rationalize the shortfall, but only to highlight the soundness of the underlying Property & Casualty business.

In 2005, premiums were slightly up on a gross written basis but down on a net earned basis. In a softening market, we held rates steady while improving retention of renewal business. New business moderated to 21% of total production reflecting the market conditions.

Cross-sell initiatives – the sale of additional products to existing customers – produced more than \$600 million in new business, up from \$350 million in 2004. This will continue to be a major focus in 2006.

# deliver quality performance consistent

Going forward, Property & Casualty Operations – the big engine of our earnings – is better positioned than it has been for many years.

## CATASTROPHE MANAGEMENT

The \$334 million after-tax impact of catastrophes – mainly Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma – was below external expectations. This reflects four years of disciplined coastal exposure management. We also benefited from prudent and timely reinsurance purchases in 2005.

In addition, CNA has been extremely well served by our claim staff. They have been settling hurricane claims under extremely trying circumstances for the past two years. Their commitment and professionalism is extraordinary.

## EXPENSE MANAGEMENT

The expense ratio for Property & Casualty Operations dropped from 32.1% in 2004 to 30.5% in 2005. This improvement includes savings of more than \$100 million, which was in addition to the \$100 million saved in 2004. There is more work to do, but our progress so far is encouraging.

Overall, I feel reasonably positive about 2005. We dealt with tough issues while continuing to deliver solid underlying performance.

## 2006 OUTLOOK

Our emphasis for 2006 will be:

- Continued improvement in Property & Casualty Operations performance. Our focus will be on rational participation in a softening market and growth in small business, middle markets, property, specialty lines and other targeted areas.

- Continued diligent expense reduction efforts.
- Continued focus on containing the risks associated with our run-off businesses.
- Continued investment in our technology, claim platform and people.

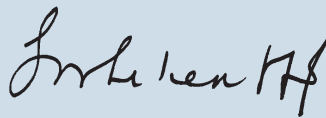
Before closing, it is with much sadness that I note the passing last year of Preston (Bob) R. Tisch, a long-time member of our board of directors and a true friend of CNA. Bob brought to our board room all the qualities that made him a leading business figure of his generation. He is deeply missed.

In addition, I would like to welcome Andrew H. Tisch, Co-Chairman of the Board of Loews Corporation, who joined our board of directors in February 2006.

In summary, CNA accomplished a great deal in 2005, building on the progress we made over the last few years.

I remain optimistic regarding our ability to deliver. Our performance to date, the product portfolio, the distribution base, and ultimately, the quality of our people and business partners, all position us for continued progress in 2006.

Sincerely,



**Stephen W. Lilienthal**

Chairman of the Board

Chief Executive Officer

CNA Financial Corporation

March 27, 2006

## Directors and Officers

### DIRECTORS

**Brenda J. Gaines** ● ■ ◆

Former President,  
Chief Executive Officer  
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a member of Citigroup

**Stephen W. Lilienthal** ■ ◆

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Chief Executive Officer  
CNA Financial Corporation

**Paul J. Liska** ■ ◆

Executive Chairman  
WRC Media, Inc.

**Don M. Randel** ● ■ ◆ ▲

President  
University of Chicago

**Joseph Rosenberg** ■ ◆

Chief Investment Strategist  
Loews Corporation

**Andrew H. Tisch** ■ ◆

Co-Chairman of the Board  
Loews Corporation

**James S. Tisch** ■ ◆

President  
Chief Executive Officer  
Loews Corporation

**Marvin Zonis** ● ■ ◆ ▲

Professor of International  
Political Economy, Leadership  
and E-Commerce  
University of Chicago  
Graduate School of Business

### OFFICERS

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Chairman of the Board  
Chief Executive Officer  
CNA Financial Corporation

**D. Craig Mense**

Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer  
CNA Financial Corporation

**Jonathan D. Kantor**

Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary  
CNA Financial Corporation

**James R. Lewis**

President  
Chief Executive Officer  
Property & Casualty Operations  
CNA insurance companies

**Michael Fusco**

Executive Vice President  
Chief Actuary  
CNA insurance companies

### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

● Audit   ■ Executive   ◆ Finance   ▲ Incentive Compensation

*Blue symbol indicates committee chairperson.*

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission File Number 1-5823**

**CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-6169860**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**CNA Center  
Chicago, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**60685**

(Zip Code)

**(312) 822-5000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of each class**  
Common Stock  
with a par value  
of \$2.50 per share

**Name of each exchange on  
which registered**  
New York Stock Exchange  
Chicago Stock Exchange  
Pacific Exchange

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes .. No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Act. Yes .. No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No...

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

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

Large Accelerated Filer... Accelerated Filer ☒ Non-Accelerated Filer...

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes .. No ☒

As of February 28, 2006, 256,001,968 shares of common stock were outstanding. The aggregate market value of the common stock of CNA Financial Corporation held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2005 was approximately \$635 million based on the closing price of \$28.42 per share of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 30, 2005.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED  
BY REFERENCE:**

Portions of the CNA Financial Corporation Proxy Statement prepared for the 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, pursuant to Regulation 14A, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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## **PART I**

### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

CNA Financial Corporation (CNAF) was incorporated in 1967 and is an insurance holding company. Collectively, CNAF and its subsidiaries are referred to as CNA or the Company. References to “CNA,” “the Company,” “we,” “our,” “us” or like terms refer to the business of CNA and its subsidiaries. Our property and casualty insurance operations are conducted by Continental Casualty Company (CCC), incorporated in 1897, and its affiliates, and The Continental Insurance Company (CIC), organized in 1853, and its affiliates. CIC became an affiliate of ours in 1995 as a result of the acquisition of The Continental Corporation (Continental). Life and group insurance operations were either sold or are primarily being managed as a run-off operation. These operations are primarily conducted within CCC and Continental Assurance Company (CAC). Loews Corporation (Loews) owned approximately 91% of our outstanding common stock and 100% of our Series H preferred stock as of December 31, 2005.

We serve a wide variety of customers, including small, medium and large businesses, associations, professionals, and groups and individuals with a broad range of insurance and risk management products and services.

Insurance products primarily include property and casualty coverages. Our services include risk management, information services, warranty and claims administration. Our products and services are marketed through independent agents, brokers, managing general agents and direct sales.

In 2005, we conducted our operations through four operating segments: Standard Lines, Specialty Lines, Life and Group Non-Core and Corporate and Other Non-Core. These segments are managed separately because of differences in their product lines and markets. Discussions of each segment including the products offered, the customers served, the distribution channels used and competition are set forth in the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) included under Item 7 and in Note N of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

#### **Competition**

The property and casualty insurance industry is highly competitive both as to rate and service. Our consolidated property and casualty subsidiaries compete not only with other stock insurance companies, but also with mutual insurance companies, reinsurance companies and other entities for both producers and customers. We must continuously allocate resources to refine and improve our insurance products and services.

Rates among insurers vary according to the types of insurers and methods of operation. We compete for business not only on the basis of rate, but also on the basis of availability of coverage desired by customers, ratings and quality of service, including claim adjustment services.

There are approximately 2,400 individual companies that sell property and casualty insurance in the United States. Our consolidated property and casualty subsidiaries ranked as the fourteenth largest property and casualty insurance organization and we are the seventh largest commercial insurance writer in the United States based upon 2004 statutory net written premiums.

#### **Regulation**

The insurance industry is subject to comprehensive and detailed regulation and supervision throughout the United States. Each state has established supervisory agencies with broad administrative powers relative to licensing insurers and agents, approving policy forms, establishing reserve requirements, fixing minimum interest rates for accumulation of surrender values and maximum interest rates of policy loans, prescribing the form and content of statutory financial reports and regulating solvency and the type and amount of investments permitted. Such regulatory powers also extend to premium rate regulations, which require that rates not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. In addition to regulation of dividends by insurance subsidiaries, intercompany transfers of assets may be subject to prior notice or approval by the state insurance regulators, depending on the size of such transfers and payments in relation to the financial position of the insurance affiliates making the transfer or payment.

Insurers are also required by the states to provide coverage to insureds who would not otherwise be considered eligible by the insurers. Each state dictates the types of insurance and the level of coverage that must be provided to such involuntary risks. Our share of these involuntary risks is mandatory and generally a function of our respective share of the voluntary market by line of insurance in each state.

Insurance companies are subject to state guaranty fund and other insurance-related assessments. Guaranty fund and other insurance-related assessments are levied by the state departments of insurance to cover claims of insolvent insurers.

Reform of the U.S. tort liability system is another issue facing the insurance industry. Over the last decade, many states have passed some type of reform. In recent years, for example, significant state general tort reforms have been enacted in Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi and South Carolina. Specific state legislation addressing state asbestos reform has been passed in Ohio, Georgia, Florida, and Texas. Several more states will be considering such legislation in the coming year. Although these states' legislatures have begun to address their litigious environments, some reforms are being challenged in the courts and it will take some time before they are finalized. Even though there has been some tort reform success, new causes of action and theories of damages continue to be proposed in state court actions or by legislatures. Continued unpredictability in the law means that insurance underwriting and rating is expected to continue to be difficult in commercial lines, professional liability and some specialty coverages.

Although the Federal Government and its regulatory agencies do not directly regulate the business of insurance, federal legislative and regulatory initiatives can impact the insurance industry in a variety of ways. These initiatives and legislation include tort reform proposals; proposals to establish a privately financed trust to process asbestos bodily injury claims; proposals to overhaul the Superfund hazardous waste removal and liability statutes; proposals to address terrorism risk and various tax proposals affecting insurance companies. In 1999, Congress passed the Financial Services Modernization or "Gramm-Leach-Bliley" Act (GLB Act), which repealed portions of the Glass-Steagall Act and enabled closer relationships between banks and insurers. Although "functional regulation" was preserved by the GLB Act for state oversight of insurance, additional financial services modernization legislation could include provisions for an alternate federal system of regulation for insurance companies.

Our domestic insurance subsidiaries are subject to risk-based capital requirements. Risk-based capital is a method developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to determine the minimum amount of statutory capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The formula for determining the risk-based capital requirements specifies various factors, weighted based on the perceived degree of risk, which are applied to certain financial balances and financial activity. The adequacy of a company's actual capital is evaluated by a comparison to the risk-based capital requirements, as determined by the formula. Companies below minimum risk-based capital requirements are classified within certain levels, each of which determines a specified level of regulatory attention applicable to a company. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, all of our domestic insurance subsidiaries exceeded the minimum risk-based capital requirements.

Subsidiaries with insurance operations outside the United States are also subject to regulation in the countries in which they operate. We have operations in the United Kingdom, Canada and other countries.

### **Employee Relations**

As of December 31, 2005, we had approximately 10,100 employees and have experienced satisfactory labor relations. We have never had work stoppages due to labor disputes.

We have comprehensive benefit plans for substantially all of our employees, including retirement plans, savings plans, disability programs, group life programs and group healthcare programs. See Note J of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further discussion of our benefit plans.

## Supplementary Insurance Data

The following table sets forth supplementary insurance data:

### Supplementary Insurance Data

#### Years ended December 31

(In millions, except ratio information)

	2005	2004	2003
Trade Ratios – GAAP basis (a)			
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio	89.4%	74.6%	111.8%
Expense ratio	31.2	31.5	37.3
Dividend ratio	0.3	0.2	1.4
Combined ratio	120.9%	106.3%	150.5%
Trade Ratios – Statutory basis (a)			
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio	92.2%	78.1%	118.1%
Expense ratio	31.0	27.2	34.6
Dividend ratio	0.5	0.6	1.2
Combined Ratio	123.7%	105.9%	153.9%
Individual Life and Group Life Insurance Inforce (b)			
Individual life	\$ 10,711	\$ 11,566	\$ 330,805
Group life	9,838	45,079	58,163
Total	\$ 20,549	\$ 56,645	\$ 388,968
Other Data – Statutory basis (c)			
Property and casualty companies' capital and surplus (d)	\$ 6,940	\$ 6,998	\$ 6,170
Life and group company(ies)' capital and surplus	627	1,177	707
Property and casualty companies' written premiums to surplus ratio	1.0	1.0	1.1
Life companies' capital and surplus-percent to total liabilities	33.1%	56.0%	13.0%
Participating policyholders-percent of gross life insurance inforce	3.5%	1.4%	0.5%

- (a) Trade ratios reflect the results of our property and casualty insurance subsidiaries. Trade ratios are industry measures of property and casualty underwriting results. The loss and loss adjustment expense ratio is the percentage of net incurred claim and claim adjustment expenses and the expenses incurred related to uncollectible reinsurance receivables to net earned premiums. The primary difference in this ratio between accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and statutory accounting practices (SAP) is related to the treatment of active life reserves (ALR) related to long term care insurance products written in property and casualty insurance subsidiaries. For GAAP, ALR is classified as claim and claim adjustment expense reserves whereas for SAP, ALR is classified as unearned premium reserves. The expense ratio, using amounts determined in accordance with GAAP, is the percentage of underwriting and acquisition expenses (including the amortization of deferred acquisition expenses) to net earned premiums. The expense ratio, using amounts determined in accordance with SAP, is the percentage of acquisition and underwriting expenses (with no deferral of acquisition expenses) to net written premiums. The dividend ratio, using amounts determined in accordance with GAAP, is the ratio of dividends incurred to net earned premiums. The dividend ratio, using amounts determined in accordance with SAP, is the ratio of dividends paid to net earned premiums. The combined ratio is the sum of the loss and loss adjustment expense, expense and dividend ratios.
- (b) The decline in gross inforce is attributable to the sales of the group benefits and the individual life businesses. See Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for additional inforce information.
- (c) Other data is determined in accordance with SAP. Life and group statutory capital and surplus as a percent of total liabilities is determined after excluding separate account liabilities and reclassifying the statutorily required Asset Valuation Reserve to surplus.
- (d) Surplus includes the property and casualty companies' equity ownership of the life and group company(ies)' capital and surplus.

The following table displays the distribution of gross written premiums for our operations by geographic concentration.

**Gross Written Premiums**

Years ended December 31	Percent of Total		
	2005	2004	2003
California	9.0%	9.3%	8.5%
New York	7.9	7.9	7.3
Florida	7.1	7.1	7.6
Texas	5.7	5.4	5.7
Illinois	4.2	5.1	9.3
Pennsylvania	4.2	4.7	4.2
New Jersey	3.8	5.3	4.5
Massachusetts	3.3	3.2	3.1
All other states, countries or political subdivisions (a)	54.8	52.0	49.8
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

(a) No other individual state, country or political subdivision accounts for more than 3.0% of gross written premiums.

Approximately 6.1%, 5.0% and 3.2% of our gross written premiums were derived from outside of the United States for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Gross written premiums from the United Kingdom were approximately 2.8%, 2.3%, and 1.8% of our premiums for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Premiums from any individual foreign country excluding the United Kingdom were not significant.

**Property and Casualty Claim and Claim Adjustment Expenses**

The following loss reserve development table illustrates the change over time of reserves established for property and casualty claim and claim adjustment expenses at the end of the preceding ten calendar years for our property and casualty insurance operations. The table excludes our life subsidiary(ies), and as such, the carried reserves will not agree to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8. The first section shows the reserves as originally reported at the end of the stated year. The second section, reading down, shows the cumulative amounts paid as of the end of successive years with respect to the originally reported reserve liability. The third section, reading down, shows re-estimates of the originally recorded reserves as of the end of each successive year, which is the result of our property and casualty insurance subsidiaries' expanded awareness of additional facts and circumstances that pertain to the unsettled claims. The last section compares the latest re-estimated reserves to the reserves originally established, and indicates whether the original reserves were adequate or inadequate to cover the estimated costs of unsettled claims.

The loss reserve development table for property and casualty companies is cumulative and, therefore, ending balances should not be added since the amount at the end of each calendar year includes activity for both the current and prior years. Additionally, the development amounts in the table below are the amounts prior to consideration of any related reinsurance bad debt allowance impacts.

# **Schedule of Loss Reserve Development**

<b>Calendar Year Ended</b> (In millions)	<b>1995 (a)</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999 (b)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001 (c)</b>	<b>2002 (d)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Originally reported gross reserves for unpaid claim and claim adjustment expenses	\$ 31,296	\$ 29,559	\$ 28,731	\$ 28,506	\$ 26,850	\$ 26,510	\$ 29,649	\$ 25,719	\$ 31,284	\$ 31,204	\$ 30,694
Originally reported ceded recoverable	5,784	5,385	5,056	5,182	6,091	7,333	11,703	10,490	13,847	13,682	10,438
Originally reported net reserves for unpaid claim and claim adjustment expenses	\$ 25,512	\$ 24,174	\$ 23,675	\$ 23,324	\$ 20,759	\$ 19,177	\$ 17,946	\$ 15,229	\$ 17,437	\$ 17,522	\$ 20,256
Cumulative net paid as of:											
One year later	\$ 6,594	\$ 5,851	\$ 5,954	\$ 7,321	\$ 6,547	\$ 7,686	\$ 5,981	\$ 5,373	\$ 4,382	\$ 2,651	\$ -
Two years later	10,635	9,796	11,394	12,241	11,937	11,992	10,355	8,768	6,104	-	-
Three years later	13,516	13,602	14,423	16,020	15,256	15,291	12,954	9,747	-	-	-
Four years later	16,454	15,793	17,042	18,271	18,151	17,333	13,244	-	-	-	-
Five years later	18,179	17,736	18,568	20,779	19,686	17,775	-	-	-	-	-
Six years later	19,697	18,878	20,723	21,970	20,206	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven years later	20,642	20,828	21,649	22,564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight years later	22,469	21,609	22,077	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine years later	23,156	21,986	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten years later	23,459	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net reserves re-estimated as of:											
End of initial year	\$ 25,512	\$ 24,174	\$ 23,675	\$ 23,324	\$ 20,759	\$ 19,177	\$ 17,946	\$ 15,229	\$ 17,437	\$ 17,522	\$ 20,256
One year later	25,388	23,970	23,904	24,306	21,163	21,502	17,980	17,650	17,671	18,513	-
Two years later	24,859	23,610	24,106	24,134	23,217	21,555	20,533	18,248	19,120	-	-
Three years later	24,363	23,735	23,776	26,038	23,081	24,058	21,109	19,814	-	-	-
Four years later	24,597	23,417	25,067	25,711	25,590	24,587	22,547	-	-	-	-
Five years later	24,344	24,499	24,636	27,754	26,000	25,594	-	-	-	-	-
Six years later	25,345	24,120	26,338	28,078	26,625	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven years later	25,086	25,629	26,537	28,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight years later	26,475	25,813	26,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine years later	26,618	26,072	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten years later	26,848	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net (deficiency) redundancy	\$ (1,336)	\$ (1,898)	\$ (3,095)	\$ (5,113)	\$ (5,866)	\$ (6,417)	\$ (4,601)	\$ (4,585)	\$ (1,683)	\$ (991)	\$ -
Reconciliation to gross re-estimated reserves:											
Net reserves re-estimated	\$ 26,848	\$ 26,072	\$ 26,770	\$ 28,437	\$ 26,625	\$ 25,594	\$ 22,547	\$ 19,814	\$ 19,120	\$ 18,513	\$ -
Re-estimated ceded recoverable	8,459	7,626	6,967	7,440	9,671	10,447	16,043	15,451	13,908	12,840	-
Total gross re-estimated reserves	\$ 35,307	\$ 33,698	\$ 33,737	\$ 35,877	\$ 36,296	\$ 36,041	\$ 38,590	\$ 35,265	\$ 33,028	\$ 31,353	\$ -
Net (deficiency) redundancy related to:											
Asbestos claims	\$ (2,361)	\$ (2,463)	\$ (2,362)	\$ (2,120)	\$ (1,543)	\$ (1,478)	\$ (706)	\$ (705)	\$ (64)	\$ (10)	\$ -
Environmental and mass tort claims	(802)	(749)	(776)	(561)	(663)	(654)	(193)	(200)	(52)	(53)	-
Total asbestos, environmental and mass tort	(3,163)	(3,212)	(3,138)	(2,681)	(2,206)	(2,132)	(899)	(905)	(116)	(63)	-
Other claims	1,827	1,314	43	(2,432)	(3,660)	(4,285)	(3,702)	(3,680)	(1,567)	(928)	-
Total net (deficiency) redundancy	\$ (1,336)	\$ (1,898)	\$ (3,095)	\$ (5,113)	\$ (5,866)	\$ (6,417)	\$ (4,601)	\$ (4,585)	\$ (1,683)	\$ (991)	\$ -

- (a) Includes gross reserves of \$9,713 million and net reserves of \$6,063 million for CIC and its insurance affiliates, which were acquired on May 10, 1995 (the Acquisition Date) and subsequent development thereon.
- (b) Ceded recoverable includes reserves transferred under retroactive reinsurance agreements of \$784 million as of December 31, 1999.
- (c) Effective January 1, 2001, we established a new life insurance company, CNA Group Life Assurance Company (CNAGLA). Further, on January 1, 2001 approximately \$1,055 million of reserves were transferred from CCC to CNAGLA.
- (d) Effective October 31, 2002, we sold CNA Reinsurance Company Limited (CNA Re U.K.). As a result of the sale, net reserves were reduced by approximately \$1,316 million.

The Company recorded loss reserve development of \$991 million in 2005. Included in this amount is \$433 million related to commutations of significant finite reinsurance treaties. Loss reserve development was also recorded related to the Company's assumed reinsurance operations which are in run-off, workers compensation and excess workers compensation lines, primarily in accident years 2003 and prior, the architects and engineers book of business, pollution exposures and large directors and officers claims.

Additional information regarding our property and casualty claim and claim adjustment expense reserves and reserve development is set forth in the MD&A included under Item 7 and in Notes A and F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### **Investments**

Information on our investments is set forth in the MD&A included under Item 7 and in Notes A, B, C and D of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### **Available Information**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including CNA, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We also make available free of charge on or through our internet website (<http://www.cna.com>) our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Copies of these reports may also be obtained, free of charge, upon written request to: CNA Financial Corporation, CNA Center, 43 South, Chicago, IL 60685, Attn. Jonathan D. Kantor, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our business faces many risks. We have described below some of the more significant risks which we face. There may be additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we do not currently perceive to be significant that may also impact our business. Each of the risks and uncertainties described below could lead to events or circumstances that have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or equity. You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included in this Report and any subsequent reports we may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission or make available to the public before investing in any securities we issue.

### **If we determine that loss reserves are insufficient to cover our estimated ultimate unpaid liability for claims, we may need to increase our loss reserves.**

We maintain loss reserves to cover our estimated ultimate unpaid liability for claims and claim adjustment expenses for reported and unreported claims and for future policy benefits. Reserves represent our best estimate at a given point in time. Insurance reserves are not an exact calculation of liability but instead are complex estimates derived by us, generally utilizing a variety of reserve estimation techniques from numerous assumptions and expectations about future events, many of which are highly uncertain, such as estimates of claims severity, frequency of claims, mortality, morbidity, expected interest rates, inflation, claims handling, case reserving policies and procedures, underwriting and pricing policies, changes in the legal and regulatory environment and the lag time between the occurrence of an insured event and the time of its ultimate settlement. Many of these uncertainties are not precisely quantifiable and require significant judgment on our part. As trends in underlying claims develop, particularly in so-called “long tail” or long duration coverages, we are sometimes required to add to our reserves. This is called unfavorable development and results in a charge to our earnings in the amount of the added reserves, recorded in the period the change in estimate is made. These charges can be substantial and can have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and equity. Additional information on our reserves is included in Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) under Item 7 and Note F to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

As industry practices and legal, judicial, social, and other environmental conditions change, unexpected issues related to claims and coverage may emerge. These issues have had and may continue to have a negative effect on our business by either extending coverage beyond our underwriting intent or by increasing the number or size of claims, resulting in further increases in our reserves which can have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and equity. The effects of these and other unforeseen emerging claim and coverage issues are extremely hard to predict. Recent examples of emerging claims and coverage issues include the following:

- increases in the number and size of claims relating to injuries from medical products and exposure to lead;
- the effects of accounting and financial reporting scandals and other major corporate governance failures which have resulted in an increase in the number and size of claims, including director and officer and errors and omissions insurance claims;
- increases in the volume of class action litigation challenging a range of industry practices including claims handling;
- increases in the number of construction defect claims, including claims for a broad range of additional insured endorsements on policies; and
- increases in the number of claims alleging abuse by members of the clergy, including passage of legislation to reopen or extend various statutes of limitations.

In light of the many uncertainties associated with establishing the estimates and making the assumptions necessary to establish reserve levels, we review and change our reserve estimates in a regular and ongoing process as experience develops and further claims are reported and settled. In addition, we periodically undergo state regulatory financial examinations, including review and analysis of our reserves. If estimated reserves are insufficient for any reason, the required increase in reserves would be recorded as a charge against our earnings for the period in which reserves are determined to be insufficient. These charges can be substantial and can materially adversely affect our results of operations and equity.

**Loss reserves for asbestos, environmental pollution and mass torts are especially difficult to estimate and may result in more frequent and larger additions to these reserves.**



Our experience has been that establishing reserves for casualty coverages relating to asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort (which we refer to as APMT) claim and claim adjustment expenses is subject to uncertainties that are greater than those presented by other claims. Estimating the ultimate cost of both reported and unreported asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort claims is subject to a higher degree of variability due to a number of additional factors including, among others, the following:

- coverage issues including whether certain costs are covered under the policies and whether policy limits apply;
- inconsistent court decisions and developing legal theories;
- increasingly aggressive tactics of plaintiffs' lawyers;
- the risks and lack of predictability inherent in major litigation;
- changes in the volume of asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort claims which cannot now be anticipated;
- continued increases in mass tort claims relating to silica and silica-containing products;
- the impact of the exhaustion of primary limits and the resulting increase in claims on any umbrella or excess policies we have issued;
- the number and outcome of direct actions against us;
- our ability to recover reinsurance for these claims; and
- changes in the legal and legislative environment in which we operate.

As a result of this higher degree of variability, we have necessarily supplemented traditional actuarial methods and techniques with additional estimating techniques and methodologies, many of which involve significant judgment on our part. Consequently, we may periodically need to record changes in our claim and claim adjustment expense reserves in the future in these areas in amounts that may be material. Additional information on APMT is included in MD&A under Item 7 and Note F to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**Environmental pollution claims.** The estimation of reserves for environmental pollution claims is complicated by the assertion by many policyholders of claims for defense costs and indemnification. We and others in the insurance industry are disputing coverage for many such claims. Key coverage issues in these claims include the following:

- whether cleanup costs are considered damages under the policies (and accordingly whether we would be liable for these costs);
- the trigger of coverage and the allocation of liability among triggered policies;
- the applicability of pollution exclusions and owned property exclusions;
- the potential for joint and several liability; and
- the definition of an occurrence.

To date, courts have been inconsistent in their rulings on these issues, thus adding to the uncertainty of the outcome of many of these claims.

Further, the scope of federal and state statutes and regulations determining liability and insurance coverage for environmental pollution liabilities have been the subject of extensive litigation. In many cases, courts have expanded the scope of coverage and liability for cleanup costs beyond the original intent of our insurance policies. Additionally, the standards for cleanup in environmental pollution matters are unclear, the number of sites potentially subject to cleanup under applicable laws is unknown, and the impact of various proposals to reform existing statutes and regulations is difficult to predict.

**Asbestos claims.** The estimation of reserves for asbestos claims is particularly difficult for many of the same reasons discussed above for environmental pollution claims, as well as the following:



- inconsistency of court decisions and jury attitudes, as well as future court decisions;
- specific policy provisions;
- allocation of liability among insurers and insureds;
- missing policies and proof of coverage;
- the proliferation of bankruptcy proceedings and attendant uncertainties;
- novel theories asserted by policyholders and their legal counsel;
- the targeting of a broader range of businesses and entities as defendants;
- uncertainties in predicting the number of future claims and which other insureds may be targeted in the future;
- volatility in claim numbers and settlement demands;
- increases in the number of non-impaired claimants and the extent to which they can be precluded from making claims;
- the efforts by insureds to obtain coverage that is not subject to aggregate limits;
- the long latency period between asbestos exposure and disease manifestation, as well as the resulting potential for involvement of multiple policy periods for individual claims;
- medical inflation trends;
- the mix of asbestos-related diseases presented; and
- the ability to recover reinsurance.

In addition, a number of our insureds have asserted that their claims for insurance are not subject to aggregate limits on coverage. If these insureds are successful in this regard, our potential liability for their claims would be unlimited. Some of these insureds contend that their asbestos claims fall within the so-called “non-products” liability coverage within their policies, rather than the products liability coverage, and that this “non-products” liability coverage is not subject to any aggregate limit. It is difficult to predict the extent to which these claims will succeed and, as a result, the ultimate size of these claims.

#### **Catastrophe losses are unpredictable.**

Catastrophe losses are an inevitable part of our business. Various events can cause catastrophe losses, including hurricanes, windstorms, earthquakes, hail, explosions, severe winter weather and fires, and their frequency and severity are inherently unpredictable. For example, in 2005, we experienced substantial losses from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and in 2004, we experienced substantial losses from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. These catastrophes are unprecedented in modern times. The extent of losses from catastrophes is a function of both the total amount of insured exposures in the affected areas and the severity of the events themselves. In addition, as in the case of catastrophe losses generally, it can take a long time for the ultimate cost to us to be finally determined. As our claim experience develops on a particular catastrophe, we may be required to adjust our reserves, or take additional unfavorable development, to reflect our revised estimates of the total cost of claims. We believe we could incur significant catastrophe losses in the future. Additional information on catastrophe losses is included in the MD&A under Item 7 and Note F to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

#### **Our key assumptions used to determine reserves and deferred acquisition costs for our long-term care product offerings could vary significantly.**

Our reserves and deferred acquisition costs for our long-term care product offerings are based on certain key assumptions including morbidity, which is the frequency of illness, sickness and diseases contracted, policy persistency, which is the percentage of policies remaining in force, interest rates, future premium increases and future health care cost trends. If actual experience differs from these assumptions, the deferred acquisition costs may not be fully recovered and the reserves may not be adequate, requiring us to add to reserves, or take unfavorable development. Therefore, our financial results could be adversely impacted.

**We continue to face exposure to losses arising from terrorist acts, despite the passage of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005.**

We may bear substantial losses from future acts of terrorism. The Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 (TRIEA) extended, until December 31, 2007, the program established by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. Under this program, insurers are required to offer terrorism insurance and the federal government will share the risk of loss by commercial property and casualty insurers arising from future terrorist attacks. TRIEA does not provide complete protection for future losses derived from acts of terrorism. Additional information on TRIEA is included in the MD&A under Item 7.

**High levels of retained overhead expenses associated with business lines in run-off negatively impact our operating results.**

During the past few years, we ceased offering certain insurance products relating principally to our life, group and reinsurance segments. Many of these business lines were sold, others have been placed in run-off and revenue will progressively decrease. Our results of operations have been materially, adversely affected by the high levels of retained overhead expenses associated with these run-off operations, and will continue to be so affected if we are not successful in eliminating or reducing these costs.

**Our premium writings and profitability are affected by the availability and cost of reinsurance.**

We purchase reinsurance to help manage our exposure to risk. Under our reinsurance arrangements, another insurer assumes a specified portion of our claim and claim adjustment expenses in exchange for a specified portion of policy premiums. Market conditions determine the availability and cost of the reinsurance protection we purchase, which affects the level of our business and profitability, as well as the level and types of risk we retain. If we are unable to obtain sufficient reinsurance at a cost we deem acceptable, we may be unwilling to bear the increased risk and would reduce the level of our underwriting commitments. Additional information on Reinsurance is included in the MD&A under Item 7 and Note H to the Consolidated Financial Statements included Item 8.

**We may not be able to collect amounts owed to us by reinsurers.**

We have significant amounts recoverable from reinsurers which are reported as receivables in our balance sheets and are estimated in a manner consistent with claim and claim adjustment expense reserves or future policy benefits reserves. The ceding of insurance does not, however, discharge our primary liability for claims. As a result, we are subject to credit risk relating to our ability to recover amounts due from reinsurers. Certain of our reinsurance carriers have experienced deteriorating financial conditions or have been downgraded by rating agencies. In addition, reinsurers could dispute amounts which we believe are due to us. If we are not able to collect the amounts due to us from reinsurers, our claims expenses will be higher which could materially adversely affect our results of operations or equity. Additional information on Reinsurance is included in the MD&A under Item 7 and Note H to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**We incur significant interest expense related to funds withheld from reinsurance arrangements.**

We have entered into several property and casualty reinsurance agreements where we retain the ceded premium as collateral to secure the reinsurers' obligations to pay for ceded losses. We are required to credit interest on these "funds withheld" balances at specified rates for all periods in which the funds withheld liability exists. In addition, certain of these reinsurance contracts require us to pay interest on additional ceded premiums arising from ceded losses as if those premiums were payable at the inception of the underlying contract. The amount subject to interest crediting on these funds withheld contracts varies over time based on a number of factors including the timing of loss payments and the ultimate gross losses incurred. We expect to incur significant interest costs on these contracts for several years to come. In an effort to reduce future interest charges, resolve a dispute or unwind an arrangement with a reinsurer that is experiencing financial difficulties, from time to time, we commute or "buy out" reinsurance arrangements from certain reinsurance carriers. Commutations can result in our incurring a significant charge in our results of operations for the period in which the commutation takes place. Additional information on reinsurance is included in the MD&A under Item 7 and Note H to the Consolidate Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**Rating agencies may downgrade their ratings of us and thereby adversely affect our ability to write insurance at competitive rates or at all.**

Ratings are an increasingly important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies. Our insurance company subsidiaries, as well as our public debt, are rated by four major rating agencies, namely, A.M.

Best Company, Inc., Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Fitch, Inc. Ratings reflect the rating agency's opinions of an insurance company's financial strength, operating performance, strategic position and ability to meet its obligations to policyholders and debtholders. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating.

In the past several years, the major rating agencies have lowered our financial strength and debt ratings and due to the intense competitive environment in which we operate, the uncertainty in determining reserves and the potential for us to take material unfavorable development in the future, and possible changes in the methodology or criteria applied by the rating agencies, the rating agencies may take action to lower our ratings in the future. If our property and casualty insurance financial strength ratings are downgraded below current levels, our business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. Among the adverse effects in the event of such downgrades would be the inability to obtain a material volume of business from certain major insurance brokers, the inability to sell a material volume of our insurance products to certain markets, and the required collateralization of certain future payment obligations or reserves.

In addition, we believe that a lowering of the debt ratings of Loews Corporation by certain of the rating agencies could result in an adverse impact on our ratings, independent of any change in circumstances at CNA. Each of the major rating agencies that rates Loews currently maintains a negative outlook. Additional information on our ratings is included in the MD&A under Item 7.

**We are subject to extensive federal, state and local governmental regulations that restrict our ability to do business and generate revenues.**

The insurance industry is subject to comprehensive and detailed regulation and supervision throughout the United States. Most insurance regulations are designed to protect the interests of our policyholders rather than our investors. Each state in which we do business has established supervisory agencies that regulate the manner in which we do business. Their regulations relate to, among other things, the following:

- standards of solvency including risk-based capital measurements;
- restrictions on the nature, quality and concentration of investments;
- restrictions on our ability to withdraw from unprofitable lines of insurance;
- the required use of certain methods of accounting and reporting;
- the establishment of reserves for unearned premiums, losses and other purposes;
- potential assessments for funds necessary to settle covered claims against impaired, insolvent or failed insurance companies;
- licensing of insurers and agents;
- approval of policy forms; and
- limitations on the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to us.

Regulatory powers also extend to premium rate regulations which require that rates not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. The states in which we do business also require us to provide coverage to persons whom we would not otherwise consider eligible. Each state dictates the types of insurance and the level of coverage that must be provided to such involuntary risks. Our share of these involuntary risks is mandatory and generally a function of our respective share of the voluntary market by line of insurance in each state.

**We are subject to capital adequacy requirements and, if we do not meet these requirements, regulatory agencies may restrict or prohibit us from operating our business.**

Insurance companies such as us are subject to risk-based capital standards set by state regulators to help identify companies that merit further regulatory attention. These standards apply specified risk factors to various asset, premium and reserve components of our statutory capital and surplus reported in our statutory basis of accounting financial statements. Current rules require companies to maintain statutory capital and surplus at a specified minimum level determined using the risk-based capital formula. If we do not meet these minimum requirements, state regulators may restrict or prohibit us from operating our business. If we are required to record a charge against earnings in connection with a change in estimates or circumstances, such as increasing our reserves in the future as a

result of unexpectedly poor claims experience or recording realized losses due to impairment of our investments, we may violate these minimum capital adequacy requirements unless we are able to raise sufficient additional capital.

**Our insurance subsidiaries, upon whom we depend for dividends and advances in order to fund our working capital needs, are limited by state regulators in their ability to pay dividends.**

We are a holding company and are dependent upon dividends, advances, loans and other sources of cash from our subsidiaries in order to meet our obligations. Dividend payments, however, must be approved by the subsidiaries' domiciliary state departments of insurance and are generally limited to amounts determined by formula which varies by state. The formula for the majority of the states is the greater of 10% of the prior year statutory surplus or the prior year statutory net income, less the aggregate of all dividends paid during the twelve months prior to the date of payment. Some states, however, have an additional stipulation that dividends cannot exceed the prior year's earned surplus. If we are restricted, by regulatory rule or otherwise, from paying or receiving inter-company dividends, we may not be able to fund our working capital needs and debt service requirements from available cash. As a result, we would need to look to other sources of capital which may be more expensive or may not be available at all.

**We are responding to subpoenas, interrogatories and inquiries relating to insurance brokers and agents, contingent commissions and bidding practices, and certain finite-risk insurance products.**

Along with other companies in the industry, we have received subpoenas, interrogatories and inquiries from: (i) California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia and the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators concerning investigations into practices including contingent compensation arrangements, fictitious quotes, and tying arrangements; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the New York State Attorney General, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the Connecticut Attorney General, the Connecticut Department of Insurance, the Delaware Department of Insurance, the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner and the California Department of Insurance concerning reinsurance products and finite insurance products purchased and sold by us; (iii) the Massachusetts Attorney General and the Connecticut Attorney General concerning investigations into anti-competitive practices; and (iv) the New York State Attorney General concerning declinations of attorney malpractice insurance. We continue to respond to these subpoenas, interrogatories and inquiries.

Subsequent to receipt of the SEC subpoena, we have been producing documents and providing additional information at the SEC's request. In addition, the SEC and representatives of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York have been conducting interviews with several of our current and former executives relating to the restatement of our financial results for 2004, including our relationship with and accounting for transactions with an affiliate that were the basis for the restatement. The SEC has also recently requested information relating to our current restatement. It is possible that our analyses of, or accounting treatment for, finite reinsurance contracts or discontinued operations could be questioned or disputed by regulatory authorities. As a result, further restatements of our financial results are possible.

**We have restated our financial results for prior years and identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting.**

In February of 2006 we determined that we would restate our annual financial statements for the years 2001 through 2004, as well as our interim financial statements through September 30, 2005, to correct the accounting for discontinued operations acquired in our merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995. Additionally, in March of 2006, we determined to restate our financial results for prior years to correct classification errors within our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. In May of 2005 we determined to restate our financial results for prior years to correct our accounting for several reinsurance contracts, primarily with a former affiliate, and to correct our equity accounting for that affiliate.

As a result of the foregoing restatements, we identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and determined that our prior year financial statements could not be relied upon. We also determined that our internal control over financial reporting as of such dates was not effective. Our system of internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management, Audit Committee and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of our published financial statements.

If we fail to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, we could be scrutinized by regulators in a manner that extends beyond the SEC's requests for information relating to the restatements (as further described in the prior risk factor). We could also be scrutinized by securities analysts and investors. As a result of this scrutiny, we could suffer a loss of public confidence in our financial reporting capabilities and thereby face adverse effects on our business and the market price of our securities.

**Our investment portfolio, which is a key component of our overall profitability, may suffer reduced returns or losses, especially with respect to our equity investments in limited partnerships which are often subject to greater leverage and volatility.**

Investment returns are an important part of our overall profitability. General economic conditions, stock market conditions, fluctuations in interest rates, and many other factors beyond our control can adversely affect the returns and the overall value of our equity investments and our ability to control the timing of the realization of investment income. In addition, any defaults in the payments due to us for our investments, especially with respect to liquid corporate and municipal bonds, could reduce our investment income and realized investment gains or could cause us to incur investment losses. Further, we invest a portion of our assets in equity investments, primarily through limited partnerships, which are subject to greater volatility than our fixed income investments. In some cases, these limited partnerships use leverage and are thereby subject to even greater volatility. Although limited partnership investments generally provide higher expected return, they present greater risk and are more illiquid than our fixed income investments. As a result of these factors, we may not realize an adequate return on our investments, may incur losses on sales of our investments and may be required to write down the value of our investments.

**We may be adversely affected by the cyclical nature of the property and casualty business.**

The property and casualty market is cyclical and has experienced periods characterized by relatively high levels of price competition, less restrictive underwriting standards and relatively low premium rates, followed by periods of relatively lower levels of competition, more selective underwriting standards and relatively high premium rates.

**We face intense competition in our industry.**

All aspects of the insurance industry are highly competitive and we must continuously allocate resources to refine and improve our insurance products and services. Insurers compete on the basis of factors including products, price, services, ratings and financial strength. We may lose business to competitors offering competitive insurance products at lower prices. We compete with a large number of stock and mutual insurance companies and other entities for both distributors and customers. In addition, the Graham-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 has encouraged growth in the number, size and financial strength of our potential competitors by removing barriers that previously prohibited holding companies from simultaneously owning commercial banks, insurers and securities firms.

**We may suffer losses from non-routine litigation and arbitration matters which may exceed the reserves we have established.**

We face substantial risks of litigation and arbitration beyond ordinary course claims and APMT matters, which may contain assertions in excess of amounts covered by reserves that we have established. These matters may be difficult to assess or quantify and may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts that include punitive or treble damages. Accordingly, unfavorable results in these proceedings could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

Additional information on litigation is included in the MD&A under Item 7 and Note G to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**We are dependent on a small number of key executives and other key personnel to operate our business successfully.**

Our success substantially depends upon our ability to attract and retain high quality key executives and other employees. We believe there are only a limited number of available qualified executives in the business lines in which we compete. We rely substantially upon the services of our executive officers to implement our business strategy. The loss of the services of any members of our management team or the inability to attract and retain other talented personnel could impede the implementation of our business strategies. We do not maintain key man life insurance policies with respect to any of our employees.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

CNA Center, owned by CAC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CCC, serves as our home office. Our subsidiaries own or lease office space in various cities throughout the United States and in other countries. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our principal office locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount (Square Feet) of Building Owned and Occupied or Leased and Occupied by CNA</b>	<b>Principal Usage</b>
CNA Center, 333 S. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois	904,990	Principal executive offices of CNAF
401 Penn Street, Reading, Pennsylvania	171,406	Property and casualty insurance offices
2405 Lucien Way, Maitland, Florida	150,825	Property and casualty insurance offices
40 Wall Street, New York, New York	124,482	Property and casualty insurance offices
1111 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio	97,276	Property and casualty insurance offices
675 Placentia Avenue, Brea, California	78,655	Property and casualty insurance offices
600 N. Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas	76,666	Property and casualty insurance offices
405 Howard Street, San Francisco, California	47,667	Property and casualty insurance offices
1100 Cornwall Road, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey	41,767	Property and casualty insurance offices
100 CNA Drive, Nashville, Tennessee	35,653	Property and casualty insurance offices

We lease our office space described above except for the CNA Center, the Reading, Pennsylvania building and the Columbus, Ohio building, which are owned. We consider that our properties are generally in good condition, are well maintained and are suitable and adequate to carry on our business.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Information on our legal proceedings is set forth in Notes F and G of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.



## PART II

### **ITEM 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange, and is traded on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, under the symbol CNA.

As of February 28, 2006, we had 256,001,968 shares of common stock outstanding. Approximately 91% of our outstanding common stock is owned by Loews. We had 2,183 stockholders of record as of February 28, 2006 according to the records maintained by our transfer agent.

The table below shows the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock based on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions.

#### **Common Stock Information**

	2005		2004	
	High	Low	High	Low
Quarter:				
Fourth	\$ 34.91	\$ 28.52	\$ 27.06	\$ 22.17
Third	30.46	28.40	29.54	23.98
Second	28.90	26.21	30.49	26.32
First	29.79	25.84	28.65	24.52

No dividends have been paid on our common stock in 2005 or 2004. Our ability to pay dividends is limited by regulatory dividend restrictions on our principal operating insurance subsidiaries. In addition, the provisions of our Series H Cumulative Preferred Issue (Series H Issue) prohibit the payment of dividends on our common stock while accrued and unpaid dividends remain outstanding on the Series H Issue. See the Liquidity and Capital Resources section under Item 7 of this MD&A and Note L to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for additional information.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents selected financial data.

### Selected Financial Data

#### As of and for the Years Ended December 31

(In millions, except per share data and ratios)

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
		Restated (a)	Restated (a)	Restated (a)	Restated (a)
<b>Results of Operations:</b>					
Revenues	\$ 9,862	\$ 9,924	\$ 11,715	\$ 12,293	\$ 13,097
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 243	\$ 446	\$ (1,419)	\$ 263	\$ (1,550)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	21	(21)	2	(43)	6
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, net of tax	-	-	-	(57)	(61)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ (1,417)</b>	<b>\$ 163</b>	<b>\$ (1,605)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per Share:</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.68	\$ 1.49	\$ (6.52)	\$ 1.18	\$ (7.99)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	0.08	(0.09)	0.01	(0.20)	0.04
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, net of tax	-	-	-	(0.26)	(0.32)
<b>Earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 0.76</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>	<b>\$ (6.51)</b>	<b>\$ 0.72</b>	<b>\$ (8.27)</b>
<b>Financial Condition:</b>					
Total investments	\$ 39,695	\$ 39,231	\$ 38,100	\$ 35,293	\$ 35,826
Total assets	58,786	62,496	68,296	61,426	65,425
Insurance reserves	42,436	43,653	45,494	40,250	43,721
Long and short term debt	1,690	2,257	1,904	2,292	2,567
Stockholders' equity	8,950	8,974	8,735	9,139	7,839
Book value per share	\$ 31.26	\$ 31.63	\$ 30.95	\$ 37.51	\$ 35.06
<b>Statutory Surplus:</b>					
Property and casualty companies (b)	\$ 6,940	\$ 6,998	\$ 6,170	\$ 6,836	\$ 6,241
Life and group insurance company(ies)	627	1,177	707	1,645	1,752

(a) See Note T of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further discussion.

(b) Surplus includes the property and casualty companies' equity ownership of the life and group company(ies)' capital and surplus.



## **ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Overview**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with Item 1A. Risk Factors, Item 6. Selected Financial Data and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Form 10-K.

We have restated our previously reported financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and all related disclosures, as well as our financial data for the first three interim periods of 2005 and all interim periods of 2004. The restatement is to correct the accounting for discontinued operations acquired in our merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995 and to correct classification errors within our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. A current review of discontinued operations identified an overstatement of the net assets of these discontinued operations and errors in accounting for the periodic results of these operations. This MD&A gives effect to the restatement of the Consolidated Financial Statements. See Note T of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further discussion.

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## CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS

### Results of Operations

The following table includes the consolidated results of our operations. For more detailed components of our business operations and the net operating income financial measure, see the segment discussions within this MD&A.

#### Consolidated Operations

##### Years ended December 31

(In millions, except per share data)

##### Revenues:

	2005	2004	2003
Net earned premiums	\$ 7,569	\$ 8,209	\$ 9,216
Net investment income	1,892	1,680	1,656
Other revenues	411	283	383
Total operating revenues	9,872	10,172	11,255

##### Claims, Benefits and Expenses:

Net incurred claims and benefits	6,975	6,434	10,163
Policyholders' dividends	24	11	114
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,543	1,680	1,965
Other insurance related expenses	829	969	1,411
Other expenses	329	326	393

Total claims, benefits and expenses	9,700	9,420	14,046
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Operating income (loss) before income tax and minority interest	172	752	(2,791)
Income tax (expense) benefit on operating income (loss)	105	(126)	1,081
Minority interest	(24)	(27)	6

Net operating income (loss)	253	599	(1,704)
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Realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	(10)	(248)	460
Income tax (expense) benefit on realized investment gains (losses)	-	95	(175)

Income (loss) from continuing operations	243	446	(1,419)
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Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$(2), \$(1) and \$(11)	21	(21)	2
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<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ (1,417)</b>
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##### Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share:

Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.68	\$ 1.49	\$ (6.52)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	0.08	(0.09)	0.01

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.40	\$ (6.51)
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<b>Weighted Average Outstanding Common Stock and Common Stock Equivalents</b>	<b>256.0</b>	<b>256.0</b>	<b>227.0</b>
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### 2005 Compared with 2004

Net income decreased \$161 million in 2005 as compared with 2004, due to decreased net operating income partially offset by improved net investment results.

Net operating income decreased \$346 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease in net operating income was primarily driven by increased unfavorable net prior year development of \$437 million after-tax which includes the impact of significant commutations in 2005 and 2004, decreased earned premiums, and increased catastrophe impacts in 2005. Partially offsetting these impacts were increased net investment income, a \$115 million after-tax benefit related to a federal income tax settlement and release of federal income tax reserves, and lower insurance acquisition and operating expenses. The Standard Lines and Specialty Lines segments

produced a combined ratio of 110.0% and 100.5% for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, which included an 11.6% and 3.6% impact from significant commutations and catastrophes.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$807 million, including \$945 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$138 million of favorable premium development, was recorded in 2005. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$134 million, including \$250 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$116 million of favorable premium development, was recorded in 2004.

During 2005 and 2004, we commuted several significant reinsurance contracts that resulted in unfavorable development of \$433 million and \$76 million, which is included in the development above, and which were partially offset by the release of previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance. These commutations resulted in an unfavorable impact of \$259 million after-tax and favorable impact of \$18 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. These contracts contained interest crediting provisions and maintenance charges. Interest charges associated with the reinsurance contracts commuted were \$47 million after-tax and \$86 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. There will be no further interest crediting charges or other charges related to these commuted contracts in future periods.

Unfavorable net prior year development was also recorded related to the Company's assumed reinsurance operations which are in run-off, workers compensation and excess workers compensation lines, primarily in accident years 2003 and prior, the architects and engineers book of business, pollution exposures and large directors and officers claims.

The impact of catastrophes was \$334 million after-tax and \$196 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. This increase was primarily due to 2005 catastrophe impacts resulting from Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, Rita, Dennis and Ophelia and 2004 catastrophe impacts primarily resulting from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. These impacts are net of anticipated reinsurance recoveries, and include the effect of reinstatement premiums and estimated insurance assessments.

Net realized investment results, after-tax, improved \$143 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. Net results in 2004 included a loss on the sale of the individual life insurance business of \$389 million after-tax, which was partly offset by the 2004 gain of \$105 million after-tax on the sale of our investment in Canary Wharf Group PLC (Canary Wharf), a London-based real estate company.

Net earned premiums decreased \$640 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. Net earned premiums from the core property and casualty operations decreased by \$309 million, as discussed in more detail in the segment discussions below. The remainder of the decrease in earned premiums was primarily due to the sale of the individual life business on April 30, 2004, as well as decreased premiums from CNA Re which exited the reinsurance market in 2003.

Income from discontinued operations increased \$42 million in 2005 as compared to 2004, primarily due to a decrease in unfavorable net prior year development, including the effects of commutations of assumed and ceded reinsurance, increased foreign exchange gains and improved investment results primarily related to realized investment gains.

#### **2004 Compared with 2003**

Net results increased \$1,842 million in 2004 as compared to 2003, due to increased net operating income partially offset by decreased net realized investment results. Net operating results increased \$2,303 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This improvement was due principally to decreased net unfavorable prior year development of \$1,757 million after-tax, \$356 million after-tax decrease in the bad debt provisions for insurance and reinsurance receivables, \$66 million after-tax decrease in interest expense related to additional cessions to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties and \$59 million after-tax decrease in certain insurance related assessments. These favorable impacts to net income in 2004 were partially offset by increased catastrophe losses and decreased net realized investment results. The impact of catastrophes was \$196 million after-tax and \$93 million after-tax in 2004 and 2003. This increase was primarily due to catastrophe impacts resulting from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne in 2004. These impacts are net of anticipated reinsurance recoveries, and include the effect of reinstatement premiums and estimated insurance assessments. The Standard Lines and Specialty Lines segments produced a combined ratio of 100.5% and 150.5% for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$134 million, including \$250 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$116 million of favorable premium development, was recorded

in 2004. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$2,837 million, including \$2,296 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$541 million of unfavorable premium development, was recorded in 2003.

Net realized investment results decreased \$438 million after-tax in 2004 as compared with 2003. This decrease in investment results was primarily due to the loss on the sale of the individual life insurance business of \$389 million after-tax and losses on derivatives of \$55 million after-tax. These decreases were partly offset by a \$105 million after-tax gain on the sale of our investment in Canary Wharf, and a reduction in impairment losses for other-than-temporary declines in market values for fixed maturity and equity securities. Impairment losses of \$60 million after-tax were recorded in 2004 across various sectors, including an after-tax impairment loss of \$36 million related to loans made under a credit facility to a national contractor, while in 2003 impairment losses of \$209 million after-tax were recorded across various sectors including the airline, healthcare and energy industries.

Net earned premiums decreased \$1,007 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The decrease in net earned premiums was due primarily to reduced premiums from the individual life and group benefits businesses, as well as CNA Re. Partially offsetting these unfavorable impacts was a \$357 million decrease in premiums ceded to corporate aggregate and other reinsurance treaties in 2004 as compared to 2003. The 2003 cessions were principally due to the unfavorable net prior year development recorded in 2003.

Income from discontinued operations decreased \$23 million in 2004 as compared to 2003, primarily due to an increase in unfavorable net prior year development, including the effects of commutations of assumed and ceded reinsurance and decreased investment results primarily related to realized investment losses, partially offset by a reduction in expenses and foreign exchange losses.

#### **Net Prior Year Development**

The results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were impacted by net prior year development recorded for the property and casualty and the Corporate and Other Non-Core segments. Changes in estimates of claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserves and premium accruals for prior accident years are defined as net prior year development within this MD&A. These changes can be favorable or unfavorable. The development discussed below excludes the impact of the provision for uncollectible reinsurance, but includes the impact of commutations. See Note H to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

We record favorable or unfavorable premium and claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development related to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties as movements in the claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserves for the accident years covered by the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties indicate such development is required. While the available limit of these treaties was fully utilized in 2003, the ceded premiums and losses for an individual segment may change in subsequent years because of the re-estimation of the subject losses or commutations of the underlying contracts. In 2005, we commuted a corporate aggregate reinsurance treaty. See Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties.

The following tables summarize net prior year development by segment for the property and casualty segments and the Corporate and Other Non-Core segment for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. For the Life and Group Non-Core segment \$5 million and \$7 million of favorable development was recorded in 2005 and 2004, and \$62 million of unfavorable development was recorded in 2003.

**2005 Net Prior Year Development**

	<u>Standard Lines</u>	<u>Specialty Lines</u>	<u>Corporate and Other Non-Core</u>	<u>Total</u>
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 376	\$ 42	\$ 171	\$ 589
APMT	-	-	63	63
Total	376	42	234	652
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	183	5	57	245
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	559	47	291	897
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(101)	(12)	11	(102)
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(6)	19	4	17
Total premium development	(107)	7	15	(85)
<b>Total 2005 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<u>\$ 452</u>	<u>\$ 54</u>	<u>\$ 306</u>	<u>\$ 812</u>
<b>Total 2005 unfavorable net prior year development (after-tax)</b>	<u>\$ 294</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ 199</u>	<u>\$ 528</u>

## 2004 Net Prior Year Development

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 107	\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 202
APMT	-	-	55	55
Total	107	75	75	257
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	8	(17)	9	-
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	115	58	84	257
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(96)	(33)	12	(117)
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(1)	5	(3)	1
Total premium development	(97)	(28)	9	(116)
<b>Total 2004 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>	<b>\$ 93</b>	<b>\$ 141</b>
<b>Total 2004 unfavorable net prior year development (after-tax)</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>

## 2003 Net Prior Year Development

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 1,423	\$ 313	\$ 346	\$ 2,082
APMT	-	-	795	795
Total	1,423	313	1,141	2,877
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(485)	(56)	(102)	(643)
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	938	257	1,039	2,234
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	209	6	(32)	183
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	269	31	58	358
Total premium development	478	37	26	541
<b>Total 2003 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<b>\$ 1,416</b>	<b>\$ 294</b>	<b>\$ 1,065</b>	<b>\$ 2,775</b>
<b>Total 2003 unfavorable net prior year development (after-tax)</b>	<b>\$ 920</b>	<b>\$ 191</b>	<b>\$ 692</b>	<b>\$ 1,803</b>

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses reported during the period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Our Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis. We continually evaluate the accounting policies and estimates used to prepare the Consolidated Financial Statements. In general, our estimates are based on historical experience, evaluation of current trends, information from third party professionals and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the known facts and circumstances.

The accounting estimates discussed below are considered by us to be critical to an understanding of our Consolidated Financial Statements as their application places the most significant demands on our judgment. Note A of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 should be read in conjunction with this section to assist with obtaining an understanding of the underlying accounting policies related to these estimates. Due to the inherent uncertainties involved with these types of judgments, actual results could differ significantly from estimates and may have a material adverse impact on our results of operations or equity.

### ***Insurance Reserves***

Insurance reserves are established for both short and long-duration insurance contracts. Short-duration contracts are primarily related to property and casualty insurance policies where the reserving process is based on actuarial estimates of the amount of loss, including amounts for known and unknown claims. Long-duration contracts typically include traditional life insurance and long term care products and are estimated using actuarial estimates about mortality and morbidity, as well as assumptions about expected investment returns. Workers compensation lifetime claim reserves and accident and health claim reserves are calculated using mortality and morbidity assumptions based on our own and industry experience, and are discounted at interest rates that range from 3.5% to 6.5% at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The reserve for unearned premiums on property and casualty and accident and health contracts represents the portion of premiums written related to the unexpired terms of coverage. The inherent risks associated with the reserving process are discussed in the Reserves – Estimates and Uncertainties section below.

### ***Reinsurance***

Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with claim and claim adjustment expense reserves or future policy benefits reserves and are reported as receivables in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The ceding of insurance does not discharge us of our primary liability under insurance contracts written by us. An exposure exists with respect to property and casualty and life reinsurance ceded to the extent that any reinsurer is unable to meet its obligations or disputes the liabilities assumed under reinsurance agreements. An estimated allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded on the basis of periodic evaluations of balances due from reinsurers, reinsurer solvency, our past experience and current economic conditions.

Reinsurance accounting allows for contractual cash flows to be reflected as premiums and losses, as compared to deposit accounting, which requires cash flows to be reflected as assets and liabilities. To qualify for reinsurance accounting, reinsurance agreements must include risk transfer. Considerable judgment by management may be necessary to determine if risk transfer requirements are met. We believe we have appropriately applied reinsurance accounting principles in our evaluation of risk transfer. However, our evaluation of risk transfer and the resulting accounting could be challenged in connection with regulatory reviews or possible changes in accounting and/or financial reporting rules related to reinsurance, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations and/or equity. Further information on our reinsurance program is included in the Reinsurance section below and Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.



### ***Valuation of Investments and Impairment of Securities***

Invested assets are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain invested assets and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of these assets, it is possible that changes in risks in the near term could have an adverse material impact on our results of operations or equity.

Our investment portfolio is subject to market declines below book value that may be other-than-temporary. We have an Impairment Committee, which reviews the investment portfolio on a quarterly basis, with ongoing analysis as new information becomes available. Any decline that is determined to be other-than-temporary is recorded as an impairment loss in the results of operations in the period in which the determination occurred. Further information on our process for evaluating impairments is included in Note B of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### ***Long Term Care Products***

Reserves and deferred acquisition costs for our long term care products are based on certain assumptions including morbidity, policy persistency and interest rates. Actual experience may differ from our assumptions. The recoverability of deferred acquisition costs and the adequacy of the reserves are contingent on actual experience related to these key assumptions and other factors including potential future premium increases and future health care cost trends. Our results of operations and/or equity may be materially, adversely affected if actual experience varies significantly from our assumptions.

### ***Pension and Postretirement Benefit Obligations***

We make a significant number of assumptions in estimating the liabilities and costs related to our pension and postretirement benefit obligations to employees under our benefit plans. The assumptions that most impact these costs are the discount rate, the expected return on plan assets and the rate of compensation increases. These assumptions are evaluated relative to current market factors such as inflation, interest rates and fiscal and monetary policies. Changes in these assumptions can have a material impact on pension obligations and pension expense.

In determining the discount rate assumption, we utilized current market information provided by our plan actuaries, including a discounted cash flow analysis of our pension and postretirement obligations and general movements in the current market environment. In particular, the basis for our discount rate selection was fixed income debt securities that receive one of the two highest ratings given by a recognized ratings agency. In 2005 and historically, the Moody's Aa Corporate Bond Index was the benchmark for discount rate selection. The index is used as the basis for the change in discount rate from the last measurement date. Additionally in 2005, we supplemented our discount rate decision with a yield curve analysis. The yield curve was applied to expected future retirement plan payments to adjust the discount rate to reflect the cash flow characteristics of the plans. The yield curve was developed by the plans' actuaries and is a hypothetical double A yield curve represented by a series of annualized discount rates reflecting bond issues having a rating of Aa or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or a rating of AA or better by Standard & Poor's. Based on all available information, it was determined that 5.625% and 5.50% were the appropriate discount rates as of December 31, 2005 to calculate our accrued pension and postretirement liabilities, respectively. Accordingly, the 5.625% and 5.50% rates will also be used to determine our 2006 pension and postretirement expense. At December 31, 2004 the discount rate was 5.875% for both pension and postretirement liabilities.

Further information on our pension and postretirement benefit obligations is included in Note J of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### ***Legal Proceedings***

We are involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen during the ordinary course of business. We evaluate the facts and circumstances of each situation, and when we determine it is necessary, a liability is estimated and recorded. Further information on our legal proceedings and related contingent liabilities is provided in Notes F and G of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

## Reserves – Estimates and Uncertainties

We maintain reserves to cover our estimated ultimate unpaid liability for claim and claim adjustment expenses, including the estimated cost of the claims adjudication process, for claims that have been reported but not yet settled (case reserves) and claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves are reflected as liabilities and are included on the Consolidated Balance Sheets under the heading “Insurance Reserves.” Adjustments to prior year reserve estimates, if necessary, are reflected in the results of operations in the period that the need for such adjustments is determined. The carried case and IBNR reserves are provided in the Segment Results section of this MD&A and in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

The level of reserves we maintain represents our best estimate, as of a particular point in time, of what the ultimate settlement and administration of claims will cost based on our assessment of facts and circumstances known at that time. Reserves are not an exact calculation of liability but instead are complex estimates that we derive, generally utilizing a variety of actuarial reserve estimation techniques, from numerous assumptions and expectations about future events, both internal and external, many of which are highly uncertain.

Among the many uncertain future events about which we make assumptions and estimates, many of which have become increasingly unpredictable, are claims severity, frequency of claims, mortality, morbidity, expected interest rates, inflation, claims handling and case reserving policies and procedures, underwriting and pricing policies, changes in the legal and regulatory environment and the lag time between the occurrence of an insured event and the time it is ultimately settled, referred to in the insurance industry as the “tail.” These factors must be individually considered in relation to our evaluation of each type of business. Many of these uncertainties are not precisely quantifiable, particularly on a prospective basis, and require significant judgment on our part.

Given the factors described above, it is not possible to quantify precisely the ultimate exposure represented by claims and related litigation. As a result, we regularly review the adequacy of our reserves and reassess our reserve estimates as historical loss experience develops, additional claims are reported and settled and additional information becomes available in subsequent periods.

In addition, we are subject to the uncertain effects of emerging or potential claims and coverage issues that arise as industry practices and legal, judicial, social and other environmental conditions change. These issues have had, and may continue to have, a negative effect on our business by either extending coverage beyond the original underwriting intent or by increasing the number or size of claims. Examples of emerging or potential claims and coverage issues include:

- increases in the number and size of claims relating to injuries from medical products, and exposure to lead;
- the effects of accounting and financial reporting scandals and other major corporate governance failures, which have resulted in an increase in the number and size of claims, including director and officer and errors and omissions insurance claims;
- class action litigation relating to claims handling and other practices;
- construction defect claims, including claims for a broad range of additional insured endorsements on policies; and
- increases in the number of claims alleging abuse by members of the clergy, including passage of legislation to reopen or extend various statutes of limitations.

The impact of these and other unforeseen emerging or potential claims and coverage issues is difficult to predict and could materially adversely affect the adequacy of our claim and claim adjustment expense reserves and could lead to future reserve additions. See the Segment Results sections of this MD&A and Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for a discussion of changes in reserve estimates and the impact on our results of operations.

Our experience has been that establishing reserves for casualty coverages relating to asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort (APMT) claim and claim adjustment expenses is subject to uncertainties that are greater than those presented by other claims. Estimating the ultimate cost of both reported and unreported APMT claims is subject to a higher degree of variability due to a number of additional factors, including among others:

- coverage issues, including whether certain costs are covered under the policies and whether policy limits apply;

- inconsistent court decisions and developing legal theories;
- increasingly aggressive tactics of plaintiffs' lawyers;
- the risks and lack of predictability inherent in major litigation;
- changes in the volume of asbestos and environmental pollution and mass tort claims which cannot now be anticipated;
- continued increase in mass tort claims relating to silica and silica-containing products;
- the impact of the exhaustion of primary limits and the resulting increase in claims on any umbrella or excess policies we have issued;
- the number and outcome of direct actions against us; and
- our ability to recover reinsurance for asbestos and environmental pollution and mass tort claims.

It is also not possible to predict changes in the legal and legislative environment and the impact on the future development of APMT claims. This development will be affected by future court decisions and interpretations, as well as changes in applicable legislation. It is difficult to predict the ultimate outcome of large coverage disputes until settlement negotiations near completion and significant legal questions are resolved or, failing settlement, until the dispute is adjudicated. This is particularly the case with policyholders in bankruptcy where negotiations often involve a large number of claimants and other parties and require court approval to be effective. A further uncertainty exists as to whether a national privately financed trust to replace litigation of asbestos claims with payments to claimants from the trust will be established and approved through federal legislation, and, if established and approved, whether it will contain funding requirements in excess of our carried loss reserves.

Traditional actuarial methods and techniques employed to estimate the ultimate cost of claims for more traditional property and casualty exposures are less precise in estimating claim and claim adjustment reserves for APMT, particularly in an environment of emerging or potential claims and coverage issues that arise from industry practices and legal, judicial and social conditions. Therefore, these traditional actuarial methods and techniques are necessarily supplemented with additional estimation techniques and methodologies, many of which involve significant judgments that are required of management. Due to the inherent uncertainties in estimating reserves for APMT claim and claim adjustment expenses and the degree of variability due to, among other things, the factors described above, we may be required to record material changes in our claim and claim adjustment expense reserves in the future, should new information become available or other developments emerge. See the Asbestos and Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort Reserves section of this MD&A and Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for additional information relating to APMT claims and reserves.

Our recorded reserves, including APMT reserves, reflect our best estimate as of a particular point in time based upon known facts, current law and our judgment. The reserve analyses performed by our actuaries result in point estimates. We use these point estimates as the primary factor in determining the carried reserve. The carried reserve may differ from the actuarial point estimate as the result of our consideration of the factors noted above including, but not limited to, the potential volatility of the projections associated with the specific product being analyzed and the effects of changes in claims handling, underwriting and other factors impacting claims costs that may not be quantifiable through actuarial analysis. For APMT reserves, the reserve analysis performed by our actuaries results in both a point estimate and a range. We use the point estimate as the primary factor in determining the carried reserve but also consider the range given the volatility of APMT exposures, as noted above.

For Standard Lines, the December 31, 2005 carried net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve is slightly higher than the actuarial point estimate. For Specialty Lines, the December 31, 2005 carried net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve is also slightly higher than the actuarial point estimate. For both Standard Lines and Specialty Lines, the difference is primarily due to the 2005 accident year. The data from the current accident year is very immature from a claim and claim adjustment expense point of view so it is prudent to wait until experience confirms that the loss ratios should be adjusted. For Corporate and Other Non-Core, the December 31, 2005 carried net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve is slightly higher than the actuarial point estimate. While the actuarial estimates for APMT exposures reflect current knowledge, we feel it is prudent, based on the history of developments in this area, to reflect some volatility in the carried reserve until the ultimate outcome of the issues associated with these exposures is clearer.

In light of the many uncertainties associated with establishing the estimates and making the assumptions necessary to establish reserve levels, we review our reserve estimates on a regular basis and make adjustments in the period

that the need for such adjustments is determined (see Net Prior Year Development above). These reviews have resulted in our identification of information and trends that have caused us to increase our reserves in prior periods and could lead to the identification of a need for additional material increases in claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations, equity, business and insurer financial strength and debt ratings (see the Ratings section of this MD&A).

The following table presents estimated volatility in carried claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for the Standard Lines, Specialty Lines and Corporate and Other Non-Core segments. In addition to the gross carried loss reserves presented below, Claim and Claim Adjustment Expenses as reflected on the Consolidated Balance Sheet include \$3,277 million at December 31, 2005, related to the Life and Group Non-Core segment.

**Estimated Volatility in Gross Carried Loss Reserves by Segment**

<b>December 31, 2005</b> (In millions)	<b>Gross Carried Loss Reserves</b>	<b>Estimated Volatility in Reserves</b>
Standard Lines	\$ 15,084	+/- 7%
Specialty Lines	5,205	+/- 7%
Corporate and Other Non-Core	7,372	+/- 25%

The estimated volatility noted above does not represent an actuarial range around our gross loss reserves, and it does not represent the range of all possible outcomes. The volatility represents an estimate of the inherent volatility associated with estimating loss reserves for the specific type of business written by each segment, and along with the associated reserve balances, allows for the quantification of potential earnings impacts in future reporting periods. The primary characteristics influencing the estimated level of volatility are the length of the claim settlement period, the potential for changes in medical and other claim costs, changes in the level of litigation or other dispute resolution processes, changes in the legal environment and the potential for different types of injuries emerging. Ceded reinsurance arrangements may reduce the volatility. Since ceded reinsurance arrangements vary by year, volatility in gross reserves may not result in comparable impacts to net income or stockholders' equity.

**Reinsurance**

We cede insurance to reinsurers to limit our maximum loss, provide greater diversification of risk, minimize exposures on larger risks and to exit certain lines of business. The ceding of insurance does not discharge our primary liabilities. Therefore, a credit exposure exists with respect to property and casualty and life reinsurance ceded to the extent that any reinsurer is unable to meet the obligations or to the extent that the reinsurer disputes the liabilities assumed under reinsurance agreements. Property and casualty reinsurance coverages are tailored to the specific risk characteristics of each product line and our retained amount varies by type of coverage. Reinsurance contracts are purchased to protect specific lines of business such as property, workers compensation and professional liability. Corporate catastrophe reinsurance is also purchased for property and workers compensation exposure. Most reinsurance contracts are purchased on an excess of loss basis. We also utilize facultative reinsurance in certain lines. In addition, we assume reinsurance as members of various reinsurance pools and associations.

The following table summarizes the amounts receivable from reinsurers at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

<b>Components of reinsurance receivables</b> (In millions)	<b><u>December 31, 2005</u></b>	<b><u>December 31, 2004</u></b>
Reinsurance receivables related to insurance reserves:		
Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense	\$ 10,605	\$ 13,879
Ceded future policy benefits	1,193	1,260
Ceded policyholders' funds	56	65
Billed reinsurance receivables	<u>582</u>	<u>684</u>
<b>Reinsurance receivables</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>15,888</b>
Allowance for uncollectible reinsurance	<u>(519)</u>	<u>(546)</u>
<b>Reinsurance receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible reinsurance</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,917</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,342</u></b>

We attempt to mitigate our credit risk related to reinsurance by entering into reinsurance arrangements with reinsurers that have credit ratings above certain levels and by obtaining substantial amounts of collateral. The primary methods of obtaining collateral are through reinsurance trusts, letters of credit and funds withheld balances. Such collateral was approximately \$4,277 million and \$6,231 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Additionally, we may enter into reinsurance agreements with reinsurers that are not rated.

During 2005, we sustained catastrophe losses related to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. We ceded \$429 million of these losses to our corporate catastrophe programs. This reinsurance protection cost us premiums of approximately \$64 million, which included reinstatement premiums of approximately \$27 million. The cost of our 2006 corporate catastrophe reinsurance programs will be approximately \$82 million before the impacts of any reinstatement premiums.

The terms of our 2006 programs are different than those of our 2005 programs. The Corporate Property Catastrophe treaty provides coverage for the accumulation of losses between \$200 million and \$700 million arising out of a single catastrophe occurrence in the United States, its territories and possessions, and Canada. Our co-participation is 25% of the first \$125 million layer and 10% in all remaining layers. Our Marine treaty provides \$65 million of protection above a \$20 million retention on the accumulation of losses arising out of a single catastrophe occurrence.

In addition to these reinsurance treaties, our exposure to aggregation of certain catastrophe events is further mitigated by an Aggregate Property Catastrophe treaty. The Aggregate Property Catastrophe treaty covers 95% of \$150 million of losses above a retention of \$125 million from named earthquake or wind storm catastrophes in the United States, its territories and possessions, and Canada, which exceed \$35 million. For any single event, the maximum that can be applied to our retention or recovered under the treaty is \$75 million.

Our overall ceded reinsurance program includes certain finite property and casualty contracts that are entered into and accounted for on a funds withheld basis. Under the funds withheld basis, we record the cash remitted to the reinsurer for the reinsurer's margin, or cost of the reinsurance contract, as ceded premiums. The remainder of the premiums ceded under the reinsurance contract not remitted in cash is recorded as funds withheld liabilities. We are required to increase the funds withheld balance at stated interest crediting rates applied to the funds withheld balance or as otherwise specified under the terms of the contract. The funds withheld liability is reduced by any cumulative claim payments made by us in excess of our retention under the reinsurance contract. If the funds withheld liability is exhausted, interest crediting will cease and additional claim payments are recoverable from the reinsurer. The significant commuted contracts resulted in an unfavorable impact of \$259 million after-tax in 2005, a favorable impact of \$18 million after-tax in 2004 and an unfavorable impact of \$71 million after-tax in 2003. During 2005, we commuted several of these contracts and as a result, there will be no further interest crediting on these contracts in future periods. The after-tax interest crediting charges related to these significant commuted contracts was \$47 million, \$86 million and \$152 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, and was reflected as a component of net investment income in our consolidated statements of operations.

In certain circumstances, including significant deterioration of a reinsurer's financial strength ratings, we may engage in commutation discussions with individual reinsurers. The outcome of such discussions may result in a lump sum settlement that is less than the recorded receivable, net of any applicable allowance for doubtful accounts. Losses arising from commutations could have an adverse material impact on our results of operations or equity.



Further information on our reinsurance program is included in Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### **Terrorism Insurance**

CNA and the insurance industry incurred substantial losses related to the 2001 World Trade Center event. For the most part, the industry was able to absorb the loss of capital from this event, but the capacity to withstand the effect of any additional terrorism events was significantly diminished.

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) established a program within the Department of the Treasury under which insurers are required to offer terrorism insurance and the federal government will share the risk of loss by commercial property and casualty insurers arising from future terrorist attacks. Although TRIA expired on December 31, 2005, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 (TRIEA) extended this program through December 31, 2007. Each participating insurance company must pay a deductible, ranging from 17.5% of direct earned premiums from covered commercial insurance lines in 2006 to 20% in 2007, before federal government assistance becomes available. For losses in excess of a company's deductible, the federal government will cover 90% of the excess losses in 2006 and 85% of the excess covered losses in 2007, while companies will retain the remaining 10% in 2006 and the remaining 15% in 2007. Federal reimbursement is available for a certified act of terrorism after March 31, 2006 only if the aggregate industry insured losses resulting from such act exceed \$50 million in 2006 or \$100 million in 2007. Losses covered by the program will be capped annually at \$100 billion; above this amount, insurers are not liable for covered losses and Congress is to determine the procedures for and the source of any payments. Amounts paid by the federal government under the program over certain phased limits are to be recouped by the Department of the Treasury through policy surcharges which cannot exceed 3% of annual premium.

The program does not cover life or health insurance products or certain lines of property and casualty insurance such as commercial automobile, surety and professional liability (other than directors and officers liability insurance). The program also does not generally affect state law limitations applying to premiums and policies for terrorism coverage.

While TRIEA provides the property and casualty industry with an increased ability to withstand the effect of a terrorist event through 2007, given the unpredictability of the nature, targets, severity or frequency of potential terrorist events, our results of operations or equity could nevertheless be materially adversely impacted by them. We are attempting to mitigate this exposure through our underwriting practices, as well as policy terms and conditions (where applicable). Under the laws of certain states, we are generally prohibited from excluding terrorism exposure from our primary workers compensation policies. Further, in those states that mandate property insurance coverage of damage from fire following a loss, we are prohibited from excluding terrorism exposure.

Terrorism-related reinsurance losses are also not covered by TRIEA. As a result, our assumed reinsurance arrangements either exclude terrorism coverage or significantly limit the level of coverage.

Over the past several years, we have been underwriting our business to manage our terrorism exposure through strict underwriting standards, risk avoidance measures and conditional terrorism exclusions where permitted by law. There is substantial uncertainty as to our ability to effectively contain our terrorism exposure since, notwithstanding our efforts described above, we continue to issue forms of coverage, in particular, workers' compensation, that are exposed to risk of loss from a terrorism event.

### **Restructuring**

In 2001, we finalized and approved a plan to restructure the property and casualty segments and Life and Group Non-Core segment, discontinue the variable life and annuity business and consolidate certain real estate locations. The remaining accrual related to this plan was \$13 million at December 31, 2005. Approximately \$2 million of the remaining accrual, primarily related to lease termination costs, is expected to be paid in 2006.

Further information on the restructuring plan is included in Note O of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

## **Segment Results**

The following discusses the results of operations for our operating segments. Management utilizes the net operating income financial measure to monitor our operations. Net operating income is calculated by excluding from net income the after-tax effects of 1) net realized investment gains or losses, 2) gains or losses from discontinued operations and 3) cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles. See further discussion regarding how we manage our business in Note N of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8. In evaluating the results of the Standard Lines and Specialty Lines, we utilize the combined ratio, the loss ratio, the expense ratio and the dividend ratio. These ratios are calculated using GAAP financial results. The loss ratio is the percentage of net incurred claim and claim adjustment expenses to net earned premiums. The expense ratio is the percentage of underwriting and acquisition expenses, including the amortization of deferred acquisition costs, to net earned premiums. The dividend ratio is the ratio of dividends incurred to net earned premiums. The combined ratio is the sum of the loss, expense and dividend ratios.

### ***STANDARD LINES***

#### **Business Overview**

Standard Lines works with an independent agency distribution system and network of brokers to market a broad range of property and casualty insurance products and services to small, middle-market and large businesses. The Standard Lines operating model focuses on underwriting performance, relationships with selected distribution sources and understanding customer needs.

Standard Lines includes Property, Casualty and CNA Global.

**Property** provides standard and excess property coverage, as well as boiler and machinery to a wide range of businesses.

**Casualty** provides standard casualty insurance products such as workers compensation, general and product liability and commercial auto coverage through traditional products to a wide range of businesses. The majority of Casualty customers are small and middle-market businesses, with less than \$1 million in annual insurance premiums. Most insurance programs are provided on a guaranteed cost basis; however, Casualty has the capability to offer specialized, loss-sensitive insurance programs to those customers viewed as higher risk and less predictable in exposure.

Excess & Surplus (E&S) is included in Casualty. E&S provides specialized insurance and other financial products for selected commercial risks on both an individual customer and program basis. Customers insured by E&S are generally viewed as higher risk and less predictable in exposure than those covered by standard insurance markets. E&S's products are distributed throughout the United States through specialist producers, program agents and Property and Casualty's agents and brokers. E&S has specialized underwriting and claim resources in Chicago, Denver and Columbus.

**Property and Casualty's (P&C)** field structure consists of 34 branch locations across the country organized into 4 regions. Each branch provides the marketing, underwriting and risk control expertise on the entire portfolio of products. The Centralized Processing Operation for small and middle-market customers, located in Maitland, Florida, handles policy processing and accounting, and also acts as a call center to optimize customer service. The claims field structure consists of 23 locations organized into two zones, East and West. Also, Standard Lines, primarily through a wholly owned subsidiary, ClaimsPlus, Inc., a third party administrator, provides total risk management services relating to claim and information services to the large commercial insurance marketplace.

**CNA Global** consists of Marine and Global Standard Lines.

Marine serves domestic and global ocean marine needs, with markets extending across North America, Europe and throughout the world. Marine offers hull, cargo, primary and excess marine liability, marine claims and recovery products and services. Business is sold through national brokers, regional marine specialty brokers and independent agencies.

Global Standard Lines is responsible for coordinating and managing the direct business of our overseas property and casualty operations. This business identifies and capitalizes on strategic indigenous opportunities and currently has operations in Hawaii, Europe, Latin America and Canada.

The following table details results of operations for Standard Lines.

#### Results of Operations

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net written premiums	\$ 4,382	\$ 4,582	\$ 4,563
Net earned premiums	4,410	4,917	4,532
Net investment income	767	496	408
Net operating income (loss)	(41)	220	(948)
Net realized investment gains	9	139	234
Net income (loss)	(32)	359	(714)
<b>Ratios</b>			
Loss and loss adjustment expense	87.5%	70.8%	98.0%
Expense	32.4	34.6	42.7
Dividend	0.4	0.2	2.2
<b>Combined</b>	<b>120.3%</b>	<b>105.6%</b>	<b>142.9%</b>

#### 2005 Compared with 2004

Net written premiums for Standard Lines decreased \$200 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease was primarily driven by decreased premium writings in our casualty lines of business, increased reinstatement premium in 2005 related to catastrophe losses and decreased rates as discussed further below. Net earned premiums decreased \$507 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease was primarily driven by the decline in premiums written. The lower premium is consistent with our strategy of portfolio optimization. Our priority is a diversified portfolio in profitable classes of business.

Standard Lines averaged a rate decrease of 1% for 2005 and a rate increase of 4% for 2004 for the contracts that renewed during those periods. Retention rates of 77% and 70% were achieved for those contracts that were up for renewal.

Net results decreased \$391 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease was attributable to declines in both net operating results and net realized investment gains. See the Investments section of the MD&A for further discussion on net realized investment gains.

Net operating results decreased \$261 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease was due primarily to increased unfavorable net prior year development of \$282 million after-tax including \$185 million after-tax related to significant commutations in 2005, a \$135 million after-tax increase in catastrophe losses, the decreased earned premium as discussed above and decreased current accident year results. These unfavorable items were partially offset by a \$271 million increase in net investment income and a decrease in the provision for insurance bad debt. See the Investments section of the MD&A for further discussion on net investment income.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$452 million was recorded in 2005, including \$559 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$107 million of favorable premium development. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$18 million, including \$115 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$97 million of favorable premium development, was recorded in 2004. Further information on Standard Lines Net Prior Year Development for 2005 and 2004 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

During 2005 and 2004, we commuted several significant reinsurance contracts that resulted in unfavorable development of \$285 million and \$5 million, which is included in the development above, and which were partially offset by the release of previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance. These commutations resulted in an unfavorable impact of \$173 million after-tax and favorable impact of \$4 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. These contracts contained interest crediting provisions. The interest charges associated with the reinsurance



contracts commuted was \$42 million after-tax and \$110 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. There will be no further interest crediting charges related to these commuted contracts in future periods.

The impact of catastrophes was \$318 million after-tax and \$183 million after-tax for 2005 and 2004. These catastrophe impacts are net of anticipated reinsurance recoveries, and include the effect of reinstatement premiums and estimated insurance assessments.

The combined ratio increased 14.7 points in 2005 as compared with 2004. The loss ratio increased 16.7 points in 2005 as compared with 2004. These increases were primarily due to increased net prior year development, increased catastrophe losses and decreased current accident year results. Catastrophe losses of \$470 million and \$260 million were recorded in 2005 and 2004.

The following table summarizes the gross and net carried reserves as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 for Standard Lines.

**Gross and Net Carried  
Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

<b>December 31,</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Gross Case Reserves	\$ 7,033	\$ 6,904
Gross IBNR Reserves	8,051	7,398
<b>Total Gross Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 15,084</b>	<b>\$ 14,302</b>
Net Case Reserves	\$ 5,165	\$ 4,761
Net IBNR Reserves	6,081	4,547
<b>Total Net Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 11,246</b>	<b>\$ 9,308</b>

The expense ratio decreased 2.2 points in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease in 2005 was primarily due to a decrease in the provision for insurance bad debt.

The dividend ratio increased 0.2 points in 2005 as compared with 2004. The 2004 ratio was impacted by favorable dividend development, partially offset by decreased participation in dividend plans and lower dividend amounts related to the current accident year.

**2004 Compared with 2003**

Net written premiums for Standard Lines increased \$19 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was primarily driven by decreased ceded premiums of \$270 million to corporate aggregate and other reinsurance treaties in 2004 as compared with 2003. The 2003 cessions were principally due to the unfavorable net prior year development recorded in 2003. This favorable impact was partially offset by lower new business due to increased competition, as well as intentional underwriting actions in business classified as high hazard. Specifically impacting retention was the impact of intentional underwriting actions, including reductions in certain silica-related risks and workers compensation policies classified as high hazard.

Standard Lines averaged rate increases of 4% and 16% for 2004 and 2003 for the contracts that renewed during those periods. Retention rates of 70% and 72% were achieved for those contracts that were up for renewal.

Net earned premiums increased \$385 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was primarily driven by decreased ceded premiums of \$270 million related to corporate aggregate and other reinsurance treaties.

Net results increased \$1,073 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was attributable to an increase in net operating income, partially offset by a decrease in net realized investment gains. See the Investments section of the MD&A for further discussion on net realized investment gains.

Net operating results increased \$1,168 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This improvement was due primarily to decreased unfavorable net prior year development of \$908 million after-tax, a decrease in the bad debt provision recorded for insurance receivables of \$57 million after-tax, a decrease in the bad debt provision for reinsurance receivables of \$48 million after-tax, decreased dividend development of \$45 million after-tax, a decrease in certain insurance related assessments of \$35 million after-tax and increased net investment income of \$57 million after-tax. The increased net investment income was primarily due to reduced interest charges of \$63 million after-tax related to the corporate aggregate and other reinsurance treaties. These favorable items were partially offset by increased catastrophe impacts. The impact of catastrophes was \$183 million after-tax and \$71 million after-tax for 2004 and 2003, as discussed below. These catastrophe impacts are net of anticipated reinsurance recoveries, and include the effect of reinstatement premiums and estimated insurance assessments. See the Investments section of the MD&A for further discussion on net investment income.

The combined ratio decreased 37.3 points in 2004 as compared with 2003. The loss ratio decreased 27.2 points in 2004 as compared with 2003. These improvements were primarily due to decreased net unfavorable prior year development of \$1,398 million and a decrease in the bad debt provision recorded for reinsurance receivables of \$74 million. These favorable impacts on the 2004 loss ratio were partially offset by increased catastrophe losses. Catastrophe losses of \$260 million and \$110 million were recorded in 2004 and 2003. The increased 2004 catastrophe losses were primarily due to a \$235 million loss resulting from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$18 million was recorded in 2004, including \$115 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$97 million of favorable premium development. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$1,416 million, including \$938 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$478 million of unfavorable premium development, was recorded in 2003. Further information on Standard Lines Net Prior Year Development for 2004 and 2003 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

The expense ratio decreased 8.1 points in 2004 as compared with 2003. This decrease in 2004 was primarily due to an increased net earned premium base, an \$88 million decrease in the provision for uncollectible insurance receivables, a \$54 million decrease in certain insurance related assessments and reduced expenses as a result of expense reduction initiatives as compared with the same period in 2003. Partially offsetting these favorable impacts was \$14 million of estimated underwriting assessments related to the 2004 Florida hurricanes.

During 2004, additional bad debt provisions for insurance receivables of \$150 million were recorded as compared to \$242 million recorded in 2003. The substantial bad debt provisions for insurance receivables in 2004 and 2003 were primarily related to Professional Employer Organization (PEO) accounts. During 2002, Standard Lines ceased writing coverages for PEO businesses, with the last contracts expiring on June 30, 2003. In the third quarter of 2003, we performed a review of PEO accounts to estimate ultimate losses and the indicated recoveries under retrospective premium or high-deductible provisions of the insurance contracts. Based on the 2003 analysis of the credit standing of the individual PEO accounts and the amount of collateral held, we recorded an increase in the bad debt provision. In the third quarter of 2004, the review of PEO accounts was updated and the population of accounts reviewed was expanded to include Temporary Help accounts as well. Payroll audits performed since the last study identified that the exposure base for many accounts was higher than expected. In addition, recovery estimates were updated based on current credit information on the insured. Based on the updated study, we recorded an estimated bad debt provision of \$95 million in the third quarter of 2004 for these accounts.

In 2004, the expense ratio was adversely impacted by an additional \$55 million bad debt provision for insurance receivables. The primary drivers of the provision were the completion of updated ultimate loss projections on all large account business where the insured is currently in bankruptcy and a comprehensive review of all billed balances that are past due.

The dividend ratio decreased 2.0 points in 2004 as compared with 2003 due to favorable net prior year dividend development of \$23 million in 2004, as compared to unfavorable net prior year dividend development of \$46 million in 2003, primarily related to workers compensation products. The favorable 2004 dividend development was related to a review that was completed in 2004 which indicated dividends were lower than prior expectations based on decreased usage of dividend programs.

## ***SPECIALTY LINES***

### **Business Overview**

Specialty Lines provides professional, financial and specialty property and casualty products and services through a network of brokers, managing general underwriters and independent agencies. Specialty Lines provides solutions for managing the risks of its clients, including architects, engineers, lawyers, healthcare professionals, financial intermediaries and corporate directors and officers. Product offerings also include surety and fidelity bonds and vehicle and equipment warranty services.

Specialty Lines includes the following business groups: Professional Liability Insurance, Surety and Warranty.

**Professional Liability Insurance** (CNA Pro) provides management and professional liability insurance and risk management services, primarily in the United States. This unit provides professional liability coverages to various professional firms, including architects and engineers, realtors, non-Big Four accounting firms, law firms and technology firms. CNA Pro also has market positions in directors and officers (D&O), errors and omissions, employment practices, fiduciary and fidelity coverages. Specific areas of focus include larger firms as well as privately held firms and not-for-profit organizations where we offer tailored products for this client segment. Products within CNA Pro are distributed through brokers, agents and managing general underwriters.

CNA Pro, through CNA HealthPro, also offers insurance products to serve the healthcare delivery system. Products are distributed on a national basis through a variety of channels including brokers, agents and managing general underwriters. Key customer segments include long term care facilities, allied healthcare providers, life sciences, dental professionals and mid-size and large healthcare facilities and delivery systems.

**Surety** consists primarily of CNA Surety and its insurance subsidiaries and offers small, medium and large contract and commercial surety bonds. CNA Surety provides surety and fidelity bonds in all 50 states through a combined network of independent agencies. CNA owns approximately 63% of CNA Surety.

**Warranty** provides vehicle warranty service contracts that protect individuals and businesses from the financial burden associated with breakdown, under-performance or maintenance of a product.

The following table details results of operations for Specialty Lines.

### Results of Operations

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net written premiums	\$ 2,463	\$ 2,391	\$ 2,038
Net earned premiums	2,475	2,277	1,840
Net investment income	281	246	201
Net operating income (loss)	336	324	(34)
Net realized investment gains	12	54	74
Net income	348	378	40
<b>Ratios</b>			
Loss and loss adjustment expense	65.3%	63.3%	89.6%
Expense	26.1	26.1	27.6
Dividend	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Combined</b>	<b>91.6%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>117.4%</b>

### 2005 Compared with 2004

Net written premiums for Specialty Lines increased \$72 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This increase was primarily due to improved production, primarily driven by improved retention across most professional liability insurance lines of business. These favorable impacts were partially offset by increased ceded premiums for certain professional liability lines of business and decreased premiums for the warranty business. Due to a change in the warranty product offering, fees related to the new warranty product are included within other revenues. Written premiums for the warranty line of business decreased \$70 million in 2005 as compared to 2004. Net earned premiums increased \$198 million in 2005 as compared with 2004, which reflects the increased premium written trend over the past several quarters in Specialty Lines.

Specialty Lines averaged rate increases of 1% and 9% in 2005 and 2004 for the contracts that renewed during those periods. Retention rates of 86% and 83% were achieved for those contracts that were up for renewal.

Net income decreased \$30 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This decrease was due primarily to a \$42 million decrease in net realized investment gains partially offset by increased net operating income. See the Investments section of this MD&A for further discussion on net investment income and net realized investment gains.

Net operating income increased \$12 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in net investment income and increased earned premiums. These increases to operating income were partially offset by decreased current accident year results. Additionally, 2004 results were favorably impacted by the release of a previously established reinsurance bad debt allowance as the result of a significant commutation. Catastrophe impacts were \$16 million after-tax and \$11 million after-tax for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

The combined ratio increased 2.0 points in 2005 as compared with 2004. The loss ratio increased 2.0 points. The 2004 loss ratio was favorably impacted by the release of reinsurance bad debt reserve as discussed above. Additionally, the 2005 loss ratio was unfavorably impacted by increased current year accident losses. This was driven by increased surety losses of \$110 million related to a national contractor, before the impacts of minority interest, as discussed in further detail in Note S of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8, partially offset by improved current accident year loss ratios in several professional liability lines of business.

Unfavorable net prior year development was \$54 million, including \$47 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense and \$7 million of unfavorable premium development, in 2005. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$30 million, including \$58 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$28 million of favorable premium development, was recorded for the same period in 2004. Further information on Specialty Lines Net Prior Year Development for 2005 and 2004 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

The following table summarizes the gross and net carried reserves as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 for Specialty Lines.

**Gross and Net Carried  
Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

<b>December 31,</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Gross Case Reserves	\$ 1,907	\$ 1,659
Gross IBNR Reserves	3,298	3,201
<b>Total Gross Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 5,205</b>	<b>\$ 4,860</b>
Net Case Reserves	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,191
Net IBNR Reserves	2,352	2,042
<b>Total Net Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 3,794</b>	<b>\$ 3,233</b>

The expense ratio was the same in 2005 as compared with 2004. The 2005 ratio was impacted by a change in estimate related to profit commissions in the warranty line of business, which was offset by the impact of the increased earned premium base.

**2004 Compared with 2003**

Net written premiums for Specialty Lines increased \$353 million and net earned premiums increased \$437 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was primarily due to rate increases and improved retention, principally in Professional Liability Insurance, and decreased premiums ceded to corporate aggregate and other reinsurance treaties of \$26 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The 2003 ceded premiums were principally driven by the unfavorable net prior year reserve development in 2003.

Specialty Lines averaged rate increases of 9% and 29% in 2004 and 2003 for the contracts that renewed during those periods. Retention rates of 83% and 81% were achieved for those contracts that were up for renewal.

Net income increased \$338 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was due primarily to increased net operating income, partially offset by a decrease in realized investment gains. See the Investments section of this MD&A for further discussion on net realized investment gains.

Net operating results improved \$358 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. This improvement was due primarily to decreased unfavorable net prior year development of \$171 million after-tax, a decrease in the bad debt provision for reinsurance receivables of \$78 million after-tax, a decrease in certain insurance related assessments of \$8 million after-tax and increased net investment income. These improvements were partially offset by increased catastrophe losses in 2004. The impact of catastrophes was \$11 million after-tax and \$3 million after-tax in 2004 and 2003, as discussed below. See the Investments section of this MD&A for further discussion on net investment income.

The combined ratio decreased 27.8 points in 2004 as compared with 2003. The loss ratio decreased 26.3 points due principally to decreased unfavorable net prior year development of \$264 million, a \$120 million decrease in bad debt reserves for uncollectible reinsurance and an improvement in the current net accident year loss ratio. These favorable impacts to the loss ratio were partially offset by increased catastrophe losses. Catastrophe losses of \$15 million and \$4 million were recorded in 2004 and 2003. The increased catastrophe losses in 2004 were due to \$12 million of losses resulting from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

Unfavorable net prior year development was \$30 million, including \$58 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense and \$28 million of favorable premium development, in 2004. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$294 million, including \$257 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$37 million of unfavorable premium development, was recorded for the same period in 2003.

Further information on Specialty Lines Net Prior Year Development for 2004 and 2003 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

The expense ratio decreased 1.5 points primarily due to the increased earned premium base and a decrease of \$12 million in certain insurance related assessments recorded in 2003. Additionally, the expense ratio was favorably impacted by decreased underwriting expenses due to our expense initiatives.

## ***LIFE AND GROUP NON-CORE***

### **Business Overview**

The Life and Group Non-Core segment primarily includes the results of the life and group lines of business that have either been sold or placed in run-off. We sold our group benefits business on December 31, 2003, our individual life business on April 30, 2004, our CNA Trust business on August 1, 2004 and our specialty medical business on January 6, 2005. The segment includes operating results for these businesses in periods prior to the sales, the realized gain/loss from the sales and the effects of the shared corporate overhead expenses which continue to be allocated to the sold businesses. We continue to service our existing individual long term care commitments, our payout annuity business and our pension deposit business. We also manage a block of group reinsurance and life settlement contracts. These businesses are being managed as a run-off operation. Our group long term care and Index 500 products, while considered non-core, continue to be actively marketed.

The following table summarizes the results of operations for Life and Group Non-Core.

### **Results of Operations**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net earned premiums	\$ 704	\$ 921	\$ 2,376
Net investment income	593	692	821
Net operating income (loss)	(51)	(29)	113
Net realized investment losses	(19)	(385)	(108)
Net income (loss)	(70)	(414)	5

### **2005 Compared with 2004**

Net earned premiums for Life and Group Non-Core decreased \$217 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. The premiums in 2004 include \$115 million from the individual life business and \$165 million from the specialty medical business. The 2005 net earned premiums are primarily from the group and individual long term care business.

Net results improved by \$344 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. The improvement in net results related primarily to a \$389 million after-tax realized loss on the sale of the individual life business in 2004. Also contributing to the improvement in net results is the reduction in 2005 of significant 2004 items related to the IGI Program as discussed below. Additionally, 2005 results included \$13 million after-tax income related to a service agreement with a purchaser for sold businesses. These agreements have expired. These results were partially offset by a decline in net investment income of \$99 million. This included a decrease of approximately \$64 million from the trading portfolio which was largely net income neutral due to a corresponding decrease in the policyholders' funds reserves supported by the trading portfolio. In addition, it included the absence of favorable results from the sold insurance operations as discussed below. Also unfavorably impacting the 2005 results was a \$17 million after-tax provision increase for estimated indemnification liabilities related to the sold individual life business and unfavorable results related to the long term care business. See the Investments section of this MD&A for additional information on net investment income and net realized investment results.

### **2004 Compared with 2003**

Net earned premiums for Life and Group Non-Core decreased \$1,455 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The decrease in net earned premiums was due primarily to the absence of premiums from the group benefits business and reduced premiums for the individual life business. Net earned premiums for the sold life and group businesses



were \$115 million and \$1,459 million for 2004 and 2003. Net earned premiums also decreased in most of the remaining lines of business which are in runoff, and this decline is expected to continue in the future. Partially offsetting this decrease was an increase in net earned premiums in the specialty medical business, which continued to issue new policies prior to its sale in January 2005.

Net results decreased by \$419 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The decrease in net results related primarily to net realized investment losses, including the realized loss of approximately \$389 million after-tax from the sale of the individual life business and reduced results from the group benefits and individual life businesses. Net realized investment losses in 2003 include a loss recorded on the sale of the Group Benefits business of \$130 million after-tax. Net results for the sold life and group businesses were losses of \$427 million and \$36 million, including the loss on sales and the effects of shared corporate overhead expenses, in 2004 and 2003. In addition, results for life settlement contracts declined in 2004. These items were partially offset by reduced increases in individual long term care reserves of \$21 million after-tax in 2004 as compared with 2003. Also included in the net results of 2004 and 2003 were the adverse impacts of \$26 million after-tax and \$33 million after-tax related to certain accident and health exposures (IGI Program) and our past participation in accident and health reinsurance programs.

## ***CORPORATE AND OTHER NON-CORE***

### **Overview**

Corporate and Other Non-Core includes the results of certain property and casualty lines of business placed in run-off. CNA Re, formerly a separate property and casualty operating segment, is currently in run-off and is included in the Corporate and Other Non-Core segment. This segment also includes the results related to the centralized adjusting and settlement of APMT claims, as well as the results of our participation in voluntary insurance pools and various other non-insurance operations. Other operations also include interest expense on corporate borrowings and intercompany eliminations.

The following table summarizes the results of operations for the Corporate and Other Non-Core segment, including APMT and intrasegment eliminations.

### **Results of Operations**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net investment income	\$ 251	\$ 246	\$ 226
Revenues	311	358	737
Net operating income (loss)	9	84	(835)
Net realized investment gains (losses)	(12)	39	85
Net income (loss)	(3)	123	(750)

### **2005 Compared with 2004**

Revenues decreased \$47 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. The decrease in revenues was due primarily to reduced net earned premiums in CNA Re of \$134 million due to the exit from the assumed reinsurance business in 2003 and decreased net realized investment results. Partially offsetting these decreases was \$121 million of interest related to a federal income tax settlement. See Note E to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further information.

As previously disclosed, we sold our personal insurance business to The Allstate Corporation (Allstate) in 1999. Under the revised terms of this transaction, Allstate purchased an option exercisable during 2005 to purchase 100% of the common stock of five of our insurance subsidiaries at the fair market value as of the exercise date. Royalty fees earned for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 for personal insurance policies 100% reinsured with Allstate were approximately \$22 million and \$29 million. The royalty fee arrangement terminated on September 30, 2005. Additionally, Allstate exercised its option and purchased the five subsidiaries during the fourth quarter of 2005. This transaction resulted in a realized gain of \$8 million. See Note P of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further information regarding this transaction.

Net results decreased \$126 million in 2005 as compared with 2004. The decrease in net results was due primarily to a \$139 million after-tax increase in unfavorable net prior year development related primarily to commutations and reserve strengthening, a \$51 million decrease in net realized investment results and a decrease in the provision recorded for uncollectible reinsurance. Net realized investment results for the year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 included a \$22 million after-tax and \$36 million after-tax impairment related to a national contractor. See Note S to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for additional information regarding the national contractor. Partially offsetting these decreases was a \$115 million after-tax increase in net income related to a federal income tax settlement and release of federal income tax reserves.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$306 million was recorded during 2005, including \$291 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$15 million of unfavorable premium development. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$93 million was recorded in 2004, including \$84 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$9 million of unfavorable premium development. Further information on Corporate and Other Non-Core's Net Prior Year Development for 2005 and 2004 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

During 2005 and 2004, we commuted several significant reinsurance contracts that resulted in unfavorable development of \$118 million and \$39 million, which is included in the development above, and which was partially offset by the release in 2004 of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance. These commutations resulted in unfavorable impacts of \$71 million after-tax and \$5 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. These contracts contained interest crediting provisions and maintenance charges. Interest charges associated with the reinsurance contracts commuted were \$13 million after-tax and \$11 million after-tax in 2005 and 2004. There will be no further interest crediting charges or other charges related to these commuted contracts in future periods.

The following table summarizes the gross and net carried reserves as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 for Corporate and Other Non-Core.

**Gross and Net Carried  
Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

<b>December 31,</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Gross Case Reserves	\$ 3,297	\$ 3,806
Gross IBNR Reserves	4,075	4,875
<b>Total Gross Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 7,372</b>	<b>\$ 8,681</b>
Net Case Reserves	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,588
Net IBNR Reserves	1,902	1,691
<b>Total Net Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 3,456</b>	<b>\$ 3,279</b>

**2004 Compared with 2003**

Revenues decreased \$379 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The decrease in revenues was due primarily to reduced net earned premiums in CNA Re due to the exit of the assumed reinsurance market in October of 2003 and decreased realized investment gains of \$62 million pretax. CNA Re had earned premiums of \$125 million and \$536 million in 2004 and 2003. See the Investments section of this MD&A for additional information on net realized investment gains (losses) and net investment income.

Net income increased \$873 million in 2004 as compared with 2003. The increase in net income was due primarily to a \$632 million after-tax decrease in unfavorable net prior year development, a \$168 million after-tax decrease in the provision for uncollectible reinsurance receivables, the absence in 2004 of a \$44 million after-tax increase in unallocated loss adjustment expense (ULAE) reserves recorded in 2003 and a \$16 million after-tax decrease in



certain insurance related assessments. Additionally, the net results were favorably impacted by \$14 million after-tax of non-recurring income related to a release of purchase accounting reserves related to real estate leases assumed in connection with the 1995 acquisition of Continental.

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$93 million was recorded during 2004, including \$84 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$9 million of unfavorable premium development. Unfavorable net prior year development of \$1,065 million was recorded in 2003, including \$1,039 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$26 million of unfavorable premium development. Further information on Corporate and Other Non-Core's Net Prior Year Development for 2004 and 2003 is included in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

Many ceding companies have sought provisions for the collateralization of assumed reserves in the event of a financial strength ratings downgrade or other triggers. Before exiting the reinsurance market, CNA Re had been impacted by this trend and had entered into several contracts with rating or other triggers. See the Ratings section of this MD&A for more information.

### **APMT Reserves**

Our property and casualty insurance subsidiaries have actual and potential exposures related to asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort (APMT) claims.

Establishing reserves for APMT claim and claim adjustment expenses is subject to uncertainties that are greater than those presented by other claims. Traditional actuarial methods and techniques employed to estimate the ultimate cost of claims for more traditional property and casualty exposures are less precise in estimating claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for APMT, particularly in an environment of emerging or potential claims and coverage issues that arise from industry practices and legal, judicial, and social conditions. Therefore, these traditional actuarial methods and techniques are necessarily supplemented with additional estimating techniques and methodologies, many of which involve significant judgments that are required of management. Accordingly, a high degree of uncertainty remains for our ultimate liability for APMT claim and claim adjustment expenses.

In addition to the difficulties described above, estimating the ultimate cost of both reported and unreported APMT claims is subject to a higher degree of variability due to a number of additional factors, including among others: the number and outcome of direct actions against us; coverage issues, including whether certain costs are covered under the policies and whether policy limits apply; allocation of liability among numerous parties, some of whom may be in bankruptcy proceedings, and in particular the application of "joint and several" liability to specific insurers on a risk; inconsistent court decisions and developing legal theories; increasingly aggressive tactics of plaintiffs' lawyers; the risks and lack of predictability inherent in major litigation; increased filings of claims in certain states; enactment of national federal legislation to address asbestos claims; a further increase in asbestos and environmental pollution claims which cannot now be anticipated; liability against our policyholders in environmental matters; broadened scope of clean-up resulting in increased liability to our policyholders; increase in number of mass tort claims relating to silica and silica-containing products, and the outcome of ongoing disputes as to coverage in relation to these claims; a further increase of claims and claims payment that may exhaust underlying umbrella and excess coverage at accelerated rates; and future developments pertaining to our ability to recover reinsurance for asbestos, pollution and mass tort claims.

Due to the inherent uncertainties in estimating claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for APMT and due to the significant uncertainties described related to APMT claims, our ultimate liability for these cases, both individually and in aggregate, may exceed the recorded reserves. Any such potential additional liability, or any range of potential additional amounts, cannot be reasonably estimated currently, but could be material to our business, results of operations, equity, insurer financial strength and debt ratings. Due to, among other things, the factors described above, it may be necessary for us to record material changes in our APMT claim and claim adjustment expense reserves in the future, should new information become available or other developments emerge.

We have regularly performed ground up reviews of all open APMT claims to evaluate the adequacy of our APMT reserves. In performing our comprehensive ground up analysis, we consider input from our professionals with direct responsibility for the claims, inside and outside counsel with responsibility for our representation, and our actuarial staff. These professionals review, among many factors, the policyholder's present and predicted future exposures,

including such factors as claims volume, trial conditions, prior settlement history, settlement demands and defense costs; the impact of asbestos defendant bankruptcies on the policyholder; the policies we issued, including such factors as aggregate or per occurrence limits, whether the policy is primary, umbrella or excess, and the existence of policyholder retentions and/or deductibles; the existence of other insurance; and reinsurance arrangements.

The following table provides data related to our APMT claim and claim adjustment expense reserves.

#### APMT Reserves

	December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Asbestos	Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort	Asbestos	Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort
(In millions)				
Gross reserves	\$ 2,992	\$ 680	\$ 3,218	\$ 755
Ceded reserves	(1,438)	(257)	(1,532)	(258)
<b>Net reserves</b>	<b>\$ 1,554</b>	<b>\$ 423</b>	<b>\$ 1,686</b>	<b>\$ 497</b>

#### Asbestos

In the past several years, we have experienced, at certain points in time, significant increases in claim counts for asbestos-related claims. The factors that led to these increases included, among other things, intensive advertising campaigns by lawyers for asbestos claimants, mass medical screening programs sponsored by plaintiff lawyers and the addition of new defendants such as the distributors and installers of products containing asbestos. During 2004 and 2005, the rate of new filings appears to have decreased from the filing rates seen in the past several years. Various challenges to mass screening claimants have been mounted. Nevertheless, we continue to experience an overall increase in total asbestos claim counts. The majority of asbestos bodily injury claims are filed by persons exhibiting few, if any, disease symptoms. Recent studies have concluded that the percentage of unimpaired claimants to total claimants ranges between 66% and up to 90%. Some courts, including the federal district court responsible for pre-trial proceedings in all federal asbestos bodily injury actions, have ordered that so-called “unimpaired” claimants may not recover unless at some point the claimant’s condition worsens to the point of impairment. Some plaintiffs classified as “unimpaired” have challenged those orders. Therefore, the ultimate impact of the orders on future asbestos claims remains uncertain.

Several factors are, in management’s view, negatively impacting asbestos claim trends. Plaintiff attorneys who previously sued entities who are now bankrupt are seeking other viable targets. As a result, companies with few or no previous asbestos claims are becoming targets in asbestos litigation and, although they may have little or no liability, nevertheless must be defended. Additionally, plaintiff attorneys and trustees for future claimants are demanding that policy limits be paid lump-sum into the bankruptcy asbestos trusts prior to presentation of valid claims and medical proof of these claims. Various challenges to these practices are currently in litigation and the ultimate impact or success of these tactics remains uncertain. Plaintiff attorneys and trustees for future claimants are also attempting to devise claims payment procedures for bankruptcy trusts that would allow asbestos claims to be paid under lax standards for injury, exposure and causation. This also presents the potential for exhausting policy limits in an accelerated fashion.

As a result of bankruptcies and insolvencies, management has observed an increase in the total number of policyholders with current asbestos claims as additional defendants are added to existing lawsuits and are named in new asbestos bodily injury lawsuits. New asbestos bodily injury claims also increased substantially in 2003, but the rate of increase has moderated in 2004 and 2005.

We have resolved a number of our large asbestos accounts by negotiating settlement agreements. Structured settlement agreements provide for payments over multiple years as set forth in each individual agreement. Payment obligations under those settlement agreements are projected to terminate by 2016.

In 1985, 47 asbestos producers and their insurers, including CIC, executed the Wellington Agreement. The agreement intended to resolve all issues and litigation related to coverage for asbestos exposures. Under this agreement, signatory insurers committed scheduled policy limits and made the limits available to pay asbestos

claims based upon coverage blocks designated by the policyholders in 1985, subject to extension by policyholders. CIC was a signatory insurer to the Wellington Agreement.

We have also used coverage in place agreements to resolve large asbestos exposures. Coverage in place agreements are typically agreements between us and our policyholders identifying the policies and the terms for payment of asbestos related liabilities. Claims payments are contingent on presentation of adequate documentation showing exposure during the policy periods and other documentation supporting the demand for claims payment. Coverage in place agreements may have annual payment caps. Coverage in place agreements are evaluated based on claims filings trends and severities.

We categorize active asbestos accounts as large or small accounts. We define a large account as an active account with more than \$100,000 of cumulative paid losses. We have made closing large accounts a significant management priority. Small accounts are defined as active accounts with \$100,000 or less of cumulative paid losses. Approximately 81% and 83% of our total active asbestos accounts are classified as small accounts at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. Small accounts are typically representative of policyholders with limited connection to asbestos.

We also evaluate our asbestos liabilities arising from our assumed reinsurance business and our participation in various pools, including Excess & Casualty Reinsurance Association (ECRA).

IBNR reserves relate to potential development on accounts that have not settled and potential future claims from unidentified policyholders.

The tables below depict our overall pending asbestos accounts and associated reserves at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

**Pending Asbestos Accounts and Associated Reserves**

**December 31, 2005**

	<b>Number of Policyholders</b>	<b>Net Paid Losses in 2005 (In millions)</b>	<b>Net Asbestos Reserves (In millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Asbestos Net Reserves</b>
Policyholders with settlement agreements				
Structured Settlements	13	\$ 30	\$ 167	11%
Wellington	4	2	15	1
Coverage in place	34	13	58	4
Fibreboard	1	-	54	3
Total with settlement agreements	52	45	294	19
Other policyholders with active accounts				
Large asbestos accounts	199	68	273	17
Small asbestos accounts	1,073	23	135	9
Total other policyholders	1,272	91	408	26
Assumed reinsurance and pools	-	6	143	9
Unassigned IBNR	-	-	709	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>\$ 142</b>	<b>\$ 1,554</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Pending Asbestos Accounts and Associated Reserves**

**December 31, 2004**

	<b>Number of Policyholders</b>	<b>Net Paid Losses in 2004 (In millions)</b>	<b>Net Asbestos Reserves (In millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Asbestos Net Reserves</b>
Policyholders with settlement agreements				
Structured Settlements	11	\$ 39	\$ 175	10%
Wellington	4	4	17	1
Coverage in place	33	14	76	5
Fibreboard	1	-	54	3
Total with settlement agreements	49	57	322	19
Other policyholders with active accounts				
Large asbestos accounts	180	47	368	22
Small asbestos accounts	1,109	23	141	8
Total other policyholders	1,289	70	509	30
Assumed reinsurance and pools	-	8	148	9
Unassigned IBNR	-	-	707	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>	<b>\$ 1,686</b>	<b>100%</b>

Some asbestos-related defendants have asserted that their insurance policies are not subject to aggregate limits on coverage. We have such claims from a number of insureds. Some of these claims involve insureds facing exhaustion of products liability aggregate limits in their policies, who have asserted that their asbestos-related claims fall within so-called “non-products” liability coverage contained within their policies rather than products liability coverage, and that the claimed “non-products” coverage is not subject to any aggregate limit. It is difficult to predict the ultimate size of any of the claims for coverage purportedly not subject to aggregate limits or predict to what

extent, if any, the attempts to assert “non-products” claims outside the products liability aggregate will succeed. Our policies also contain other limits applicable to these claims, and we have additional coverage defenses to certain claims. We have attempted to manage our asbestos exposure by aggressively seeking to settle claims on acceptable terms. There can be no assurance that any of these settlement efforts will be successful, or that any such claims can be settled on terms acceptable to us. Where we cannot settle a claim on acceptable terms, we aggressively litigate the claim. A recent court ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has supported certain of our positions with respect to coverage for “non-products” claims. However, adverse developments with respect to such matters could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and/or equity.

As a result of the uncertainties and complexities involved, reserves for asbestos claims cannot be estimated with traditional actuarial techniques that rely on historical accident year loss development factors. In establishing asbestos reserves, we evaluate the exposure presented by each insured. As part of this evaluation, we consider the available insurance coverage; limits and deductibles; the potential role of other insurance, particularly underlying coverage below any of our excess liability policies; and applicable coverage defenses, including asbestos exclusions. Estimation of asbestos-related claim and claim adjustment expense reserves involves a high degree of judgment on the part of management and consideration of many complex factors, including: inconsistency of court decisions, jury attitudes and future court decisions; specific policy provisions; allocation of liability among insurers and insureds; missing policies and proof of coverage; the proliferation of bankruptcy proceedings and attendant uncertainties; novel theories asserted by policyholders and their counsel; the targeting of a broader range of businesses and entities as defendants; the uncertainty as to which other insureds may be targeted in the future and the uncertainties inherent in predicting the number of future claims; volatility in claim numbers and settlement demands; increases in the number of non-impaired claimants and the extent to which they can be precluded from making claims; the efforts by insureds to obtain coverage not subject to aggregate limits; long latency period between asbestos exposure and disease manifestation and the resulting potential for involvement of multiple policy periods for individual claims; medical inflation trends; the mix of asbestos-related diseases presented and the ability to recover reinsurance.

We are also monitoring possible legislative reforms on the state and national level, including possible federal legislation to create a national privately financed trust financed by contributions from insurers such as us, industrial companies and others, which if established, could replace litigation of asbestos claims with payments to claimants from the trust. It is uncertain at the present time whether such legislation will be enacted or, if it is, its impact on us.

We are involved in significant asbestos-related claim litigation, which is described in Note F of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

### **Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort**

Environmental pollution cleanup is the subject of both federal and state regulation. By some estimates, there are thousands of potential waste sites subject to cleanup. The insurance industry is involved in extensive litigation regarding coverage issues. Judicial interpretations in many cases have expanded the scope of coverage and liability beyond the original intent of the policies. The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund) and comparable state statutes (mini-Superfunds) govern the cleanup and restoration of toxic waste sites and formalize the concept of legal liability for cleanup and restoration by “Potentially Responsible Parties” (PRPs). Superfund and the mini-Superfunds establish mechanisms to pay for cleanup of waste sites if PRPs fail to do so and assign liability to PRPs. The extent of liability to be allocated to a PRP is dependent upon a variety of factors. Further, the number of waste sites subject to cleanup is unknown. To date, approximately 1,500 cleanup sites have been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and included on its National Priorities List (NPL). State authorities have designated many cleanup sites as well.

A number of proposals to modify Superfund have been made by various parties. However, no modifications were enacted by Congress during 2005, and it is unclear what positions Congress or the Administration will take and what legislation, if any, will result in the future. If there is legislation, and in some circumstances even if there is no legislation, the federal role in environmental cleanup may be significantly reduced in favor of state action. Substantial changes in the federal statute or the activity of the EPA may cause states to reconsider their environmental cleanup statutes and regulations. There can be no meaningful prediction of the pattern of regulation that would result or the possible effect upon our results of operations or equity.

Many policyholders have made claims against us for defense costs and indemnification in connection with environmental pollution matters. The vast majority of these claims relate to accident years 1989 and prior, which

coincides with our adoption of the Simplified Commercial General Liability coverage form, which includes what is referred to in the industry as absolute pollution exclusion. We and the insurance industry are disputing coverage for many such claims. Key coverage issues include whether cleanup costs are considered damages under the policies, trigger of coverage, allocation of liability among triggered policies, applicability of pollution exclusions and owned property exclusions, the potential for joint and several liability and the definition of an occurrence. To date, courts have been inconsistent in their rulings on these issues. We noted adverse development in various pollution accounts in our most recent ground up review. In the course of our review, we did not observe a negative trend or deterioration in the underlying pollution claims environment. Rather, individual account estimates changed due to changes in liability and/or coverage circumstances particular to those accounts. As a result, we increased pollution reserves by \$50 million in 2005. We have made resolution of large environmental pollution exposures a management priority. We have resolved a number of our large environmental accounts by negotiating settlement agreements. In our settlements, we sought to resolve those exposures and obtain the broadest release language to avoid future claims from the same policyholders seeking coverage for sites or claims that had not emerged at the time we settled with our policyholder. While the terms of each settlement agreement vary, we sought to obtain broad environmental releases that include known and unknown sites, claims and policies. The broad scope of the release provisions contained in those settlement agreements should, in many cases, prevent future exposure from settled policyholders. It remains uncertain, however, whether a court interpreting the language of the settlement agreements will adhere to the intent of the parties and uphold the broad scope of language of the agreements.

We classify our environmental pollution accounts into several categories, which include structured settlements, coverage in place agreements and active accounts. Structured settlement agreements provide for payments over multiple years as set forth in each individual agreement.

We have also used coverage in place agreements to resolve pollution exposures. Coverage in place agreements are typically agreements between us and our policyholders identifying the policies and the terms for payment of pollution related liabilities. Claims payments are contingent on presentation of adequate documentation of damages during the policy periods and other documentation supporting the demand for claims payment. Coverage in place agreements may have annual payment caps.

We categorize active accounts as large or small accounts in the pollution area. We define a large account as an active account with more than \$100,000 cumulative paid losses. We have made closing large accounts a significant management priority. Small accounts are defined as active accounts with \$100,000 or less cumulative paid losses.

We also evaluate our environmental pollution exposures arising from our assumed reinsurance and our participation in various pools, including ECRA.

We carry unassigned IBNR reserves for environmental pollution. These reserves relate to potential development on accounts that have not settled and potential future claims from unidentified policyholders.

The charts below depict our overall pending environmental pollution accounts and associated reserves at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

**At December 31, 2005**

	<b>Number of Policyholders</b>	<b>Net Paid Losses in 2005 (In millions)</b>	<b>Net Environmental Pollution Reserves (In millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Environmental Pollution Net Reserve</b>
Policyholders with Settlement Agreements				
Structured settlements	6	\$ 10	\$ 17	5%
Coverage in place	16	10	23	7
Total with Settlement Agreements	22	20	40	12
Other Policyholders with Active Accounts				
Large pollution accounts	120	18	63	19
Small pollution accounts	362	15	50	15
Total Other Policyholders	482	33	113	34
Assumed Reinsurance & Pools	-	3	33	10
Unassigned IBNR	-	-	150	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>\$ 56</b>	<b>\$ 336</b>	<b>100%</b>

At December 31, 2004

	Number of Policyholders	Net Paid Losses in 2004 (In millions)	Net Environmental Pollution Reserves (In millions)	Percent of Environmental Pollution Net Reserve
Policyholders with Settlement Agreements				
Structured settlements	2	\$ 14	\$ 5	1%
Coverage in place	15	5	16	5
Total with Settlement Agreements	17	19	21	6
Other Policyholders with Active Accounts				
Large pollution accounts	134	18	75	22
Small pollution accounts	405	14	47	14
Total Other Policyholders	539	32	122	36
Assumed Reinsurance & Pools	-	2	36	10
Unassigned IBNR	-	-	163	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>\$ 53</b>	<b>\$ 342</b>	<b>100%</b>

In 2003, we observed a marked increase in silica claims frequency in Mississippi, where plaintiff attorneys appear to have filed claims to avoid the effect of tort reform. Since 2003, silica claims frequency in Mississippi has moderated notably due to implementation of tort reform measures and favorable court decisions. To date, the most significant silica exposures identified included a relatively small number of accounts with significant numbers of new claims reported in 2003 and that continued at a far lesser rate in 2004 and 2005. Establishing claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for silica claims is subject to uncertainties because of disputes concerning medical causation with respect to certain diseases, including lung cancer, geographical concentration of the lawsuits asserting the claims, and the large rise in the total number of claims without underlying epidemiological developments suggesting an increase in disease rates. Moreover, judicial interpretations regarding application of various tort defenses, including application of various theories of joint and several liabilities, impede our ability to estimate the ultimate liability for such claims.

## INVESTMENTS

The significant components of net investment income are presented in the following table.

### Net Investment Income

Years ended December 31 (In millions)	2005	2004	2003
Fixed maturity securities	\$ 1,608	\$ 1,571	\$ 1,651
Short term investments	147	56	63
Limited partnerships	254	212	221
Equity securities	25	14	19
Income from trading portfolio (a)	47	110	-
Interest on funds withheld and other deposits	(166)	(261)	(335)
Other	20	18	85
Gross investment income	1,935	1,720	1,704
Investment expense	(43)	(40)	(48)
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>\$ 1,892</b>	<b>\$ 1,680</b>	<b>\$ 1,656</b>

- (a) The change in net unrealized gains (losses) on trading securities, included in net investment income, was \$(7) million and \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Net investment income increased in 2005 as compared with 2004. This increase was due to the reduced interest expense on funds withheld and other deposits and improved results across all other available-for-sale asset classes, especially short-term investments which reflect the improved period over period yields. This improvement was



partly offset by decreases in investment income from the trading portfolio. During 2005, we commuted several significant reinsurance contracts which contained interest crediting provisions and as a result, there will be no further interest expense on funds withheld on the commuted contracts in future periods. The pre-tax interest expense on funds withheld related to these significant commuted contracts was \$72 million, \$132 million and \$235 million in 2005, 2004, and 2003, and was reflected as a component of net investment income in our consolidated statements of operations. See Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for additional information for interest costs on funds withheld and other deposits.

Net investment income was slightly higher in 2004 as compared with 2003. This increase was due primarily to the reduced interest expense on funds withheld and other deposits. The interest costs on funds withheld and other deposits increased in 2003 as a result of additional cessions to the corporate aggregate reinsurance and other treaties due to adverse net prior year development. This improvement in 2004 was partly offset by decreases in investment income across all other available-for-sale asset classes which is largely the result of the impacts of the group benefits and individual life sale transactions that are described in Note P of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8. Also, the net investment income of the trading portfolio positively impacted results for 2004.

The bond segment of the investment portfolio yielded 4.9% in 2005, 4.6% in 2004 and 5.1% in 2003.

### ***Net Realized Investment Gains (Losses)***

The components of net realized investment results are presented in the following table.

#### **Net Realized Investment Gains (Losses)**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Realized investment gains (losses):			
Fixed maturity securities:			
U.S. Government bonds	\$ (33)	\$ 10	\$ (70)
Corporate and other taxable bonds	(86)	123	380
Tax-exempt bonds	12	42	97
Asset-backed bonds	14	53	42
Redeemable preferred stock	3	19	(12)
Total fixed maturity securities	(90)	247	437
Equity securities	38	202	114
Derivative securities	49	(84)	78
Short-term investments	-	(3)	3
Other, including dispositions of businesses, net of participating policyholders' interest	(10)	(601)	(168)
Realized investment gains (losses) before allocation to participating policyholders' and minority interests	(13)	(239)	464
Allocated to participating policyholders' and minority interests	3	(9)	(4)
Income tax (expense) benefit	-	95	(175)
<b>Net realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests</b>	<b>\$ (10)</b>	<b>\$ (153)</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>

Net realized investment results improved \$143 million after-tax in 2005 as compared with 2004. This improvement is primarily the result of a 2004 loss of \$389 million after-tax for the sale of the individual life insurance business, partly offset by reduced gains for equities securities. Equity results in 2004 included a gain of \$105 million after-tax related to our investment in Canary Wharf Group PLC (Canary Wharf), a London-based real estate company. Also impacting results for 2005 versus 2004 were decreased results in the overall fixed maturity asset class partly offset by improved results for the derivatives asset class. Impairment losses of \$70 million after-tax were recorded in 2005 across various sectors, including an after-tax impairment loss of \$22 million related to loans made under a credit facility to a national contractor, that are classified as fixed maturities. Impairment losses of \$60 million after-tax were recorded in 2004 across various sectors, including an after-tax impairment loss of \$36 million related to loans to the national contractor. For additional information on loans to the national contractor, see Note S of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

Net realized investment results decreased \$438 million after-tax in 2004 as compared with 2003. This decrease in net realized investment results was primarily due to the loss on the sale of the individual life insurance business of \$389 million after-tax, losses on derivatives of \$55 million after-tax and reduced fixed maturity gains. The derivative securities losses recorded in 2004 were primarily due to derivative securities held to mitigate the effect of changes in long term interest rates on the value of the fixed maturity portfolio. These decreases were partly offset by a \$105 million after-tax gain related to our investment in Canary Wharf, and a reduction in impairment losses for other-than-temporary declines in market values for fixed maturity and equity securities. In 2003, impairment losses of \$209 million after-tax were recorded across various sectors including the airline, healthcare and energy industries.

A primary objective in the management of the fixed maturity and equity portfolios is to maximize total return relative to underlying liabilities and respective liquidity needs. Our views on the current interest rate environment, tax regulations, asset class valuations, specific security issuer and broader industry segment conditions, and the domestic and global economic conditions, are some of the factors that may enter into a decision to move between asset classes. Based on our consideration of these factors, in the course of normal investment activity we may, in pursuit of the total return objective, be willing to sell securities that, in our analysis, are overvalued on a risk adjusted basis relative to other opportunities that are available at the time in the market; in turn we may purchase other securities that, according to our analysis, are undervalued in relation to other securities in the market. In making these value decisions, securities may be bought and sold that shift the investment portfolio between asset

classes. We also continually monitor exposure to issuers of securities held and broader industry sector exposures and may from time to time reduce such exposures based on our views of a specific issuer or industry sector. These activities will produce realized gains or losses.

The investment portfolio is periodically analyzed for changes in duration and related price change risk. Additionally, we periodically review the sensitivity of the portfolio to the level of foreign exchange rates and other factors that contribute to market price changes. A summary of these risks and specific analysis on changes is included in Item 7A – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks included herein. Under certain economic conditions, including but not limited to a changing interest rate environment, we may hedge the value of the investment portfolio by utilizing derivative strategies, as discussed further in Notes A and C of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

We invest in certain derivative financial instruments primarily to reduce our exposure to market risk (principally interest rate, equity price and foreign currency risk) and credit risk (risk of nonperformance of underlying obligor). Derivative securities are recorded at fair value at the reporting date. We also use derivatives to mitigate market risk by purchasing S&P 500® index futures in a notional amount equal to the contract liability relating to Life and Group Non-Core indexed group annuity contracts. We provided collateral to satisfy margin deposits on exchange-traded derivatives totaling \$64 million as of December 31, 2005. For over-the-counter derivative transactions we utilize International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreements that specify certain limits over which collateral is exchanged. As of December 31, 2005, we provided \$2 million of cash as collateral for over-the-counter derivative instruments.

A further consideration in the management of the investment portfolio is the characteristics of the underlying liabilities and the ability to align the duration of the portfolio to those liabilities to meet future liquidity needs, minimize interest rate risk and maintain a level of income sufficient to support the underlying insurance liabilities. For portfolios where future liability cash flows are determinable and long term in nature, we segregate assets for asset liability management purposes.

We classify our fixed maturity securities (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) and our equity securities as either available-for-sale or trading, and as such, they are carried at fair value. The amortized cost of fixed maturity securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity, which is included in net investment income. Changes in fair value related to available-for-sale securities are reported as a component of other comprehensive income. Changes in fair value of trading securities are reported within net investment income.

The following table provides further detail of gross realized gains and gross realized losses on available-for-sale fixed maturity securities and equity securities.

#### Realized Gains and Losses

**Years ended December 31**  
(In millions)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Net realized gains (losses) on fixed maturity securities and equity securities:			
Fixed maturity securities:			
Gross realized gains	\$ 361	\$ 704	\$ 1,244
Gross realized losses	(451)	(457)	(807)
Net realized gains (losses) on fixed maturity securities	(90)	247	437
Equity securities:			
Gross realized gains	73	225	143
Gross realized losses	(35)	(23)	(29)
Net realized gains on equity securities	38	202	114
<b>Net realized gains (losses) on fixed maturity and equity securities</b>	<u>\$ (52)</u>	<u>\$ 449</u>	<u>\$ 551</u>

The following table provides details of the largest realized losses from sales of securities aggregated by issuer including: the fair value of the securities at date of sale, the amount of the loss recorded and the period of time that the security had been in an unrealized loss position prior to sale. The period of time that the security had been in an unrealized loss position prior to sale can vary due to the timing of individual security purchases. Also included is a narrative providing the industry sector along with the facts and circumstances giving rise to the loss.

#### Largest Realized Losses from Securities Sold at a Loss

Year ended December 31, 2005

Issuer Description and Discussion (In millions)	Fair Value Date of Sale	Loss On Sale	Months in Unrealized Loss Prior To Sale (a)
Various notes and bonds issued by the United States Treasury. Volatility of interest rates prompted movement to other asset classes.	\$ 16,716	\$ 92	0-12+
Manufactures and sells vehicles worldwide under various brand names. The company also has financing and insurance operations. The company is experiencing inventory capacity issues. Losses relate to trades that took place to reduce issuer exposure.	356	45	0-12+
Agency issued security that is secured by a pool of federally insured and conventional mortgages. Specific pools were sold and replaced with non-agency pools to enhance yield.	1,326	9	0-12
Issuer of high grade state revenue bonds. Loss was incurred as a result of unfavorable interest rate change.	242	6	0-12+
Large retail food-drug chain. Company was soliciting bidders, but failed to be acquired. Sold securities to reduce issuer exposure.	40	6	0-6
Manufactures and sells vehicles worldwide under various brand names. The company also has financing operations. The company has been downgraded. Losses relate to trades that took place to reduce issuer exposure.	27	6	0-12
Large media company that was downgraded to below investment grade. Losses relate to trades that took place to reduce issuer exposure.	74	5	0-12+
Issuer of municipal general obligation bonds. Loss was incurred as a result of unfavorable interest rate change.	418	5	0-6
Issuer of high grade state general obligation bonds. Loss was incurred as a result of unfavorable interest rate change.	244	5	0-12
Large domestic passenger and freight airline that filed for bankruptcy during third quarter 2005. Losses relate to trades that took place to reduce issuer exposure.	12	5	0-6
	<u>\$ 19,455</u>	<u>\$ 184</u>	

- (a) Represents the range of consecutive months the various positions were in an unrealized loss prior to sale. 0-12+ means certain positions were less than 12 months, while others were greater than 12 months.

## Valuation and Impairment of Investments

The following table details the carrying value of our general account investment portfolios.

### Carrying Value of Investments

(In millions)	December 31, 2005	%	December 31, 2004	%
General account investments:				
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of government agencies	\$ 1,469	4%	\$ 4,346	11%
Asset-backed securities	12,859	32	7,788	20
States, municipalities and political subdivisions – tax-exempt	9,209	23	8,857	22
Corporate securities	6,165	15	6,513	17
Other debt securities	3,044	8	3,053	8
Redeemable preferred stock	216	1	146	-
Options embedded in convertible debt securities	1	-	234	1
Total fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	32,963	83	30,937	79
Fixed maturity securities trading:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of government agencies	4	-	27	-
Asset-backed securities	87	-	125	-
Corporate securities	154	1	199	1
Other debt securities	26	-	35	-
Redeemable preferred stock	-	-	4	-
Total fixed maturity securities trading	271	1	390	1
Equity securities available-for-sale:				
Common stock	289	1	260	1
Preferred stock	343	1	150	-
Total equity securities available-for-sale	632	2	410	1
Total equity securities trading	49	-	46	-
Short term investments available-for-sale	3,870	9	5,404	14
Short term investments trading	368	1	459	1
Limited partnerships	1,509	4	1,549	4
Other investments	33	-	36	-
<b>Total general account investments</b>	<b>\$ 39,695</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 39,231</b>	<b>100%</b>

Our general account investment portfolio consists primarily of publicly traded government bonds, asset-backed securities, short-term investments, municipal bonds and corporate bonds.

A significant judgment in the valuation of investments is the determination of when an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. We analyze securities on at least a quarterly basis. Part of this analysis is to monitor the length of time and severity of the decline below book value for those securities in an unrealized loss position. Information on our impairment process and impairments recorded in 2005, 2004 and 2003 is set forth in Note B of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

Investments in the general account had a total net unrealized gain of \$787 million at December 31, 2005 compared with \$1,197 million at December 31, 2004. The unrealized position at December 31, 2005 was comprised of a net unrealized gain of \$618 million for fixed maturities, a net unrealized gain of \$170 million for equity securities, and a net unrealized loss of \$1 million for short-term securities. The unrealized position at December 31, 2004 was comprised of a net unrealized gain of \$1,061 million for fixed maturities and a net unrealized gain of \$136 million for equity securities. See Note B of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further detail of the unrealized position of our general account investment portfolio.

Our investment policies for both the general account and separate account emphasize high credit quality and diversification by industry, issuer and issue. Assets supporting interest rate sensitive liabilities are segmented within the general account to facilitate asset/liability duration management.

The following table provides the composition of fixed maturity securities with an unrealized loss at December 31, 2005 in relation to the total of all fixed maturity securities with an unrealized loss by contractual maturities.

**Contractual Maturity**

	Percent of Market Value	Percent of Unrealized Loss
Due in one year or less	4%	1%
Due after one year through five years	6	5
Due after five years through ten years	7	14
Due after ten years	22	23
Asset-backed securities	61	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Our non-investment grade fixed maturity securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 2005 that were in a gross unrealized loss position had a fair value of \$874 million. The following tables summarize the fair value and gross unrealized loss of non-investment grade securities categorized by the length of time those securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position and further categorized by the severity of the unrealized loss position in 10% increments as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

**Unrealized Loss Aging for Non-investment Grade Securities**

December 31, 2005 (In millions)	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value as a Percentage of Book Value				Gross Unrealized Loss
		90-99%	80-89%	70-79%	<70%	
Fixed maturity securities:						
Non-investment grade:						
0-6 months	\$ 632	\$ 20	\$ 8	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 29
7-12 months	118	4	6	-	-	10
13-24 months	122	3	-	-	-	3
Greater than 24 months	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-investment grade	\$ 874	\$ 27	\$ 14	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 42

**Unrealized Loss Aging for Non-investment Grade Securities**

December 31, 2004 (In millions)	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value as a Percentage of Book Value				Gross Unrealized Loss
		90-99%	80-89%	70-79%	<70%	
Fixed maturity securities:						
Non-investment grade:						
0-6 months	\$ 188	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7
7-12 months	69	3	1	-	-	4
13-24 months	20	1	1	-	-	2
Greater than 24 months	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-investment grade	\$ 277	\$ 10	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13

As part of the ongoing impairment monitoring process, we evaluated the facts and circumstances based on available information for each of the non-investment grade securities and determined that no further impairments were

appropriate at December 31, 2005. This determination was based on a number of factors that we regularly consider including, but not limited to: the issuers' ability to meet current and future interest and principal payments, an evaluation of the issuers' financial condition and near term prospects, our assessment of the sector outlook and estimates of the fair value of any underlying collateral. In all cases where a decline in value is judged to be temporary, we have the intent and ability to hold these securities for a period of time sufficient to recover the book value of our investment through a recovery in the fair value of such securities or by holding the securities to maturity. In many cases, the securities held are matched to liabilities as part of ongoing asset/liability duration management. As such, we continually assess our ability to hold securities for a time sufficient to recover any temporary loss in value or until maturity. We believe we have sufficient levels of liquidity so as to not impact the asset/liability management process.

Our equity securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 2005 that were in an unrealized loss position had a fair value of \$53 million. Under the same process as followed for fixed maturity securities, we monitor the equity securities for other-than-temporary declines in value. In all cases where a decline in value is judged to be temporary, we expect to recover the book value of our investment through a recovery in the fair value of the security.

See Note B of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further discussion.

Invested assets are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain invested assets and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of these assets, it is possible that changes in these risks in the near term, including increases in interest rates, could have an adverse material impact on our results of operations or equity.

The general account portfolio consists primarily of high quality bonds, 92% and 93% of which were rated as investment grade (rated BBB or higher) at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The following table summarizes the ratings of our general account bond portfolio at carrying value.

#### General Account Bond Ratings

<b>December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>%</b>
U.S. Government and affiliated agency securities	\$ 1,628	5%	\$ 4,640	15%
Other AAA rated	18,233	55	14,628	47
AA and A rated	6,046	18	5,597	18
BBB rated	4,499	14	4,072	13
Non investment-grade	2,612	8	2,240	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,018</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 31,177</b>	<b>100%</b>

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, approximately 95% and 99% of the general account portfolio was issued by U.S. Government and affiliated agencies or was rated by Standard & Poor's (S&P) or Moody's Investors Service (Moody's). The remaining bonds were rated by other rating agencies or Company management.

The following table summarizes the bond ratings of the investments supporting separate account products which guarantee principal and a specified rate of interest.

#### Separate Account Bond Ratings

<b>December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>%</b>
U.S. Government and affiliated agency securities	\$ -	-%	\$ -	-%
Other AAA rated	120	26	156	32
AA and A rated	193	41	184	38
BBB rated	142	31	117	24
Non investment-grade	11	2	29	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 466</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 486</b>	<b>100%</b>



At December 31, 2005 and 2004, 98% and 100% of the separate account portfolio was issued by U.S. Government agencies or was rated by S&P or Moody's. The remaining bonds were rated by other rating agencies or Company management.

Non investment-grade bonds, as presented in the tables above, are high-yield securities rated below BBB by bond rating agencies, as well as other unrated securities that, in the opinion of management, are below investment-grade. High-yield securities generally involve a greater degree of risk than investment-grade securities. However, expected returns are anticipated to compensate for the added risk. This risk is also considered in the interest rate assumptions for the underlying insurance products.

The carrying value of non-traded securities at December 31, 2005 was \$141 million which represents 0.4% of our total investment portfolio. These securities were in a net unrealized gain position of \$115 million at December 31, 2005. Of the non-traded securities, 67% are priced by unrelated third party sources.

Included in our general account fixed maturity securities at December 31, 2005 are \$12,946 million of asset-backed securities, at fair value, consisting of approximately 64% in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), 21% in corporate asset-backed obligations, 13% in corporate mortgage-backed pass-through certificates and 2% in U.S. Government agency issued pass-through certificates. The majority of CMOs held are actively traded in liquid markets and are primarily priced by a third party pricing service.

The carrying value of the components of the general account short-term investment portfolio is presented in the following table.

#### Short-term Investments

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
(In millions)		
Short-term investments available-for-sale:		
Commercial paper	\$ 1,906	\$ 1,655
U.S. Treasury securities	251	2,382
Money market funds	294	174
Other	1,419	1,193
Total short-term investments available-for-sale	3,870	5,404
Short-term investments trading:		
Commercial paper	94	46
U.S. Treasury securities	64	300
Money market funds	200	99
Other	10	14
Total short-term investments trading	368	459
<b>Total short-term investments</b>	<b>\$ 4,238</b>	<b>\$ 5,863</b>

The fair value of collateral held related to securities lending, included in other short-term investments, was \$767 million and \$918 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Cash Flows

Our principal operating cash flow sources are premiums and investment income from our insurance subsidiaries. Our primary operating cash flow uses are payments for claims, policy benefits and operating expenses.

For 2005, net cash provided by operating activities was \$2,169 million as compared to \$1,968 million in 2004. The increase in cash provided by operations was primarily driven by a reduction in claims and expense payments, including the impact of \$446 million related to commutations. Also impacting operating cash flows were net tax

payments of \$164 million in 2005 as compared with net tax refunds of \$627 million in 2004. In addition, we received cash of \$121 million related to interest on a federal income tax settlement in 2005.

For 2004, net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,968 million as compared to \$2,038 million in 2003. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities was primarily driven by a decrease in premium collections related to the dispositions of the life and group businesses and CNA Re. Partially offsetting the decrease in premium collections were decreased paid claims and a federal tax refund received in 2004.

Cash flows from investing activities include purchases and sales of financial instruments, as well as the purchase and sale of businesses, land, buildings, equipment and other assets not generally held for resale. The change in cash collateral exchanged as part of the securities lending activity is included as a cash flow from investing activities.

Net cash used for investing activities was \$1,316 million, \$2,084 million, and \$2,392 million for 2005, 2004, and 2003. Cash flows used by investing activities were related principally to purchases of fixed maturity securities.

The cash flow from investing activities is impacted by various factors such as the anticipated payment of claims, financing activity, asset/liability management and individual security buy and sell decisions made in the normal course of portfolio management. A consideration in management of the portfolio is the characteristics of the underlying liabilities and the ability to align the duration of the portfolio to those liabilities to meet future liquidity needs and minimize interest rate risk. For portfolios where future liability cash flows are determinable and are generally long term in nature, management segregates assets and related liabilities for asset/liability management purposes. The asset/liability management strategy is used to mitigate valuation changes due to interest rate risk in those specific portfolios. Another consideration in the asset/liability matched portfolios is to maintain a level of income sufficient to support the underlying insurance liabilities.

For those securities in the portfolio that are not part of a segregated asset/liability management strategy, the Company typically manages the portfolio to a target duration range dictated by the underlying insurance liabilities. In managing these portfolios, securities are bought and sold based on individual security value assessments made, but with the overall goal of meeting the duration targets.

Cash flows from financing activities include proceeds from the issuance of debt and equity securities, outflows for repayment of debt, outlays to reacquire equity instruments, and deposits and withdrawals related to investment contract products issued by us.

For 2005, net cash used for financing activities was \$837 million as compared with net cash provided from financing activities of \$61 million in 2004. For the 2003, net cash provided from financing activities was \$322 million.

We believe that our present cash flows from operations, investing activities and financing activities are sufficient to fund our working capital needs. In addition, we believe we have adequate liquidity to meet our catastrophe loss obligations.

We have a shelf registration statement under which we may issue an aggregate of \$1,500 million of debt or equity securities. This registration statement was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 14, 2005.

### ***Commitments, Contingencies, and Guarantees***

We have various commitments, contingencies and guarantees which we become involved with during the ordinary course of business. The impact of these commitments, contingencies and guarantees should be considered when evaluating our liquidity and capital resources.

A summary of our commitments as of December 31, 2005 is presented in the following table. In 2006, we expect to make principal and interest payments of approximately \$357 million on our debt.

#### Contractual Commitments

December 31, 2005 (In millions)	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Debt (a)	\$ 2,636	\$ 357	\$ 570	\$ 143	\$ 1,566
Lease obligations	261	53	82	56	70
Claim and claim expense reserves (b)	32,861	7,522	9,610	4,969	10,760
Future policy benefits reserves (c)	10,010	200	362	349	9,099
Policyholder funds reserves (c)	1,489	960	285	95	149
Guaranteed payment contracts (d)	22	15	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,279</b>	<b>\$ 9,107</b>	<b>\$ 10,916</b>	<b>\$ 5,612</b>	<b>\$ 21,644</b>

- (a) Includes estimated future interest payments, but does not include original issue discount.
- (b) Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves are not discounted and represent our estimate of the amount and timing of the ultimate settlement and administration of claims based on our assessment of facts and circumstances known as of December 31, 2005. See the Reserves – Estimates and Uncertainties section of this MD&A for further information. Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves of \$15 million related to business which has been 100% ceded to unaffiliated parties in connection with the individual life sale are not included.
- (c) Future policy benefits and policyholder funds reserves are not discounted and represent our estimate of the ultimate amount and timing of the settlement of benefits based on our assessment of facts and circumstances known as of December 31, 2005. Future policy benefit reserves of \$968 million and policyholder fund reserves of \$51 million related to business which has been 100% ceded to unaffiliated parties in connection with the individual life sale are not included. Additional information on future policy benefits and policyholder funds reserves is included in Note A of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.
- (d) Primarily relating to telecommunications and software services.

Further information on our commitments, contingencies and guarantees is provided in Notes B, F, G, I and K of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

#### Regulatory Matters

We have established a plan to reorganize and streamline our U.S. property and casualty insurance legal entity structure. One phase of this multi-year plan has been completed. This phase served to consolidate our U.S. property and casualty insurance risks into CCC, as well as realign the capital supporting these risks. As part of this phase, we implemented a 100% quota share reinsurance agreement, effective January 1, 2003, ceding all of the net insurance risks of CIC and its 14 affiliated insurance companies (CIC Group) to CCC. Additionally, the ownership of the CIC Group was transferred to CCC in order to align the insurance risks with the supporting capital. In subsequent phases of this plan, we will continue our efforts to reduce both the number of U.S. property and casualty insurance entities we maintain and the number of states in which these entities are domiciled. In order to facilitate the execution of this plan, we have agreed to participate in a working group consisting of several states of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Pursuant to our participation in this working group, we have agreed to certain time frames and informational provisions in relation to the reorganization plan.

In connection with the approval process for aspects of the reorganization and legal entity streamlining plan, we agreed to undergo zone regulatory financial examinations of CCC and CIC as of December 31, 2003, including a review of insurance reserves by an independent actuarial firm. A zone examination is a vehicle developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for conducting financial examinations of multi-state licensed insurers. It allows a representative number of state insurance departments to devote resources to the examination process while providing an independent and diverse perspective on all areas being reviewed. The CCC examination specifically included a review of certain finite reinsurance contracts entered into by us and determined that such contracts possess sufficient risk transfer characteristics necessary to qualify for accounting treatment as reinsurance on a statutory basis. These zone regulatory examinations were concluded in 2005 and final examination reports have been issued.

Along with other companies in the industry, we have received subpoenas, interrogatories and inquiries from: (i) California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia and the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators concerning investigations into practices including contingent compensation arrangements, fictitious quotes, and tying arrangements; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the New York State Attorney General, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the Connecticut Attorney General, the Connecticut Department of Insurance, the Delaware Department of Insurance, the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner and the California Department of Insurance concerning reinsurance products and finite insurance products purchased and sold by the Company; (iii) the Massachusetts Attorney General and the Connecticut Attorney General concerning investigations into anti-competitive practices; and (iv) the New York State Attorney General concerning declinations of attorney malpractice insurance. We continue to respond to these subpoenas, interrogatories and inquiries.

Subsequent to receipt of the SEC subpoena, we have been producing documents and providing additional information at the SEC's request. In addition, the SEC and representatives of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York have been conducting interviews with several of our current and former executives relating to the restatement of our financial results for 2004, including our relationship with and accounting for transactions with an affiliate that were the basis for the restatement. The SEC has also recently requested information relating to our current restatement. It is possible that our analyses of, or accounting treatment for, finite reinsurance contracts or discontinued operations could be questioned or disputed by regulatory authorities. As a result, further restatements of our financial results are possible.

### ***Ratings***

Ratings are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies. Our insurance company subsidiaries are rated by major rating agencies, and these ratings reflect the rating agency's opinion of the insurance company's financial strength, operating performance, strategic position and ability to meet our obligations to policyholders. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating. One or more of these agencies could take action in the future to change the ratings of our insurance subsidiaries.

"On Review," "Credit Watch" and "Rating Watch" are modifiers used by the ratings agencies to alert those parties relying on our ratings of the possibility of a rating change within 90 days. Modifiers are utilized when the agencies are uncertain as to the impact of a company action or initiative, which could prove to be material to the current rating level. "Outlooks" accompanied with ratings are additional modifiers used by the rating agencies of the possibility of a rating change in the longer term.

The table below reflects the various group ratings issued by A.M. Best, Fitch, Moody's and S&P as of February 26, 2006 for the Property and Casualty and Life companies. The table also includes the ratings for CNAF's senior debt and Continental senior debt.

	Insurance Financial Strength Ratings			Debt Ratings	
	Property & Casualty (a)	Life (b)		CNAF	Continental
	CCC Group	CIC Group	CAC	Senior Debt	Senior Debt
A.M. Best	A	A	A-	bbb	Not rated
Fitch	A-	A-	A-	BBB-	BBB-
Moody's	A3	A3	Baa1	Baa3	Baa3
S&P	A-	A-	BBB+	BBB-	BBB-

- (a) Fitch and Moody's outlook for the Property & Casualty companies' financial strength and holding company debt ratings are stable. All others are negative.
- (b) A.M. Best, Fitch and Moody's have a stable outlook while S&P has a negative outlook on the CAC rating.

On November 3, 2005 and February 17, 2006, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings concluded their annual reviews and affirmed CNA's current debt and financial strength ratings. The Moody's rating outlook was changed to stable from negative and Fitch's current stable outlook was unchanged.

If our property and casualty insurance financial strength ratings were downgraded below current levels, our business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. The severity of the impact on our business is dependent on the level of downgrade and, for certain products, which rating agency takes the rating action. Among the adverse effects in the event of such downgrades would be the inability to obtain a material volume of business from certain major insurance brokers, the inability to sell a material volume of our insurance products to certain markets, and the required collateralization of certain future payment obligations or reserves.

In addition, we believe that a lowering of the debt ratings of Loews by certain of these agencies could result in an adverse impact on our ratings, independent of any change in circumstances at CNA. Each of the major rating agencies which rates Loews currently maintains a negative outlook, but none currently has Loews on negative Credit Watch.

We have entered into several settlement agreements and assumed reinsurance contracts that require collateralization of future payment obligations and assumed reserves if our ratings or other specific criteria fall below certain thresholds. The ratings triggers are generally more than one level below our current ratings.

### ***Dividends from Subsidiaries***

Our ability to pay dividends and other credit obligations is significantly dependent on receipt of dividends from our subsidiaries. The payment of dividends to us by our insurance subsidiaries without prior approval of the insurance department of each subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction is limited by formula. Dividends in excess of these amounts are subject to prior approval by the respective state insurance departments.

Dividends from CCC are subject to the insurance holding company laws of the State of Illinois, the domiciliary state of CCC. Under these laws, ordinary dividends, or dividends that do not require prior approval of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation – Division of Insurance (the Department), may be paid only from earned surplus, which is calculated by removing unrealized gains from unassigned surplus. As of December 31, 2005, CCC is in a positive earned surplus position, enabling CCC to pay approximately \$48 million of dividend payments during 2006 that would not be subject to the Department's prior approval. In February of 2006, the Department approved extraordinary dividends in the amount of \$344 million to be used to fund CNAF's 2006 debt service and principal repayment requirements.

CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries are subject to risk-based capital requirements. Risk-based capital is a method developed by the NAIC to determine the minimum amount of statutory capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The formula for determining the amount of risk-based capital specifies various factors, weighted based on the perceived degree of risk, which are applied to certain financial balances and financial activity. The adequacy of a company's actual

capital is evaluated by a comparison to the risk-based capital results, as determined by the formula. Companies below minimum risk-based capital requirements are classified within certain levels, each of which requires specified corrective action. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, all of CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries exceeded the minimum risk-based capital requirements.

### ***Loews***

Loews has provided the following capital support to us during the past five years:

- In September of 2001, Loews purchased 38.3 million of our common shares for \$957 million in a rights offering;
- In December of 2002, Loews purchased shares of our newly issued Series H Cumulative Preferred Issue (Series H Issue) for \$750 million, which shares remain outstanding;
- In November of 2003, Loews purchased shares of our newly issued participating convertible preferred stock for \$750 million, which shares converted into 32,327,015 shares of our common stock in April 2004 in accordance with their terms; and
- In February of 2004, Loews purchased \$346 million of surplus notes of our subsidiary, CCC, in connection with the sales of CCC's individual life and group benefits businesses, which notes were repaid during 2004.

The Series H Issue is held by Loews and accrues cumulative dividends at an initial rate of 8% per year, compounded annually. As of December 31, 2005, we have \$197 million of undeclared but accumulated dividends. The Series H Issue dividend amounts for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 have been subtracted from Net Income (Loss) to determine income (loss) available to common stockholders.

Series H Issue is senior to our common stock as to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up. No dividends may be declared on our common stock until all cumulative dividends on the Series H Issue have been paid. We may not issue any equity securities ranking senior to or on par with the Series H Issue without the consent of a majority of its stockholders. The Series H Issue is non-voting and is not convertible into any other securities. It may be redeemed only upon the mutual agreement of CNAF and a majority of the stockholders of the preferred stock.

### **Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments (SFAS 155). SFAS 155 amends FASB Statements No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS 133), and No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities. SFAS 155 also resolves issues addressed in SFAS 133 Implementation Issue No. D1, Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets. SFAS 155 will improve financial reporting by eliminating the exemption from applying SFAS 133 to interests in securitized financial assets so that similar instruments are accounted for in the same manner regardless of the form of the instruments. SFAS 155 will also improve financial reporting by allowing a preparer to elect fair value measurement at acquisition, at issuance, or when a previously recognized financial instrument is subject to a remeasurement (new basis) event, on an instrument-by-instrument basis. SFAS 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The fair value election provided for in paragraph 4(c) of SFAS 155 may also be applied upon adoption of SFAS 155 for hybrid financial instruments that had been bifurcated under paragraph 12 of SFAS 133 prior to the adoption of this Statement. Earlier adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an entity's fiscal year, provided the entity has not yet issued financial statements, including financial statements for any interim period for that fiscal year. Provisions of this Statement may be applied to instruments that an entity holds at the date of adoption on an instrument-by-instrument basis. Adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on our results of operations and/or equity.

In September 2005, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Statement of Position 05-01, Accounting by Insurance Enterprises for Deferred Acquisition Costs in Connection with Modifications or Exchanges of Insurance Contracts (SOP 05-01). SOP 05-01 provides



guidance on accounting by insurance enterprises for deferred acquisition costs on internal replacements of insurance and investment contracts other than those specifically described in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 97, Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments. SOP 05-01 defines an internal replacement as a modification in product benefits, features, rights, or coverages that occurs by the exchange of a contract for a new contract, or by amendment, endorsement, or rider to a contract, or by the election of a feature or coverage within a contract. SOP 05-01 is effective for internal replacements occurring in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the impact that adopting SOP 05-01 will have on our operations and financial condition.

In May of 2005, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Correction. This standard is a replacement of Accounting Policy Board Opinion No. 20 and FASB Standard No. 3. Under the new standard, any voluntary changes in accounting principles should be adopted via a retrospective application of the accounting principle in the financial statements presented in addition to obtaining an opinion from the auditors that the new principle is preferred. In addition, adoption of a change in accounting principle required by the issuance of a new accounting standard would also require retroactive restatement, unless the new standard includes explicit transition guidelines. This new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005.

In November of 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. FAS 115-1 and FAS 124-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments, as applicable to debt and equity securities that are within the scope of SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities (SFAS 115) and equity securities that are accounted for using the cost method specified in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock. This FSP nullifies certain requirements of The Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 03-1 (EITF 03-01), The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments, guidance on determining whether an impairment is other-than-temporary. This FSP will replace guidance set forth in EITF 03-01 with references to existing other-than-temporary impairment guidance and will clarify that an investor should recognize an impairment loss no later than when the impairment is deemed other than temporary, even if a decision to sell has not been made. The FSP carries forward the requirements in Issue No. 03-01 regarding required disclosures in the financial statements and requires additional disclosure related to factors considered in reaching the conclusion that the impairment is other-than-temporary. In addition, in periods subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment loss for debt securities, the discount or reduced premium would be amortized over the remaining life of the security based on future estimated cash flows. This new guidance for determining whether impairment is other-than-temporary is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. Adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on our results of operations and/or equity.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This report contains a number of forward-looking statements which relate to anticipated future events rather than actual present conditions or historical events. You can identify forward-looking statements because generally they include words such as “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements in this report include any and all statements regarding expected developments in our insurance business, including losses and loss reserves for asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort claims which are more uncertain, and therefore more difficult to estimate than loss reserves respecting traditional property and casualty exposures; the impact of routine ongoing insurance reserve reviews we are conducting; our expectations concerning our revenues, earnings, expenses and investment activities; expected cost savings and other results from our expense reduction and restructuring activities; and our proposed actions in response to trends in our business. Forward-looking statements, by their nature, are subject to a variety of inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results projected in the forward-looking statement. We cannot control many of these risks and uncertainties. Some examples of these risks and uncertainties are:

- general economic and business conditions, including inflationary pressures on medical care costs, construction costs and other economic sectors that increase the severity of claims;
- changes in financial markets such as fluctuations in interest rates, long-term periods of low interest rates, credit conditions and currency, commodity and stock prices;



- the effects of corporate bankruptcies, such as Enron and WorldCom, on capital markets, and on the markets for directors and officers and errors and omissions coverages;
- changes in foreign or domestic political, social and economic conditions;
- regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, judicial decisions, including interpretation of policy provisions, decisions regarding coverage and theories of liability, trends in litigation and the outcome of any litigation involving us, and rulings and changes in tax laws and regulations;
- effects upon insurance markets and upon industry business practices and relationships of current litigation, investigations and regulatory activity by the New York State Attorney General's office and other authorities concerning contingent commission arrangements with brokers and bid solicitation activities;
- legal and regulatory activities with respect to certain non-traditional and finite-risk insurance products, and possible resulting changes in accounting and financial reporting in relation to such products, including our restatement of financial results in May of 2005 and our relationship with an affiliate, Accord Re Ltd., as disclosed in connection with that restatement;
- regulatory limitations, impositions and restrictions upon us, including the effects of assessments and other surcharges for guaranty funds and second-injury funds and other mandatory pooling arrangements;
- the impact of competitive products, policies and pricing and the competitive environment in which we operate, including changes in our book of business;
- product and policy availability and demand and market responses, including the level of ability to obtain rate increases and decline or non-renew under priced accounts, to achieve premium targets and profitability and to realize growth and retention estimates;
- development of claims and the impact on loss reserves, including changes in claim settlement policies;
- the effectiveness of current initiatives by claims management to reduce loss and expense ratios through more efficacious claims handling techniques;
- the performance of reinsurance companies under reinsurance contracts with us;
- results of financing efforts, including the availability of bank credit facilities;
- changes in our composition of operating segments;
- weather and other natural physical events, including the severity and frequency of storms, hail, snowfall and other winter conditions, as well as of natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes;
- man-made disasters, including the possible occurrence of terrorist attacks and the effect of the absence or insufficiency of applicable terrorism legislation on coverages;
- the unpredictability of the nature, targets, severity or frequency of potential terrorist events, as well as the uncertainty as to our ability to contain our terrorism exposure effectively, notwithstanding the extension until 2007 of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002;
- the occurrence of epidemics;
- exposure to liabilities due to claims made by insureds and others relating to asbestos remediation and health-based asbestos impairments, as well as exposure to liabilities for environmental pollution, mass tort, and construction defect claims;
- whether a national privately financed trust to replace litigation of asbestos claims with payments to claimants from the trust will be established or approved through federal legislation, or, if established and approved, whether it will contain funding requirements in excess of our established loss reserves or carried loss reserves;
- the sufficiency of our loss reserves and the possibility of future increases in reserves;
- regulatory limitations and restrictions, including limitations upon our ability to receive dividends from our insurance subsidiaries imposed by state regulatory agencies and minimum risk-based capital standards established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners;
- the risks and uncertainties associated with our loss reserves as outlined in the Reserves – Estimates and Uncertainties section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations;
- the level of success in integrating acquired businesses and operations, and in consolidating, or selling existing ones;

- the possibility of further changes in our ratings by ratings agencies, including the inability to access certain markets or distribution channels and the required collateralization of future payment obligations as a result of such changes, and changes in rating agency policies and practices; and
- the actual closing of contemplated transactions and agreements.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of the statement, even if our expectations or any related events or circumstances change.

## **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Market risk is a broad term related to changes in the fair value of a financial instrument. Discussions herein regarding market risk focus on only one element of market risk, that is price risk. Price risk relates to changes in the level of prices due to changes in interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates or other factors that relate to market volatility of the rate, index or price underlying the financial instrument. Our primary market risk exposures are due to changes in interest rates, although we have certain exposures to changes in equity prices and foreign currency exchange rates. The fair value of the financial instrument is adversely affected when interest rates rise, equity markets decline and the dollar strengthens against foreign currency.

Active management of market risk is integral to our operations. We may use the following tools to manage our exposure to market risk within defined tolerance ranges: (1) change the character of future investments purchased or sold, (2) use derivatives to offset the market behavior of existing assets and liabilities or assets expected to be purchased and liabilities to be incurred, or (3) rebalance our existing asset and liability portfolios.

### ***Sensitivity Analysis***

We monitor our sensitivity to interest rate risk by evaluating the change in the value of financial assets and liabilities due to fluctuations in interest rates. The evaluation is performed by applying an instantaneous change in interest rates of varying magnitudes on a static balance sheet to determine the effect such a change in rates would have on our fair value at risk and the resulting effect on stockholders' equity. The analysis presents the sensitivity of the fair value of our financial instruments to selected changes in market rates and prices. The range of change chosen reflects our view of changes that are reasonably possible over a one-year period. The selection of the range of values chosen to represent changes in interest rates should not be construed as our prediction of future market events, but rather an illustration of the impact of such events.

The sensitivity analysis estimates the decline in the fair value of our interest sensitive assets and liabilities that were held on December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 due to instantaneous parallel increases in the period end yield curve of 100 and 150 basis points.

The sensitivity analysis also assumes an instantaneous 10% and 20% decline in the foreign currency exchange rates versus the United States dollar from their levels at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, with all other variables held constant.

Equity price risk was measured assuming an instantaneous 10% and 25% decline in the S&P 500 Index (Index) from its level at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, with all other variables held constant. Our equity holdings were assumed to be highly and positively correlated with the Index. At December 31, 2005, a 10% and 25% decrease in the Index would result in a \$227 million and \$567 million decrease compared to a \$214 million and \$534 million decrease at December 31, 2004, in the market value of our equity investments.

Of these amounts, under the 10% and 25% scenarios, \$4 million and \$11 million at December 31, 2005 and \$5 million and \$14 million at December 31, 2004 pertained to decreases in the fair value of the separate account investments. These decreases would substantially be offset by decreases in related separate account liabilities to customers. Similarly, increases in the fair value of the separate account equity investments would also be offset by increases in the same related separate account liabilities by the same approximate amounts.

The following tables present the estimated effects on the fair value of our financial instruments at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, due to an increase in interest rates of 100 basis points, a 10% decline in foreign currency exchange rates and a 10% decline in the Index.

**Market Risk Scenario 1**

<b>December 31, 2005</b> (In millions)	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		
		<b>Interest Rate Risk</b>	<b>Currency Risk</b>	<b>Equity Risk</b>
General account:				
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	\$ 32,963	\$ (1,897)	\$ (89)	\$ (22)
Fixed maturity securities trading	271	(2)	(1)	(2)
Equity securities available-for-sale	632	-	(6)	(63)
Equity securities trading	49	-	-	(5)
Short term investments available-for-sale	3,870	(4)	(37)	-
Short term investments trading	368	-	-	-
Limited partnerships	1,509	1	-	(29)
Other invested assets	30	-	-	-
Interest rate swaps	-	66	-	-
Equity index futures for trading securities	-	2	-	(102)
Other derivative securities	3	3	10	-
Total general account	39,695	(1,831)	(123)	(223)
Separate accounts:				
Fixed maturity securities	466	(23)	-	-
Equity securities	44	-	-	(4)
Short term investments	36	-	-	-
Total separate accounts	546	(23)	-	(4)
<b>Total securities</b>	<b>\$ 40,241</b>	<b>\$ (1,854)</b>	<b>\$ (123)</b>	<b>\$ (227)</b>
<b>Debt (carrying value)</b>	<b>\$ 1,690</b>	<b>\$ (92)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Market Risk Scenario 1**
**December 31, 2004**

(In millions)

General account:

Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale

Fixed maturity securities trading

Equity securities available-for-sale

Equity securities trading

Short term investments available-for-sale

Short term investments trading

Limited partnerships

Other invested assets

Interest rate swaps

Equity index futures for trading securities

Other derivative securities

Total general account

Separate accounts:

Fixed maturity securities

Equity securities

Short term investments

Total separate accounts

**Total securities**
**Debt (carrying value)**

Market Value	Increase (Decrease)		
	Interest Rate Risk	Currency Risk	Equity Risk
\$ 30,937	\$ (1,824)	\$ (88)	\$ (26)
390	(4)	(1)	(3)
410	-	(9)	(41)
46	-	-	(5)
5,404	(7)	(10)	-
459	-	-	-
1,549	6	-	(18)
42	-	-	-
(8)	8	-	-
-	2	-	(116)
2	7	(21)	-
39,231	(1,812)	(129)	(209)
486	(24)	-	-
55	-	-	(5)
20	-	-	-
561	(24)	-	(5)
\$ 39,792	\$ (1,836)	\$ (129)	\$ (214)
\$ 2,257	\$ (97)	\$ -	\$ -

The following tables present the estimated effects on the fair value of our financial instruments at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, due to an increase in interest rates of 150 basis points, a 20% decline in foreign currency exchange rates and a 25% decline in the Index.

**Market Risk Scenario 2**

		Increase (Decrease)		
	Market Value	Interest Rate Risk	Currency Risk	Equity Risk
December 31, 2005				
(In millions)				
General account:				
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	\$ 32,963	\$ (2,827)	\$ (178)	\$ (54)
Fixed maturity securities trading	271	(4)	(1)	(4)
Equity securities available-for-sale	632	-	(11)	(158)
Equity securities trading	49	-	-	(12)
Short term investments available-for-sale	3,870	(6)	(74)	-
Short term investments trading	368	-	-	-
Limited partnerships	1,509	1	-	(72)
Other invested assets	30	-	-	-
Interest rate swaps	-	95	-	-
Equity index futures for trading	-	3	(1)	(255)
Other derivative securities	3	5	20	(1)
Total general account	39,695	(2,733)	(245)	(556)
Separate accounts:				
Fixed maturity securities	466	(34)	-	-
Equity securities	44	-	-	(11)
Short term investments	36	-	-	-
Total separate accounts	546	(34)	-	(11)
Total securities	\$ 40,241	\$ (2,767)	\$ (245)	\$ (567)
Debt (carrying value)	\$ 1,690	\$ (135)	\$ -	\$ -

**Market Risk Scenario 2**
**December 31, 2004**

(In millions)

General account:

Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale

Fixed maturity securities trading

Equity securities available-for-sale

Equity securities trading

Short term investments available-for-sale

Short term investments trading

Limited partnerships

Other invested assets

Interest rate swaps

Equity index futures for trading

Other derivative securities

Total general account

Separate accounts:

Fixed maturity securities

Equity securities

Short term investments

Total separate accounts

**Total securities**
**Debt (carrying value)**

Market Value	Increase (Decrease)		
	Interest Rate Risk	Currency Risk	Equity Risk
\$ 30,937	\$ (2,703)	\$ (177)	\$ (63)
390	(6)	(1)	(8)
410	-	(18)	(103)
46	-	-	(11)
5,404	(11)	(20)	-
459	-	-	-
1,549	9	-	(46)
42	-	-	-
(8)	12	-	-
-	3	-	(289)
2	10	(38)	-
39,231	(2,686)	(254)	(520)
486	(35)	-	-
55	-	-	(14)
20	-	-	-
561	(35)	-	(14)
<u>\$ 39,792</u>	<u>\$ (2,721)</u>	<u>\$ (254)</u>	<u>\$ (534)</u>
<u>\$ 2,257</u>	<u>\$ (141)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

### CNA Financial Corporation Consolidated Statements of Operations

#### Years ended December 31

(In millions, except per share data)

	2005	2004	2003
		Restated See Note T	Restated See Note T
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Net earned premiums	\$ 7,569	\$ 8,209	\$ 9,216
Net investment income	1,892	1,680	1,656
Realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	(10)	(248)	460
Other revenues	411	283	383
Total revenues	9,862	9,924	11,715
<b>Claims, Benefits and Expenses:</b>			
Insurance claims and policyholders' benefits	6,999	6,445	10,277
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,543	1,680	1,965
Other operating expenses	1,034	1,171	1,674
Interest	124	124	130
Total claims, benefits and expenses	9,700	9,420	14,046
Income (loss) before income tax and minority interest	162	504	(2,331)
Income tax (expense) benefit	105	(31)	906
Minority interest	(24)	(27)	6
Income (loss) from continuing operations	243	446	(1,419)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$(2), \$(1) and \$(11)	21	(21)	2
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ (1,417)</u>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share:</b>			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.68	\$ 1.49	\$ (6.52)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.08	(0.09)	0.01
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 1.40</u>	<u>\$ (6.51)</u>
<b>Weighted average outstanding common stock and common stock equivalents</b>	<u>256.0</u>	<u>256.0</u>	<u>227.0</u>

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**CNA Financial Corporation**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

**December 31**

(In millions, except share data)

**Assets**

Investments:

Fixed maturity securities at fair value (amortized cost of \$32,616 and \$30,266)

Equity securities at fair value (cost of \$511 and \$320)

Limited partnership investments

Other invested assets

Short-term investments at cost, which approximates fair value

**Total investments**

Cash

Reinsurance receivables (less allowance for uncollectible receivables of \$519 and \$546)

Insurance receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$445 and \$502)

Accrued investment income

Receivables for securities sold

Deferred acquisition costs

Prepaid reinsurance premiums

Federal income taxes recoverable (includes \$68 and \$6 due from Loews Corporation)

Deferred income taxes

Property and equipment at cost (less accumulated depreciation of \$546 and \$524)

Goodwill and other intangible assets

Other assets

Separate account business

**Total assets**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
		Restated See Note T
\$	33,234	\$ 31,327
	681	456
	1,509	1,549
	33	36
	4,238	5,863
	39,695	39,231
	96	95
	11,917	15,342
	1,866	2,202
	312	297
	565	496
	1,197	1,268
	340	1,128
	62	-
	1,105	712
	197	235
	146	162
	737	760
	551	568
\$	58,786	\$ 62,496

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	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
		Restated See Note T
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Liabilities:		
Insurance reserves:		
Claim and claim adjustment expenses	\$ 30,938	\$ 31,523
Unearned premiums	3,706	4,522
Future policy benefits	6,297	5,883
Policyholders' funds	1,495	1,725
Collateral on loaned securities	767	918
Payables for securities purchased	129	288
Participating policyholders' funds	53	63
Short term debt	252	531
Long term debt	1,438	1,726
Reinsurance balances payable	1,636	2,980
Other liabilities	2,283	2,520
Separate account business	551	568
	<u>49,545</u>	<u>53,247</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>49,545</u>	<u>53,247</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Notes F, G, I and K)		
Minority interest	291	275
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock (12,500,000 shares authorized)		
Series H Issue (no par value; \$100,000 stated value; 7,500 shares issued; held by Loews Corporation)	750	750
Common stock (\$2.50 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 258,177,285 shares issued; and 256,001,968 and 255,953,958 shares outstanding)	645	645
Additional paid-in capital	1,701	1,701
Retained earnings	5,621	5,357
Accumulated other comprehensive income	359	661
Treasury stock (2,175,317 and 2,223,327 shares), at cost	(67)	(69)
	<u>9,009</u>	<u>9,045</u>
Notes receivable for the issuance of common stock	(59)	(71)
	<u>8,950</u>	<u>8,974</u>
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<u>8,950</u>	<u>8,974</u>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<u>\$ 58,786</u>	<u>\$ 62,496</u>

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**CNA Financial Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

**Years ended December 31**

(In millions)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
		Restated See Note T	Restated See Note T
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 264	\$ 425	\$ (1,417)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows provided by operating activities:			
(Income) loss from discontinued operations	(21)	21	(2)
Bad debt provision for insurance and reinsurance receivables	50	87	602
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	(1)	36	22
Minority interest	24	27	(6)
Deferred income tax provision	(220)	37	74
Trading securities	164	(93)	-
Realized investment (gains) losses, net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	10	248	(460)
Undistributed earnings of equity method investees	(45)	(67)	(61)
Amortization of bond (discount) premium	(153)	9	(79)
Depreciation	54	75	86
Changes in:			
Receivables, net	3,711	(632)	(3,478)
Deferred acquisition costs	71	194	(62)
Accrued investment income	(15)	(12)	(49)
Federal income taxes recoverable/payable	(62)	596	(642)
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	788	233	(15)
Reinsurance balances payable	(1,344)	(318)	661
Insurance reserves	(943)	1,075	6,813
Other, net	(116)	43	79
Total adjustments	1,952	1,559	3,483
<b>Net cash flows provided by operating activities-continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 2,216</b>	<b>\$ 1,984</b>	<b>\$ 2,066</b>
<b>Net cash flows used by operating activities-discontinued operations</b>	<b>\$ (47)</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>	<b>\$ (28)</b>
<b>Net cash flows provided by operating activities-total</b>	<b>\$ 2,169</b>	<b>\$ 1,968</b>	<b>\$ 2,038</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>			
Purchases of fixed maturity securities	\$ (62,990)	\$ (58,379)	\$ (61,456)
Proceeds from fixed maturity securities:			
Sales	55,611	48,427	52,790
Maturities, calls and redemptions	4,579	4,800	6,435
Purchases of equity securities	(482)	(351)	(282)
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	316	522	589
Purchases of mortgage loans and real estate	-	(27)	-
Change in short-term investments	1,627	2,021	(842)
Change in collateral on loaned securities and derivatives	(151)	476	(111)
Change in other investments	86	(30)	133
Purchases of property and equipment	(45)	(41)	(65)
Dispositions	57	647	418
Other, net	56	(167)	3
<b>Net cash flows used by investing activities-continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ (1,336)</b>	<b>\$ (2,102)</b>	<b>\$ (2,388)</b>
<b>Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities-discontinued operations</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ (4)</b>
<b>Net cash flows used by investing activities-total</b>	<b>\$ (1,316)</b>	<b>\$ (2,084)</b>	<b>\$ (2,392)</b>

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
		Restated See Note T	Restated See Note T
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>			
Issuance of preferred stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750
Principal payments on debt	(568)	(618)	(387)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	972	-
Return of investment contract account balances	(281)	(479)	(288)
Receipts of investment contract account balances	7	181	250
Other, net	5	5	(3)
<b>Net cash flows provided (used) by financing activities-continuing operations</b>	<u>\$ (837)</u>	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 322</u>
<b>Net cash flows provided by financing activities-discontinued operations</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Net cash flows provided (used) by financing activities-total</b>	<u>\$ (837)</u>	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 322</u>
Net change in cash	16	(55)	(32)
Net cash transactions from continuing operations to discontinued operations	(42)	13	13
Net cash transactions from discontinued operations to continuing operations	42	(13)	(13)
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<u>109</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>196</u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 125</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 109</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 164</u></u>
Cash-continuing operations	\$ 96	\$ 95	\$ 139
Cash-discontinued operations	29	14	25
Cash-total	125	109	164

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CNA Financial Corporation  
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

(In millions)	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Notes Receivable Related to Common Stock	Total Stockholders' Equity
<b>Balance, January 1, 2003 (As previously reported)</b>	\$ 750	\$ 565	\$ 1,031	\$ 6,545	\$ 604	\$ (70)	\$ (72)	\$ 9,353
<b>Prior period adjustment (See Note T)</b>	-	-	-	(196)	(18)	-	-	(214)
<b>Balance, January 1, 2003 (Restated See Note T)</b>	\$ 750	\$ 565	\$ 1,031	\$ 6,349	\$ 586	\$ (70)	\$ (72)	\$ 9,139
Comprehensive income:								
Net loss (Restated See Note T)	-	-	-	(1,417)	-	-	-	(1,417)
Other comprehensive income (Restated See Note T)	-	-	-	-	266	-	-	266
Total comprehensive loss (Restated See Note T)	750	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,151)
Issuance of Series I preferred stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750
Stock options exercised	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Increase in notes receivable related to common stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	(4)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2003 (Restated See Note T)</b>	1,500	565	1,031	4,932	852	(69)	(76)	8,735
Comprehensive income:								
Net income (Restated See Note T)	-	-	-	425	-	-	-	425
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(191)	-	-	(191)
Total comprehensive income (Restated See Note T)	(750)	80	670	-	-	-	-	234
Conversion of Series I preferred stock to common stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Decrease in notes receivable related to common stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
<b>Balance, December 31, 2004 (Restated See Note T)</b>	750	645	1,701	5,357	661	(69)	(71)	8,974
Comprehensive income:								
Net income	-	-	-	264	-	-	-	264
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(302)	-	-	(302)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	(38)
Stock options exercised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Decrease in notes receivable related to common stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12
<b>Balance, December 31, 2005</b>	\$ 750	\$ 645	\$ 1,701	\$ 5,621	\$ 359	\$ (67)	\$ (59)	\$ 8,950

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## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### Note A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### *Basis of Presentation*

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of CNA Financial Corporation (CNAF) and its controlled subsidiaries. Collectively, CNAF and its subsidiaries are referred to as CNA or the Company. CNA's property and casualty and the remaining life and group insurance operations are primarily conducted by Continental Casualty Company (CCC), The Continental Insurance Company (CIC) and Continental Assurance Company (CAC). Loews Corporation (Loews) owned approximately 91% of the outstanding common stock and 100% of the Series H preferred stock of CNAF as of December 31, 2005.

The Company's individual life insurance business, including its previously wholly owned subsidiary Valley Forge Life Insurance Company (VFL), was sold on April 30, 2004 to Swiss Re Life & Health America Inc. (Swiss Re). The results of the individual life insurance business sold through the date of sale are included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. See Note P for further information.

CNA Group Life Assurance Company (CNAOLA) was sold to Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. on December 31, 2003. The results of the group benefits business sold are included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2003. See Note P for further information.

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). All significant intercompany amounts have been eliminated. Certain amounts applicable to prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation, including an adjustment to other revenue and other expenses. These amounts were previously netted within other revenue. The amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2005 presentation. The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### *Business*

CNA's core property and casualty insurance operations are reported in two business segments: Standard Lines and Specialty Lines. CNA's non-core operations are managed in two segments: Life and Group Non-Core and Corporate and Other Non-Core.

CNA serves a wide variety of customers, including small, medium and large businesses; insurance companies; associations; professionals; and groups and individuals with a broad range of insurance and risk management products and services.

Core insurance products include property and casualty coverages. Non-core insurance products, which primarily have been sold or placed in run-off, include life and accident and health insurance; retirement products and annuities; and property and casualty reinsurance. CNA services include risk management, information services, healthcare claims management, and claims administration. CNA's products and services are marketed through independent agents, brokers, managing general agents and direct sales.

#### *Insurance Operations*

**Premiums:** Insurance premiums on property and casualty and accident and health insurance contracts are recognized in proportion to the underlying risk insured which principally are earned ratably over the duration of the policies after deductions for ceded insurance premiums. The reserve for unearned premiums on these contracts represents the portion of premiums written relating to the unexpired terms of coverage.

An estimated allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded on the basis of periodic evaluations of balances due currently or in the future from insureds, including amounts due from insureds related to losses under high deductible policies, management's experience and current economic conditions.



Property and casualty contracts that are retrospectively rated contain provisions that result in an adjustment to the initial policy premium depending on the contract provisions and loss experience of the insured during the experience period. For such contracts, the Company estimates the amount of ultimate premiums that the Company may earn upon completion of the experience period and recognizes either an asset or a liability for the difference between the initial policy premium and the estimated ultimate premium. The Company adjusts such estimated ultimate premium amounts during the course of the experience period based on actual results to date. The resulting adjustment is recorded as either a reduction of or an increase to the earned premiums for the period.

Revenues on interest-sensitive life insurance contracts are composed of contract charges and fees, which are recognized over the coverage period. Premiums for other life insurance products and annuities are recognized as revenue when due after deductions for ceded insurance premiums.

**Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves:** Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, except reserves for structured settlements not associated with asbestos and environmental pollution and mass tort (APMT), workers compensation lifetime claims, accident and health claims and certain claims associated with discontinued operations, are not discounted and are based on 1) case basis estimates for losses reported on direct business, adjusted in the aggregate for ultimate loss expectations; 2) estimates of incurred but not reported losses; 3) estimates of losses on assumed reinsurance; 4) estimates of future expenses to be incurred in the settlement of claims; 5) estimates of salvage and subrogation recoveries and 6) estimates of amounts due from insureds related to losses under high deductible policies. Management considers current conditions and trends as well as past Company and industry experience in establishing these estimates. The effects of inflation, which can be significant, are implicitly considered in the reserving process and are part of the recorded reserve balance. Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense reserves are reported as a component of reinsurance receivables in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. See Note Q for further information on claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for discontinued operations.

Structured settlements have been negotiated for certain property and casualty insurance claims. Structured settlements are agreements to provide fixed periodic payments to claimants. Certain structured settlements are funded by annuities purchased from CAC for which the related annuity obligations are reported in future policy benefits reserves. Obligations for structured settlements not funded by annuities are included in claim and claim adjustment expense reserves and carried at present values determined using interest rates ranging from 4.6% to 7.5% at December 31, 2005 and 2004. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the discounted reserves for unfunded structured settlements were \$843 million and \$872 million, net of discount of \$1,309 million and \$1,367 million.

Workers compensation lifetime claim reserves and accident and health claim reserves are calculated using mortality and morbidity assumptions based on Company and industry experience, and are discounted at interest rates that range from 3.5% to 6.5% at December 31, 2005 and 2004. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, such discounted reserves totaled \$1,238 million and \$1,893 million, net of discount of \$430 million and \$460 million.

**Future policy benefits reserves:** Reserves for long term care products are computed using the net level premium method, which incorporates actuarial assumptions as to interest rates, mortality, morbidity, persistency, withdrawals and expenses. Actuarial assumptions generally vary by plan, age at issue and policy duration, and include a margin for adverse deviation. Interest rates range from 6.0% to 8.6% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and mortality, morbidity and withdrawal assumptions are based on Company and industry experience prevailing at the time of issue. Expense assumptions include the estimated effects of inflation and expenses to be incurred beyond the premium paying period. The net reserves for traditional life insurance products (whole and term life products) including interest-sensitive contracts were ceded on a 100% indemnity reinsurance basis to Swiss Re in connection with the sale of the individual life insurance business. See Note P for further information.

**Policyholders' funds reserves:** Policyholders' funds reserves include reserves for universal life insurance contracts and investment contracts without life contingencies. The liability for policy benefits for universal life-type contracts is equal to the balance that accrues to the benefit of policyholders, including credited interest, amounts that have been assessed to compensate the Company for services to be performed over future periods, and any amounts previously assessed against policyholders that are refundable on termination of the contract. For investment contracts, policyholder liabilities are equal to the accumulated policy account values, which consist of an accumulation of deposit payments plus credited interest, less withdrawals and amounts assessed through the end of the period.

**Guaranty fund and other insurance-related assessments:** Liabilities for guaranty fund and other insurance-related assessments are accrued when an assessment is probable, when it can be reasonably estimated, and when the

event obligating the entity to pay an imposed or probable assessment has occurred. Liabilities for guaranty funds and other insurance-related assessments are not discounted and are included as part of other liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the liability balance was \$67 million. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, included in other assets were \$10 million and \$9 million of related assets for premium tax offsets. The related asset is limited to the amount that is able to be assessed on future premium collections or policy surcharges from business written or committed to be written.

**Reinsurance:** Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with claim and claim adjustment expense reserves or future policy benefits reserves and are reported as receivables in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The cost of reinsurance is primarily accounted for over the life of the underlying reinsured policies using assumptions consistent with those used to account for the underlying policies. The ceding of insurance does not discharge the primary liability of the Company. An estimated allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded on the basis of periodic evaluations of balances due from reinsurers, reinsurer solvency, management's experience and current economic conditions.

Reinsurance contracts that do not effectively transfer the underlying economic risk of loss on policies written by the Company are recorded using the deposit method of accounting, which requires that premium paid or received by the ceding company or assuming company be accounted for as a deposit asset or liability. The Company primarily records these deposits as either reinsurance receivables or other assets for ceded recoverables and reinsurance balances payable or other liabilities for assumed liabilities. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had approximately \$20 million and \$117 million recorded as deposit assets and \$57 million and \$156 million recorded as deposit liabilities.

Income on reinsurance contracts accounted for under the deposit method is recognized using an effective yield based on the anticipated timing of payments and the remaining life of the contract. When the estimate of timing of payments changes, the effective yield is recalculated to reflect actual payments to date and the estimated timing of future payments. The deposit asset or liability is adjusted to the amount that would have existed had the new effective yield been applied since the inception of the contract. This adjustment is reflected in other revenue or other operating expense as appropriate.

**Participating insurance:** Policyholder dividends are accrued using an estimate of the amount to be paid based on underlying contractual obligations under policies and applicable state laws. When limitations exist on the amount of net income from participating life insurance contracts that may be distributed to policyholders, the policyholders' share of net income on those contracts that cannot be distributed is excluded from stockholders' equity by a charge to operations and the establishment of a corresponding liability.

**Deferred acquisition costs:** Costs, including commissions, premium taxes and certain underwriting and policy issuance costs which vary with and are related primarily to the acquisition of property and casualty insurance business, are deferred and amortized ratably over the period the related premiums are earned. Anticipated investment income is considered in the determination of the recoverability of deferred acquisition costs.

The excess of first-year commissions over renewal commissions and other first-year costs of acquiring life insurance business, such as agency and policy issuance expenses, which vary with and are related primarily to the production of new and renewal business, have been deferred and are amortized with interest over the expected life of the related contracts. The excess of first-year ceded expense allowances over renewal ceded expense allowances reduces applicable unamortized deferred acquisition costs.

Deferred acquisition costs related to non-participating traditional life insurance and accident and health insurance are amortized over the premium-paying period of the related policies using assumptions consistent with those used for computing future policy benefits reserves for such contracts. Assumptions as to anticipated premiums are made at the date of policy issuance or acquisition and are consistently applied during the lives of the contracts. Deviations from estimated experience are included in results of operations when they occur. For these contracts, the amortization period is typically the estimated life of the policy.

For universal life and cash value annuity contracts, the amortization of deferred acquisition costs is recorded in proportion to the present value of estimated gross margins or profits. The gross margins or profits result from actual earned interest minus actual credited interest, actual costs of insurance (mortality charges) minus expected mortality, actual expense charges minus expected maintenance expenses and surrender charges. Amortization interest rates are based on rates in effect at the inception or acquisition of the contracts or the latest revised rate applied to the remaining benefit period, according to product line. Actual gross margins or profits can vary from the Company's

estimates resulting in increases or decreases in the rate of amortization. When appropriate, the Company revises its assumptions of the estimated gross margins or profits of these contracts, and the cumulative amortization is re-estimated and adjusted through current results of operations. To the extent that unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities would result in an adjustment of deferred acquisition costs had they actually been realized, an adjustment is recorded to deferred acquisition costs and to unrealized investment gains or losses within stockholders' equity.

Deferred acquisition costs are recorded net of ceding commissions and other ceded acquisition costs. The Company evaluates deferred acquisition costs for recoverability. Adjustments, if necessary, are recorded in current results of operations.

**Investments in life settlement contracts and related revenue recognition:** The Company has purchased investments in life settlement contracts. Under a life settlement contract, CNA obtains the rights of being the owner and beneficiary to an underlying life insurance policy. The carrying value of each contract at purchase and at the end of each reporting period is equal to the cash surrender value of the policy in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Technical Bulletin 85-4, Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance (FTB 85-4). Amounts paid to purchase these contracts that are in excess of the cash surrender value, at the date of purchase, were expensed immediately. Periodic maintenance costs, such as premiums, necessary to keep the underlying policy in force are expensed as incurred and are included in other operating expenses. Revenue is recognized and included in other revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations when the life insurance policy underlying the life settlement contract matures.

### ***Separate Account Business***

Separate account assets and liabilities represent contract holder funds related to investment and annuity products, which are segregated into accounts with specific underlying investment objectives. In 2003, separate account balances included funds with balances accruing directly to the contract holders and also funds with performance measures guaranteed by the Company. Net income accruing to the Company related to the separate accounts, consisting of fee revenue and investment results in excess of guaranteed returns, were primarily included within other revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

In July of 2003, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee (AcSEC) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) issued Statement of Position 03-01, Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Nontraditional Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts (SOP 03-01). SOP 03-01 provides guidance on accounting and reporting by insurance enterprises for certain nontraditional long-duration contracts and for separate accounts. SOP 03-01 was effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2003. SOP 03-01 did not allow retroactive application to prior years' financial statements. CNA adopted SOP 03-01 at January 1, 2004. The initial adoption of SOP 03-01 did not have a significant impact on the results of operations or equity of the Company, but did affect the classification and presentation of certain balance sheet and income statement items.

Under SOP 03-01, the main criterion that needs to be satisfied for separate account presentation is that results of the investments made by the separate accounts must be directly passed through to the individual contract holders. Certain of CNA's separate accounts have guaranteed returns not related to investment performance whereby the contract holders do not bear the losses or receive the gains from the investment performance; rather, amounts less than or in excess of the guaranteed amounts accrue to CNA. Upon adoption of SOP 03-01, these separate accounts did not meet the requirements of SOP 03-01 for separate account presentation. Therefore, the assets supporting these separate accounts are reflected within general account investments and the related liabilities within insurance reserves as of December 31, 2004. SOP 03-01 specifically precludes reclassifying balances for years prior to adoption.

The adoption of SOP 03-01 did not result in a net impact to total assets, total liabilities or shareholder's equity. From an income statement perspective, SOP 03-01 did not impact net income; however, it required a reclassification within the income statement. Prior to the adoption of SOP 03-01, the net results of the separate accounts were primarily included in Other Revenue. Upon adopting SOP 03-01, premiums, benefits, net investment income and realized gains are included within their natural line items. Specifically related to the indexed group annuity contracts, the underlying portfolio consists of limited partnership investments and a trading portfolio which are classified as held for trading purposes and are carried at fair value, with both the net realized and unrealized gains (losses) included within net investment income in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company continues to have variable annuity contracts issued by CAC that meet the criteria for separate account presentation. The assets and liabilities of these contracts are legally segregated and reported as assets and liabilities of the separate account business. Substantially all assets of the separate account business are carried at fair value. Separate account liabilities are carried at contract values.

### ***Investments***

**Valuation of investments:** CNA classifies its fixed maturity securities (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) and its equity securities as either available-for-sale or trading, and as such, they are carried at fair value. Changes in fair value of trading securities are reported within net investment income. The amortized cost of fixed maturity securities classified as available-for-sale is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity, which are included in net investment income. Changes in fair value related to available-for-sale securities are reported as a component of other comprehensive income. Investments are written down to fair value and losses are recognized in income when a decline in value is determined to be other-than-temporary.

For asset-backed securities included in fixed maturity securities, the Company recognizes income using an effective yield based on anticipated prepayments and the estimated economic life of the securities. When estimates of prepayments change, the effective yield is recalculated to reflect actual payments to date and anticipated future payments. The net investment in the securities is adjusted to the amount that would have existed had the new effective yield been applied since the acquisition of the securities. Such adjustments are reflected in net investment income.

The Company's limited partnership investments are recorded at fair value and typically reflect a reporting lag of up to three months. Fair value represents CNA's equity in the partnership's net assets as determined by the General Partner. Changes in fair value, which represents changes in partnership's net assets, are recorded within net investment income. The majority of the limited partnerships invest in a substantial number of securities that are readily marketable. The Company is primarily a passive investor in such partnerships and does not have influence over the partnerships' management, who are committed to operate them according to established guidelines and strategies. These strategies may include the use of leverage and hedging techniques that potentially introduce more volatility and risk to the partnerships. In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46R), during 2004, the Company consolidated two limited partnerships which were previously accounted for using the equity method.

Other invested assets include certain derivative securities, mortgage loans, real estate and policy loans. Investments in derivative securities are carried at fair value with changes in fair value reported as a component of realized gains or losses or other comprehensive income, depending on their hedge designation. Changes in the fair value of derivative securities which are not designated as hedges, are reported as a component of realized gains or losses. Mortgage loans are carried at unpaid principal balances, including unamortized premium or discount. Real estate is carried at depreciated cost. Policy loans are carried at unpaid balances. Short term investments are generally carried at fair value, which approximates amortized cost. Accumulated depreciation for mortgage loans and real estate was \$1 million and \$12 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

**Realized investment gains and losses:** All securities sold resulting in investment gains and losses are recorded on the trade date. Realized investment gains and losses are determined on the basis of the cost or amortized cost of the specific securities sold.

**Equity in unconsolidated affiliates:** CNA uses the equity method of accounting for investments in companies in which its ownership interest of the voting shares of an investee company enables CNA to influence the operating or financial decisions of the investee company, but CNA's interest in the investee does not require consolidation under Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements (ARB 51) or FIN 46R. CNA's proportionate share of equity in net income of these unconsolidated affiliates is reported in other revenues.

**Securities lending activities:** CNA lends securities to unrelated parties, primarily major brokerage firms. Borrowers of these securities must deposit collateral with CNA of at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned if the collateral is cash or securities. CNA maintains effective control over all loaned securities and, therefore, continues to report such securities as fixed maturity securities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Cash collateral received on these transactions is invested in short term investments with an offsetting liability recognized for the obligation to return the collateral. Non-cash collateral, such as securities or letters of credit, received by the Company are not reflected as assets of the Company as there exists no right to sell or repledge the

collateral. The fair value of collateral held and included in short term investments was \$767 million and \$918 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The fair value of non-cash collateral was \$138 million and \$3,783 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

### ***Derivative Financial Instruments***

All investments in derivatives are recorded at fair value. A derivative is typically defined as an instrument whose value is “derived” from an underlying instrument, index or rate, has a notional amount, requires little or no initial investment and can be net settled. Derivatives include, but are not limited to, the following types of financial instruments: interest rate swaps, interest rate caps and floors, put and call options, warrants, futures, forwards, commitments to purchase forward settlement securities, credit default swaps and combinations of the foregoing. Derivatives embedded within non-derivative instruments (such as call options embedded in convertible bonds) must be separated from the host instrument when the embedded derivative is not clearly and closely related to the host instrument. Collateralized debt obligations (CDO) represent a credit enhancement product that is typically structured in the form of a swap. The Company has determined that this product is a derivative under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS 133). Changes in the estimated fair value of CDOs, like other derivative financial instruments with no hedge designation, are recorded in realized gains or losses as appropriate. The Company has no CDOs in force as of December 31, 2005 and there was no related realized gain or loss in 2005. The net impact from CDOs was a realized gain of \$5 million and a realized loss of \$1 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The Company no longer issues this product.

The Company’s derivatives are reported as other invested assets or other liabilities. Embedded derivative instruments subject to bifurcation are reported together with the host contract, at fair value. If certain criteria are met, a derivative may be specifically designated as a hedge of exposures to changes in fair value, cash flows or foreign currency exchange rates. The accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative, the nature of any hedge designation thereon and whether the derivative was transacted in a designated trading portfolio.



The Company's accounting for changes in the fair value of general account derivatives is as follows:

Nature of Hedge Designation	Derivative's Change in Fair Value Reflected In:
No hedge designation	Realized investment gains or losses
Fair value designation	Realized investment gains or losses, along with the change in fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk
Cash flow designation	Other comprehensive income, with subsequent reclassification to earnings when the hedged transaction, asset or liability impacts earnings
Foreign currency designation	Consistent with fair value or cash flow above, depending on the nature of the hedging relationship

The Company formally documents all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk-management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedging transactions. The Company also formally assesses (both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis) whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions have been highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of hedged items and whether those derivatives may be expected to remain highly effective in future periods. When it is determined that a derivative for which hedge accounting has been designated is not (or ceases to be) highly effective, the Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively.

Separate account investments held in designated trading portfolios are carried at fair value with changes therein reflected in investment income. Hedge accounting on derivatives in these separate accounts is generally not applicable.

The Company uses derivatives in the normal course of business, primarily to attempt to reduce its exposure to market risk (principally interest rate risk, equity stock price risk and foreign currency risk) stemming from various assets and liabilities and credit risk (the ability of an obligor to make timely payment of principal and/or interest). The Company's principal objective under such risk strategies is to achieve the desired reduction in economic risk, even if the position will not receive hedge accounting treatment.

The Company's use of derivatives is limited by statutes and regulations promulgated by the various regulatory bodies to which it is subject, and by its own derivative policy. The derivative policy limits the authorization to initiate derivative transactions to certain personnel. The policy generally prohibits the use of non-hedging derivatives with a maturity greater than 18 months. Derivatives entered into for hedging, regardless of the choice to designate hedge accounting, shall have a maturity that effectively correlates to the underlying hedged asset or liability. The policy prohibits the use of derivatives containing greater than one-to-one leverage with respect to changes in the underlying price, rate or index. The policy also prohibits the use of borrowed funds, including funds obtained through securities lending, to engage in derivative transactions.

Credit exposure associated with non-performance by the counterparties to derivative instruments is generally limited to the uncollateralized fair value of the asset related to the instruments recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company attempts to mitigate the risk of non-performance by monitoring the creditworthiness of counterparties and diversifying derivatives to multiple counterparties. The Company requires that all over-the-counter derivative contracts be governed by an International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement, and exchanges collateral under the terms of these agreements with its derivative investment counterparties depending on the amount of the exposure and the credit rating of the counterparty.

The Company has exposure to economic losses due to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level of, or volatility of, interest rates. The Company attempts to mitigate its exposure to interest rate risk through active portfolio management, which includes rebalancing its existing portfolios of assets and liabilities, as well as changing the characteristics of investments to be purchased or sold in the future. In addition, various derivative financial instruments are used to modify the interest rate risk exposures of certain assets and liabilities. These strategies include the use of interest rate swaps, interest rate caps and floors, options, futures, forwards and commitments to purchase securities. These instruments are generally used to lock interest rates or market values, to shorten or lengthen durations of fixed maturity securities or investment contracts, or to hedge (on an economic basis) interest

rate risks associated with investments, variable rate debt and life insurance liabilities. The Company has used these types of instruments as designated hedges against specific assets or liabilities on an infrequent basis.

The Company is exposed to equity price risk as a result of its investment in equity securities and equity derivatives. Equity price risk results from changes in the level or volatility of equity prices, which affect the value of equity securities, or instruments that derive their value from such securities. CNA attempts to mitigate its exposure to such risks by limiting its investment in any one security or index. The Company may also manage this risk by utilizing instruments such as options, swaps, futures and collars to protect appreciation in securities held. CNA uses derivatives in one of its separate accounts to mitigate equity price risk associated with its indexed group annuity contracts by purchasing Standard & Poor's 500® (S&P 500®) index futures contracts in a notional amount equal to the contract holder liability, which is calculated using the S&P 500® rate of return.

The Company has exposure to credit risk arising from the uncertainty associated with a financial instrument obligor's ability to make timely principal and/or interest payments. The Company attempts to mitigate this risk by limiting credit concentrations, practicing diversification, and frequently monitoring the credit quality of issuers and counterparties. In addition the Company may utilize credit derivatives such as credit default swaps to modify the credit risk inherent in certain investments. Credit default swaps involve a transfer of credit risk from one party to another in exchange for periodic payments. The Company infrequently designates these types of instruments as hedges against specific assets.

Foreign exchange rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in foreign currency exchange rates will impact the fair value of financial instruments denominated in a foreign currency. The Company's foreign transactions are primarily denominated in Canadian dollars, British pounds and euros. The Company typically manages this risk via asset/liability currency matching and through the use of foreign currency forwards. The Company has infrequently designated these types of instruments as hedges against specific assets or liabilities.

The contractual or notional amounts for derivatives are used to calculate the exchange of contractual payments under the agreements and are not representative of the potential for gain or loss on these instruments. Interest rates, equity prices and foreign currency exchange rates affect the fair value of derivatives. The fair values generally represent the estimated amounts that CNA would expect to receive or pay upon termination of the contracts at the reporting date. Dealer quotes are available for substantially all of CNA's derivatives. For derivative instruments not actively traded, fair values are estimated using values obtained from independent pricing services, costs to settle or quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

The Company is required to provide collateral for all exchange-traded futures and options contracts. These margin requirements are determined by the individual exchanges based on the fair value of the open positions and are in the custody of the exchange. Collateral may also be required for over-the-counter contracts such as interest rate swaps, credit default swaps and currency forwards per the ISDA agreements in place. The Company has access to this collateral pledged subject to replacement and therefore it remains recorded as an asset on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value of collateral provided was \$66 million and \$70 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and consisted primarily of U.S. Treasury Bills.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company and its eligible subsidiaries are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Loews and its eligible subsidiaries. The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Under the asset and liability method, deferred income taxes are recognized for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax return bases of assets and liabilities. Future tax benefits are recognized to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not.

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is based on the estimated useful lives of the various classes of property and equipment and is determined principally on the straight-line method. Furniture and fixtures are depreciated over seven years. Office equipment is depreciated over five years. The estimated lives for data processing equipment and software range from three to five years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the corresponding lease terms.



### ***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets of \$146 million and \$162 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 primarily represents the excess of purchase price over the fair value of the net assets of acquired entities and businesses. The balance at December 31, 2005 and 2004 primarily related to Specialty Lines. During 2005, the Company sold a subsidiary within Specialty Lines which reduced the balance by \$17 million. See Note P for further information on this transaction. In addition, Standard Lines acquired renewal rights for a block of insurance business, increasing the balance by \$1 million. Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment annually or when certain triggering events require such tests.

### ***Earnings (Loss) per Share Data***

Earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders is based on weighted-average outstanding shares. Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share are computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the period of common stock or common stock equivalents assuming conversion. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for computing basic and diluted earnings per share was 256.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 and 227.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. Included in the weighted-average outstanding shares in 2004 and 2003 is the effect of 32.3 million shares of CNAF common stock issued on April 20, 2004 in conjunction with the conversion of the \$750 million Series I convertible preferred stock issued in 2003. The effect of the preferred shares has been included in the weighted average shares since issuance.

The Series H Cumulative Preferred Stock Issue (Series H Issue) is held by Loews and accrues cumulative dividends at an initial rate of 8% per year, compounded annually. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had \$197 million of undeclared but accumulated dividends. The Series H Issue dividend amounts for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 have been subtracted from Net Income (Loss) to determine net income (loss) available to common stockholders.

Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, approximately one million shares attributable to the exercise of outstanding options were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of CNA common stock.

The computation of earnings (loss) per share is as follows:

**Earnings (Loss) per Share**

**Years ended December 31**

(In millions, except per share amounts)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 243	\$ 446	\$ (1,419)
Less: undeclared preferred stock dividend	(70)	(65)	(60)
Income (loss) from continuing operations available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 173</u>	<u>\$ 381</u>	<u>\$ (1,479)</u>
Weighted average outstanding common stock and common stock equivalents	256.0	256.0	227.0
Effect of dilutive securities, employee stock options	-	-	-
Adjusted weighted average outstanding common stock and common stock equivalents assuming conversions	<u>256.0</u>	<u>256.0</u>	<u>227.0</u>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations available to common stockholders</b>	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.49</u>	<u>\$ (6.52)</u>

The Company has stock-based compensation plans which are detailed in Note J. The Company applies the intrinsic value method by following Accounting Policy Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25), and related interpretations, in accounting for its stock-based compensation plan. Under the recognition and measurement principles of APB 25, no stock-based compensation cost has been recognized as the exercise price of the granted options equaled the market price of the underlying stock at the grant date.

The following table illustrates the effect on net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share data if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS 123) to stock-based employee compensation under the Company's stock-based compensation plans.

**Pro Forma Effect of SFAS 123 on Results**

**Years ended December 31**

(In millions, except per share amounts)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 243	\$ 446	\$ (1,419)
Less: undeclared preferred stock dividend	(70)	(65)	(60)
Income (loss) from continuing operations available to common stockholders	173	381	(1,479)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	21	(21)	2
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	194	360	(1,477)
Less: Total stock-based compensation cost determined under the fair value method, net of tax	(2)	(2)	(2)
Pro forma net income (loss) available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 192</u>	<u>\$ 358</u>	<u>\$ (1,479)</u>
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share, as reported	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 1.40</u>	<u>\$ (6.51)</u>
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share, pro forma	<u>\$ 0.75</u>	<u>\$ 1.39</u>	<u>\$ (6.52)</u>

In December of 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS 123R), that amends Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (SFAS 123), as originally issued in May of 1995. SFAS 123R addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which an enterprise receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of the enterprise or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the enterprise's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such equity instruments. SFAS 123R supercedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25). After the effective date of

this standard, entities will not be permitted to use the intrinsic value method specified in APB 25 to measure compensation expense and generally would be required to measure compensation expense using a fair-value based method. Public companies are to apply this standard using either the modified prospective method or the modified retrospective method. The modified prospective method requires a company to (a) record compensation expense for all awards it grants, modifies, repurchases or cancels after the date it adopts the standard and (b) record compensation expense for the unvested portion of previously granted awards that remain outstanding at the date of adoption. The modified retrospective method requires companies to record compensation expense to either (a) all prior years for which SFAS 123 was effective (i.e. for all fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1994) or (b) only to prior interim periods in the year of initial adoption if the effective date of SFAS 123R does not coincide with the beginning of the fiscal year. SFAS 123R was effective for the Company January 1, 2006. The Company applied the modified prospective transition method. The above pro forma disclosure of the effect of SFAS 123 on results reflects the approximate impact of adoption on the Company, which is not expected to have a material impact on the results of operations and/or equity of the Company.

### **Supplementary Cash Flow Information**

Cash payments made for interest amounted to approximately \$139 million, \$123 million and \$134 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The amount of interest paid included in the supplemental disclosure of cash flow information for the year ended December 31, 2004 was corrected from \$216 million to \$123 million. Cash payments made for federal income taxes amounted to approximately \$164 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Cash refunds received for federal income taxes amounted to approximately \$627 million and \$369 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The non-cash transactions related to notes receivable for the issuance of common stock amounted to approximately \$8 million and \$4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2003. There were no non-cash transactions related to notes receivable for the issuance of common stock for the year ended December 31, 2004.

### **Accounting Pronouncements**

In December of 2004, the FASB issued SFAS 153, Exchanges of Non-Monetary Assets an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29. SFAS 153 amends the definition of “exchange” or “exchange transaction” and expands the list of transactions that would not meet the definition of non-monetary transfer. SFAS 153 is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. Adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on the results of operations or equity of the Company.

## Note B. Investments

The significant components of net investment income are presented in the following table.

### Net Investment Income

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Fixed maturity securities	\$ 1,608	\$ 1,571	\$ 1,651
Short term investments	147	56	63
Limited partnerships	254	212	221
Equity securities	25	14	19
Income from trading portfolio (a)	47	110	-
Interest on funds withheld and other deposits	(166)	(261)	(335)
Other	20	18	85
Gross investment income	1,935	1,720	1,704
Investment expenses	(43)	(40)	(48)
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>\$ 1,892</b>	<b>\$ 1,680</b>	<b>\$ 1,656</b>

- (a) The change in net unrealized gains (losses) on trading securities included in net investment income was \$(7) million and \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Net realized investment gains (losses) and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in investments were as follows:

**Net Investment Appreciation**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net realized investment gains (losses):			
Fixed maturity securities:			
Gross realized gains	\$ 361	\$ 704	\$ 1,244
Gross realized losses	(451)	(457)	(807)
Net realized gains (losses) on fixed maturity securities	(90)	247	437
Equity securities:			
Gross realized gains	73	225	143
Gross realized losses	(35)	(23)	(29)
Net realized gains on equity securities	38	202	114
Other, including disposition of businesses, net of participating policyholders' interest	39	(688)	(87)
Net realized investment gains (losses) before allocation to participating policyholders' and minority interests	(13)	(239)	464
Allocation to participating policyholders' and minority interests	3	(9)	(4)
Net realized investment gains (losses)	(10)	(248)	460
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in general account investments:			
Fixed maturity securities	(443)	(53)	372
Equity securities	34	(98)	87
Other	(1)	-	2
Total net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in general account investments	(410)	(151)	461
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on other	(12)	(70)	6
Allocation to participating policyholders' and minority interests	18	19	(7)
Deferred income tax (expense) benefit	158	55	(159)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in investments	(246)	(147)	301
<b>Net realized gains (losses) and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in investments</b>	<b>\$ (256)</b>	<b>\$ (395)</b>	<b>\$ 761</b>

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is possible that changes in these risk factors in the near term could have an adverse material impact on the Company's results of operations or equity.

The Company's investment policies emphasize high credit quality and diversification by industry, issuer and issue. Assets supporting interest rate sensitive liabilities are segmented within the general account to facilitate asset/liability duration management.

A significant judgment in the valuation of investments is the determination of when an other-than-temporary decline in value has occurred. The Company follows a consistent and systematic process for impairing securities that sustain other-than-temporary declines in value. The Company has established a committee responsible for the impairment process. This committee, referred to as the Impairment Committee, is made up of three officers appointed by the Company's Chief Financial Officer. The Impairment Committee is responsible for analyzing watch list securities on at least a quarterly basis. The watch list includes individual securities that fall below certain thresholds or that exhibit evidence of impairment indicators including, but not limited to, a significant adverse change in the financial condition and near term prospects of the investment or a significant adverse change in legal factors, the business climate or credit ratings.

When a security is placed on the watch list, it is monitored for further market value changes and additional news related to the issuer's financial condition. The focus is on objective evidence that may influence the evaluation of impairment factors.

The decision to impair a security incorporates both quantitative criteria and qualitative information. The Impairment Committee considers a number of factors including, but not limited to: (a) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than book value, (b) the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, (c) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in value, (d) whether the debtor is current on interest and principal payments and (e) general market conditions and industry or sector specific factors.

The Impairment Committee's decision to impair a security is primarily based on whether the security's fair value is likely to remain below its book value in light of all of the factors considered. For securities that are impaired, the security is adjusted to fair value and the resulting losses are recognized in realized gains/losses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Realized investment losses included \$107 million, \$93 million and \$321 million of pretax impairment losses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The 2005 impairment losses were recorded across various sectors. The 2005 and 2004 impairment losses recorded related to a \$34 million and \$56 million pretax impairment loss related to loans made under a credit facility to a national contractor, that are classified as fixed maturity securities. See Note S for additional information on loans to the national contractor. The 2003 impairment was primarily the result of the continued credit deterioration on specific issuers in the bond and equity markets and the effects on such markets due to the overall slowing of the economy.

Other realized investment gains (losses) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 include gains and losses related to sales of certain operations or affiliates that are described in Note P.

The following tables provide a summary of fixed maturity and equity securities investments.

**Summary of Fixed Maturity and Equity Securities**

<b>December 31, 2005</b> (In millions)	<b>Cost or Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses Less than 12 Months</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses Greater than 12 Months</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale:					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of government agencies	\$ 1,355	\$ 119	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 1,469
Asset-backed securities	12,986	43	137	33	12,859
States, municipalities and political subdivisions – tax- exempt	9,054	193	31	7	9,209
Corporate securities	5,906	322	52	11	6,165
Other debt securities	2,830	234	18	2	3,044
Redeemable preferred stock	213	4	-	1	216
Options embedded in convertible debt securities	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Total fixed maturity securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>32,345</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32,963</b>
<b>Total fixed maturity securities trading</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>271</b>
Equity securities available-for-sale:					
Common stock	140	150	1	-	289
Preferred stock	322	22	1	-	343
<b>Total equity securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>632</b>
<b>Total equity securities trading</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,127</b>	<b>\$ 1,087</b>	<b>\$ 244</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$ 33,915</b>

<b>December 31, 2004</b> (In millions)	<b>Cost or Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses Less than 12 Months</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses Greater than 12 Months</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale:					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of government agencies	\$ 4,233	\$ 126	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ 4,346
Asset-backed securities	7,706	105	19	4	7,788
States, municipalities and political subdivisions – tax- exempt	8,699	189	28	3	8,857
Corporate securities	6,093	477	52	5	6,513
Other debt securities	2,769	295	11	-	3,053
Redeemable preferred stock	142	6	-	2	146
Options embedded in convertible debt securities	234	-	-	-	234
<b>Total fixed maturity securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>29,876</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30,937</b>
<b>Total fixed maturity securities trading</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>390</b>
Equity securities available-for-sale:					
Common stock	148	112	-	-	260
Preferred stock	126	24	-	-	150
<b>Total equity securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Total equity securities trading</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,586</b>	<b>\$ 1,334</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ 14</b>	<b>\$ 31,783</b>



At December 31, 2005, the carrying value of the general account fixed maturities was \$33,234 million, representing 84% of the total investment portfolio. The net unrealized position associated with the fixed maturity portfolio included \$297 million in gross unrealized losses consisting of municipal securities which represented 13%, corporate bonds which represented 21%, asset-backed securities which represented 57%, and all other fixed maturity securities which represented 9%. Within corporate bonds, the largest industry sectors were financial, communications and consumer cyclical, which as a percentage of total gross unrealized losses were 32%, 19% and 18%. Gross unrealized losses in any single issuer were less than 0.1% of the carrying value of the total general account fixed maturity portfolio.

The following tables summarize fixed maturity and equity securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2005 and 2004, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time those securities have been continuously in an unrealized loss position.

**Unrealized Loss Aging**

	December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss
(In millions)				
Fixed maturity securities:				
Investment grade:				
0-6 months	\$ 9,976	\$ 142	\$ 7,742	\$ 53
7-12 months	2,739	61	2,448	59
13-24 months	1,400	45	368	12
Greater than 24 months	219	7	2	-
Total investment grade	14,334	255	10,560	124
Non-investment grade:				
0-6 months	632	29	188	7
7-12 months	118	10	69	4
13-24 months	122	3	20	2
Greater than 24 months	2	-	-	-
Total non-investment grade	874	42	277	13
Total fixed maturity securities	15,208	297	10,837	137
Equity securities:				
0-6 months	49	2	4	-
7-12 months	1	-	1	-
13-24 months	-	-	1	-
Greater than 24 months	3	-	3	-
Total equity securities	53	2	9	-
<b>Total fixed maturity and equity securities</b>	<b>\$ 15,261</b>	<b>\$ 299</b>	<b>\$ 10,846</b>	<b>\$ 137</b>

The following tables summarize available-for-sale fixed maturity securities by contract maturity at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because certain securities may be called or prepaid with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Contractual Maturity	December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Cost or Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Cost or Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
(In millions)				
Due in one year or less	\$ 804	\$ 806	\$ 1,048	\$ 1,054
Due after one year through five years	2,166	2,202	4,433	4,480
Due after five years through ten years	3,417	3,523	9,238	9,577
Due after ten years	12,972	13,573	7,451	8,038
Asset-backed securities	12,986	12,859	7,706	7,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,345</b>	<b>\$ 32,963</b>	<b>\$ 29,876</b>	<b>\$ 30,937</b>

The carrying value of fixed maturity investments that did not produce income during 2005 was less than \$1 million. The carrying value of fixed maturity investments that did not produce income during 2004 was \$3 million. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, no investments, other than investments in U.S. government agency securities, exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity.

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had committed approximately \$191 million and \$104 million to future capital calls from various third-party limited partnership investments in exchange for an ownership interest in the related partnerships.

The Company invests in multiple bank loan participations as part of its overall investment strategy and has committed to additional future purchases and sales. The purchase and sale of these investments are recorded on the date that the legal agreements are finalized and cash settlement is made. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had commitments to purchase \$82 million and \$41 million and sell \$12 million and \$2 million of various bank loan participations. When loan participation purchases are settled and recorded they may contain both funded and unfunded amounts. An unfunded loan represents an obligation by the Company to provide additional amounts under the terms of the loan participation. The funded portions are reflected on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, while any unfunded amounts are not recorded until a draw is made under the loan facility. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had obligations on unfunded bank loan participations in the amount of \$21 million and \$3 million.

### ***Investments on Deposit***

The Company may from time to time invest in securities that may be restricted in whole or in part. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company did not hold any significant positions in investments whose sale was restricted.

Cash and securities with carrying values of approximately \$2.4 billion and \$2.6 billion were deposited by the Company's insurance subsidiaries under requirements of regulatory authorities as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

The Company's investments in limited partnerships contain withdrawal provisions that typically require advanced written notice of up to 90 days for withdrawals. The carrying value of these investments, reported as a separate line item in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, is \$1,509 million and \$1,549 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Cash and securities with carrying values of approximately \$13 million and \$18 million were deposited with financial institutions as collateral for letters of credit as of December 31, 2005 and 2004. In addition, cash and securities were deposited in trusts with financial institutions to secure reinsurance obligations with various third parties. The carrying values of these deposits were approximately \$356 million and \$333 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

## Note C. Derivative Financial Instruments

A summary of the aggregate contractual or notional amounts, estimated fair values and recognized gains (losses) related to derivative financial instruments follows.

### Derivative Instruments

As of and for the year ended December 31, 2005 (In millions)	Contractual/ Notional Amount	Estimated Fair Value Asset	Estimated Fair Value (Liability)	Recognized Gains (Losses)
<b>General account</b>				
<b>With hedge designation</b>				
Swaps	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ (1)	\$ (1)
<b>Without hedge designation</b>				
Swaps	756	-	(8)	46
Futures sold, not yet purchased	-	-	-	2
Currency forwards	15	-	-	2
Equity warrants	6	2	-	-
Options embedded in convertible debt securities	12	1	-	(33)
<b>Trading activities</b>				
Futures purchased	1,058	-	(4)	18
Futures sold, not yet purchased	166	-	-	2
Currency forwards	59	-	(1)	(1)
Commitments to purchase mortgage backed securities	21	-	-	-
Options purchased	20	-	-	(2)
Options written	21	-	-	2
<b>Total general account</b>	<u>\$ 2,399</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ (14)</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>
<b>Separate accounts</b>				
Options written	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<b>As of and for the year ended December 31, 2004</b> (In millions)	<b>Contractual/ Notional Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value Asset</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value (Liability)</b>	<b>Recognized Gains (Losses)</b>
<b>General account</b>				
<b>Without hedge designation</b>				
Swaps	\$ 489	\$ -	\$ (8)	\$ 23
Futures sold, not yet purchased	12	-	-	(113)
Currency forwards	95	-	-	10
Commitments to purchase mortgage backed securities	-	-	-	(12)
Equity warrants	11	1	-	-
Options purchased	2	-	-	-
Options written	-	-	-	3
Collateralized debt obligation liabilities	-	-	-	5
Options embedded in convertible debt securities	701	234	-	24
<b>Trading activities</b>				
Futures purchased	1,230	-	(1)	96
Futures sold, not yet purchased	112	-	-	-
Currency forwards	53	1	-	-
Commitments to purchase mortgage backed securities	25	-	-	-
Options purchased	101	1	-	(1)
Options written	102	-	-	1
<b>Total general account</b>	<u>\$ 2,933</u>	<u>\$ 237</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 36</u>
<b>Separate accounts</b>				
Options written	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

### ***Fair Value Hedges***

The Company's hedging activities that are designated as a fair value hedge for accounting purposes primarily involve hedging interest rate and foreign currency risks on various assets and liabilities. The Company periodically enters into interest rate swaps to modify the interest rate exposures of designated invested assets. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective and that is designated and qualifies as a fair-value hedge, along with the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset that are attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded as realized gains or losses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company recognized a net gain of \$0.3 million, which represents the ineffective portion of all fair-value hedges. All components of each derivative's gain or loss were included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness. There was no gain or loss on the ineffective portion of fair value hedges for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, because the Company did not designate any derivatives as fair value hedges in those years.

### ***Cash Flow Hedges***

The Company entered into one transaction that was designated as a cash flow hedge for accounting purposes, hedging interest rate risk on the forecasted payment of interest resulting from the issuance of fixed rate debt obligations during 2004. Ineffectiveness resulting from this hedge was recorded in realized gains or losses and was insignificant for the year ended December 31, 2004. For cash flow hedges of this type, gains and losses on derivative contracts that are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to current period earnings are included as part of the interest cost over the forecasted life of the debt. The cash flow hedge resulted in a loss of \$4 million which is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2004. The Company reclassified \$0.3 million of the deferred net loss recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings during 2005. The Company expects that \$0.3 million of the deferred net loss recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income will be reclassified into earnings during 2006.

The Company did not enter into any transaction that was designated as a cash flow hedge during 2005 or 2003.

***Derivative activity without hedge designations***

The Company's derivative activities that are not designated as a hedge for accounting purposes primarily involve hedging interest rate, foreign currency and credit rate risks on various assets as part of its overall portfolio management strategy. This activity may include entering into interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, currency forwards and commitments to buy or sell "to be announced" mortgage backed securities (TBAs). It may also include buying or selling interest rate futures and options and purchasing warrants. These products are entered into as part of a macro hedging strategy and while they may be linked to specific assets or a pool of assets, the Company does not seek hedge accounting treatment on them.

***Trading Activities***

The Company's derivative trading activities are associated with one of its consolidated separate accounts in which all investments are held for trading purposes. The derivatives segregated in this separate account are carried at market value with the gains and losses included within net investment income. The Company is exposed to equity price risk in this separate account associated with its indexed group annuity contracts. The Company purchases Standard and Poor's 500® (S&P500®) index futures contracts in a notional amount equal to the contract holders liability. Other derivatives held in the separate account may include currency forwards, interest rate futures, options written and purchased and forward purchase commitments, among others.

***Separate Accounts***

The results of the Company's Separate Account derivative trading activity is included within Other Revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company is primarily exposed to equity price risk in this separate account and utilizes written options to mitigate this risk.

**Note D. Financial Instruments**

In the normal course of business, the Company invests in various financial assets, incurs various financial liabilities and enters into agreements involving derivative securities.

Fair values are disclosed for all financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value, whether or not such values are recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Management attempts to obtain quoted market prices for these disclosures. Where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using present value or other valuation techniques. These techniques are significantly affected by management's assumptions, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. Potential taxes and other transaction costs have not been considered in estimating fair values. The estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that CNA would realize in a current market exchange.

Non-financial instruments such as real estate, deferred acquisition costs, property and equipment, deferred income taxes and intangibles, and certain financial instruments such as insurance reserves and leases are excluded from the fair value disclosures. Therefore, the fair value amounts cannot be aggregated to determine the underlying economic value of the Company.

The carrying amounts reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash, short term investments, accrued investment income, receivables for securities sold, federal income taxes recoverable/payable, collateral on loaned securities and derivatives, payables for securities purchased, and certain other assets and other liabilities approximate fair value because of the short term nature of these items. These assets and liabilities are not listed in the following tables.

The following methods and assumptions were used by CNA in estimating the fair value of financial assets and liabilities.

The fair values of fixed maturity and equity securities were based on quoted market prices, where available. For securities not actively traded, fair values were estimated using values obtained from independent pricing services or quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

The fair value for mortgage loans was estimated using discounted cash flows utilizing interest rates currently offered for similar loans to borrowers of comparable credit quality. Loans with similar characteristics were aggregated for purposes of these calculations.

The carrying value for policy loans approximates fair value because of the short term nature.

The fair value of limited partnership investments represents CNA's equity in the partnership's net assets as determined by the general partner. Valuation techniques to determine fair value of other invested assets and other separate account business assets consisted of discounting cash flows, obtaining quoted market prices of the investments and comparing the investments to similar instruments or to the underlying assets of the investments.

The fair values of notes receivable for the issuance of common stock were estimated using discounted cash flows utilizing interest rates currently offered for obligations securitized with similar collateral.

Premium deposits and annuity contracts were valued based on cash surrender values and the outstanding fund balances.

CNAF's senior notes and debentures were valued based on quoted market prices. The fair value for other long term debt was estimated using discounted cash flows based on current incremental borrowing rates for similar borrowing arrangements.

The fair values of financial guarantee contracts were estimated using discounted cash flows utilizing interest rates currently offered for similar contracts.

The carrying amount and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instrument assets and liabilities are listed in the table below. Additional detail related to derivative financial instruments is also provided in Note C.

#### Financial Assets and Liabilities

December 31	2005		2004	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
(In millions)				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Investments:				
Fixed maturity securities	\$ 33,234	\$ 33,234	\$ 31,327	\$ 31,327
Equity securities	681	681	456	456
Mortgage loans	-	-	-	1
Policy loans	-	-	1	1
Limited partnership investments	1,509	1,509	1,549	1,549
Other invested assets	3	3	(4)	(4)
Separate account business:				
Fixed maturity securities	466	466	486	486
Equity securities	44	44	55	55
Notes receivable for the issuance of common stock	59	59	71	76
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Premium deposits and annuity contracts	\$ 1,363	\$ 1,359	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,565
Long term debt	1,438	1,507	1,726	1,820
Short-term debt	252	252	531	531
Financial guarantee contracts	7	7	45	45
Separate account business:				
Variable separate accounts	53	53	64	64
Other	491	491	499	499

#### Note E. Income Taxes

CNA and its eligible subsidiaries (CNA Tax Group) are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Loews and its eligible subsidiaries. Loews and CNA have agreed that for each taxable year, CNA will 1) be paid by Loews the amount, if any, by which the Loews consolidated federal income tax liability is reduced by virtue of the inclusion of the CNA Tax Group in the Loews consolidated federal income tax return, or 2) pay to Loews an amount, if any, equal to the federal income tax that would have been payable by the CNA Tax Group filing a separate consolidated tax return. In the event that Loews should have a net operating loss in the future computed on the basis of filing a separate consolidated tax return without the CNA Tax Group, CNA may be required to repay tax recoveries previously received from Loews. This agreement may be canceled by either party upon 30 days written notice.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, CNA paid Loews \$146 million while CNA received \$631 million from Loews for the year ended December 31, 2004, related to federal income taxes. CNA's consolidated federal income taxes recoverable at December 31, 2005 includes a \$68 million recoverable from Loews and a \$6 million payable related to affiliates less than 80% owned which settled their income taxes directly with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). At December 31, 2004, the comparable federal income taxes recoverable from Loews was \$6 million and the income taxes payable for affiliates less than 80% owned was \$6 million.

The Loews consolidated federal income tax returns have been settled with the IRS through 2001 as the tax returns for 1998 through 2001, including related carryback claims and prior claims for refund, were approved by the Joint Committee on Taxation in the second quarter of 2005. As a result, the Company recorded a federal income tax benefit of \$36 million and net refund interest of \$79 million, net of tax, in the second quarter of 2005. The tax benefit related primarily to the release of federal income tax reserves.

In 2005, the Company paid Loews \$37 million related to the net tax deficiency for the 1998 through 2001 tax returns and received from Loews \$121 million related to net refund interest. The net refund interest is included in Other Revenues on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and is reflected in the Corporate and Other Non-Core segment.

The federal income tax returns for 2002 through 2004 are currently under examination by the IRS. The Company believes the outcome of this examination will not have a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

A reconciliation between CNA's federal income tax (expense) benefit at statutory rates and the recorded income tax (expense) benefit, after giving effect to minority interest, but before giving effect to discontinued operations, is as follows:

**Tax Reconciliation**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Income tax (expense) benefit at statutory rates	\$ (57)	\$ (176)	\$ 816
Tax benefit from tax exempt income	116	111	101
Other (expense) benefit, including IRS settlements	46	34	(11)
<b>Effective income tax (expense) benefit</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ (31)</b>	<b>\$ 906</b>

Provision has been made for the expected U.S. federal income tax liabilities applicable to undistributed earnings of subsidiaries, except for certain subsidiaries for which the Company intends to invest the undistributed earnings indefinitely, or recover such undistributed earnings tax-free. At December 31, 2005, the Company has not provided deferred taxes of \$88 million, if sold through a taxable sale, on \$250 million of undistributed earnings related to a domestic affiliate. The determination of the amount of the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries is not practicable.

The current and deferred components of CNA's income tax (expense) benefit, excluding taxes on discontinued operations, are as follows:

**Current and Deferred Taxes**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Current tax (expense) benefit	\$ (115)	\$ 6	\$ 980
Deferred tax (expense) benefit	220	(37)	(74)
<b>Total income tax (expense) benefit</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ (31)</b>	<b>\$ 906</b>



The deferred tax effects of the significant components of CNA's deferred tax assets and liabilities are set forth in the table below:

**Components of Net Deferred Tax Asset**

<b>December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Assets:</b>		
Insurance reserves:		
Property and casualty claim and claim adjustment expense reserves	\$ 807	\$ 718
Unearned premium reserves	232	233
Life reserves	187	192
Other insurance reserves	24	28
Receivables	292	309
Employee benefits	214	218
Life settlement contracts	102	100
Investment valuation differences	130	149
Net operating loss carried forward	38	41
Other assets	194	218
<b>Gross deferred tax assets</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,206</b>
Valuation allowance	(30)	(33)
<b>Deferred tax assets after valuation allowance</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,173</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred acquisition costs	(651)	(691)
Net unrealized gains	(274)	(429)
Foreign and other affiliate(s)	(15)	(207)
Other liabilities	(145)	(134)
<b>Gross deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>(1,085)</b>	<b>(1,461)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>\$ 1,105</b>	<b>\$ 712</b>

Although realization of deferred tax assets is not assured, management believes it is more likely than not that the recognized net deferred tax asset will be realized through future earnings, including but not limited to future income from continuing operations, reversal of existing temporary differences, and available tax planning strategies. A valuation allowance of \$30 million, associated with a \$38 million gross deferred tax asset on \$129 million of net foreign losses (with no expiration date) incurred by certain of the Company's foreign subsidiaries, for a net deferred tax asset of \$8 million remains outstanding at December 31, 2005 due to the uncertainty in the ability of the foreign subsidiaries to generate sufficient future income.

**Note F. Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

CNA's property and casualty insurance claim and claim adjustment expense reserves represent the estimated amounts necessary to settle all outstanding claims, including claims that are incurred but not reported (IBNR) as of the reporting date. The Company's reserve projections are based primarily on detailed analysis of the facts in each case, CNA's experience with similar cases and various historical development patterns. Consideration is given to such historical patterns as field reserving trends and claims settlement practices, loss payments, pending levels of unpaid claims and product mix, as well as court decisions, economic conditions and public attitudes. All of these factors can affect the estimation of claim and claim adjustment expense reserves.

Establishing claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, including claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for catastrophic events that have occurred, is an estimation process. Many factors can ultimately affect the final settlement of a claim and, therefore, the necessary reserve. Changes in the law, results of litigation, medical costs, the cost of repair materials and labor rates can all affect ultimate claim costs. In addition, time can be a critical part of reserving determinations since the longer the span between the incidence of a loss and the payment or settlement of the claim, the more variable the ultimate settlement amount can be. Accordingly, short-tail claims, such as property damage claims, tend to be more reasonably estimable than long-tail claims, such as general liability and professional liability claims. Adjustments to prior year reserve estimates, if necessary, are reflected in the results of operations in the period that the need for such adjustments is determined.

Catastrophes are an inherent risk of the property and casualty insurance business and have contributed to material period-to-period fluctuations in the Company's results of operations and/or equity. The level of catastrophe losses experienced in any period cannot be predicted and can be material to the results of operations and/or equity of the Company. Catastrophe losses, net of reinsurance, were \$493 million, \$278 million and \$143 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The catastrophe losses in 2005 related primarily to Hurricanes Katrina, Dennis, Ophelia, Rita and Wilma. The 2005 loss estimate was developed after consideration of reported claims, the insured values of properties in the affected areas, modeled losses, industry loss estimates and the Company's reinsurance coverage. Because of the nature of the five hurricanes, the estimate involves significant judgment due in part to the legal and regulatory uncertainties, the complexity of factors contributing to the losses and the preliminary nature of the information available. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that CNA's ultimate cost for these catastrophes will not exceed this estimate. The catastrophe losses in 2004 related primarily to Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. The catastrophe losses in 2003 related primarily to Hurricane Claudette, Hurricane Isabel, Texas tornadoes and Midwest rain storms.

Commercial catastrophe losses, gross of reinsurance, were \$976 million, \$308 million and \$156 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. See the Reinsurance section of the MD&A included in Item 7 for further discussion of the Company's catastrophe reinsurance program.

Claim and claim adjustment expense reserves are presented net of amounts due from insureds related to losses under high deductible policies. The Company has an allowance for uncollectible deductible amounts, which is presented as a component of the allowance for doubtful accounts for insurance receivables.

The table below provides a reconciliation between beginning and ending claim and claim adjustment expense reserves including claim and claim adjustment expense reserves of the life and group companies.

**Reconciliation of Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

<b>As of and for the years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Reserves, beginning of year:			
Gross	\$ 31,523	\$ 31,732	\$ 27,441
Ceded	13,879	14,066	10,634
Net reserves, beginning of year	17,644	17,666	16,807
Reduction of net reserves (a)	-	-	(1,309)
Reduction of net reserves (b)	-	(42)	-
Net incurred claim and claim adjustment expenses:			
Provision for insured events of current year	5,516	6,062	6,745
Increase in provision for insured events of prior years	1,100	240	2,398
Amortization of discount	115	135	115
Total net incurred (c)	6,731	6,437	9,258
Net payments attributable to:			
Current year events (d)	1,341	1,936	2,192
Prior year events	2,711	4,522	4,937
Reinsurance recoverable against net reserve transferred under retroactive reinsurance agreements	(10)	(41)	(39)
Total net payments	4,042	6,417	7,090
Net reserves, end of year	20,333	17,644	17,666
Ceded reserves, end of year	10,605	13,879	14,066
<b>Gross reserves, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 30,938</b>	<b>\$ 31,523</b>	<b>\$ 31,732</b>

- (a) In 2003, the net reserves were reduced by \$1,309 million as a result of the sale of CNAGLA. See Note P for further discussion of this sale.
- (b) In 2004, the net reserves were reduced by \$42 million as a result of the sale of the individual life insurance business. See Note P for further discussion of this sale.
- (c) Total net incurred above does not agree to insurance claims and policyholders' benefit as reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations due to expenses incurred related to uncollectible reinsurance receivables and benefit expenses related to future policy benefits and policyholders' funds which are not reflected in the table above.
- (d) In 2005, net payments were decreased by \$1,581 million due to the impact of three significant commutations. See Note H for further discussion related to commutations.

The changes in provision for insured events of prior years (net prior year claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development) were as follows:

**Reserve Development**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Environmental pollution and mass tort	\$ 53	\$ 1	\$ 153
Asbestos	10	54	642
Other	1,037	185	1,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,100</b>	<b>\$ 240</b>	<b>\$ 2,398</b>

The following tables summarize the gross and net carried reserves as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

**December 31, 2005**

**Gross and Net Carried**

**Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

(In millions)	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Life and Group Non-Core	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
Gross Case Reserves	\$ 7,033	\$ 1,907	\$ 2,542	\$ 3,297	\$ 14,779
Gross IBNR Reserves	8,051	3,298	735	4,075	16,159
<b>Total Gross Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 15,084</b>	<b>\$ 5,205</b>	<b>\$ 3,277</b>	<b>\$ 7,372</b>	<b>\$ 30,938</b>
Net Case Reserves	\$ 5,165	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,554	\$ 9,617
Net IBNR Reserves	6,081	2,352	381	1,902	10,716
<b>Total Net Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 11,246</b>	<b>\$ 3,794</b>	<b>\$ 1,837</b>	<b>\$ 3,456</b>	<b>\$ 20,333</b>

**December 31, 2004**

**Gross and Net Carried**

**Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves**

(In millions)	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Life and Group Non-Core	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
Gross Case Reserves	\$ 6,904	\$ 1,659	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,806	\$ 15,169
Gross IBNR Reserves	7,398	3,201	880	4,875	16,354
<b>Total Gross Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 14,302</b>	<b>\$ 4,860</b>	<b>\$ 3,680</b>	<b>\$ 8,681</b>	<b>\$ 31,523</b>
Net Case Reserves	\$ 4,761	\$ 1,191	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,588	\$ 8,934
Net IBNR Reserves	4,547	2,042	430	1,691	8,710
<b>Total Net Carried Claim and Claim Adjustment Expense Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 9,308</b>	<b>\$ 3,233</b>	<b>\$ 1,824</b>	<b>\$ 3,279</b>	<b>\$ 17,644</b>

The following provides discussion of the Company's Asbestos, Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort (APMT) and core reserves.

***APMT Reserves***

CNA's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries have actual and potential exposures related to APMT claims.

Establishing reserves for APMT claim and claim adjustment expenses is subject to uncertainties that are greater than those presented by other claims. Traditional actuarial methods and techniques employed to estimate the ultimate cost of claims for more traditional property and casualty exposures are less precise in estimating claim and claim adjustment expense reserves for APMT, particularly in an environment of emerging or potential claims and coverage issues that arise from industry practices and legal, judicial, and social conditions. Therefore, these traditional actuarial methods and techniques are necessarily supplemented with additional estimating techniques and methodologies, many of which involve significant judgments that are required of management. Accordingly, a high degree of uncertainty remains for the Company's ultimate liability for APMT claim and claim adjustment expenses.

In addition to the difficulties described above, estimating the ultimate cost of both reported and unreported APMT claims is subject to a higher degree of variability due to a number of additional factors, including among others: the number and outcome of direct actions against the Company; coverage issues, including whether certain costs are covered under the policies and whether policy limits apply; allocation of liability among numerous parties, some of

whom may be in bankruptcy proceedings, and in particular the application of “joint and several” liability to specific insurers on a risk; inconsistent court decisions and developing legal theories; increasingly aggressive tactics of plaintiffs’ lawyers; the risks and lack of predictability inherent in major litigation; increased filings of claims in certain states; enactment of national federal legislation to address asbestos claims; a further increase in asbestos and environmental pollution claims which cannot now be anticipated; liability against our policyholders in environmental matters; broadened scope of clean-up resulting in increased liability to our policyholders; increase in number of mass tort claims relating to silica and silica-containing products, and the outcome of ongoing disputes as to coverage in relation to these claims; a further increase of claims and claims payments that may exhaust underlying umbrella and excess coverage at accelerated rates; and future developments pertaining to the Company’s ability to recover reinsurance for asbestos, pollution and mass tort claims.

CNA has regularly performed ground up reviews of all open APMT claims to evaluate the adequacy of the Company’s APMT reserves. In performing its comprehensive ground up analysis, the Company considers input from its professionals with direct responsibility for the claims, inside and outside counsel with responsibility for representation of the Company, and its actuarial staff. These professionals review, among many factors, the policyholder’s present and predicted future exposures, including such factors as claims volume, trial conditions, prior settlement history, settlement demands and defense costs; the impact of asbestos defendant bankruptcies on the policyholder; the policies issued by CNA, including such factors as aggregate or per occurrence limits, whether the policy is primary, umbrella or excess, and the existence of policyholder retentions and/or deductibles; the existence of other insurance; and reinsurance arrangements.

The following table provides data related to CNA’s APMT claim and claim adjustment expense reserves.

**Asbestos and Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort Reserves**  
(In millions)

	December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Asbestos	Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort	Asbestos	Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort
Gross reserves	\$ 2,992	\$ 680	\$ 3,218	\$ 755
Ceded reserves	(1,438)	(257)	(1,532)	(258)
<b>Net reserves</b>	<b>\$ 1,554</b>	<b>\$ 423</b>	<b>\$ 1,686</b>	<b>\$ 497</b>

***Asbestos***

CNA’s property and casualty insurance subsidiaries have exposure to asbestos-related claims. Estimation of asbestos-related claim and claim adjustment expense reserves involves limitations such as inconsistency of court decisions, specific policy provisions, allocation of liability among insurers and insureds, and additional factors such as missing policies and proof of coverage. Furthermore, estimation of asbestos-related claims is difficult due to, among other reasons, the proliferation of bankruptcy proceedings and attendant uncertainties, the targeting of a broader range of businesses and entities as defendants, the uncertainty as to which other insureds may be targeted in the future and the uncertainties inherent in predicting the number of future claims.

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, CNA carried approximately \$1,554 million and \$1,686 million of claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, net of reinsurance recoverables, for reported and unreported asbestos-related claims. The Company recorded \$10 million, \$54 million and \$642 million of unfavorable asbestos-related net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The 2004 unfavorable net prior year development was primarily related to a loss from the commutation of reinsurance treaties with The Trenwick Group (Trenwick). The Company paid asbestos-related claims, net of reinsurance recoveries, of \$142 million, \$135 million and \$121 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The Company recorded \$1,826 million and \$642 million in unfavorable gross and net prior year development for the year ended December 31, 2003 for reported and unreported asbestos-related claims, principally due to potential losses from policies issued by the Company with high attachment points, which previous exposure analysis indicated would not be reached. The Company examined the claims filing trends to determine timeframes within which high excess policies issued by the Company could be reached. Elevated claims volumes and increased claims values, together with certain adverse court decisions affecting the ability of policyholders to access excess policies,

supported the conclusion that excess policies with high attachment points previously thought not to be exposed may now potentially be exposed. The ceded reinsurance arrangements on these excess policies are different from the primary policies. In general, more extensive reinsurance arrangements apply to the excess policies. As a result, the prior year development shows a higher ratio of ceded to gross amounts than the reserves established in prior periods, resulting in a higher percentage of reserves ceded as of December 31, 2003 versus prior periods.

Certain asbestos claim litigation in which CNA is currently engaged is described below:

The ultimate cost of reported claims, and in particular APMT claims, is subject to a great many uncertainties, including future developments of various kinds that CNA does not control and that are difficult or impossible to foresee accurately. With respect to the litigation identified below in particular, numerous factual and legal issues remain unresolved. Rulings on those issues by the courts are critical to the evaluation of the ultimate cost to the Company. The outcome of the litigation cannot be predicted with any reliability. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

On February 13, 2003, CNA announced it had resolved asbestos related coverage litigation and claims involving A.P. Green Industries, A.P. Green Services and Bigelow – Liptak Corporation. Under the agreement, CNA is required to pay \$74 million, net of reinsurance recoveries, over a ten year period commencing after the final approval of a bankruptcy plan of reorganization. The settlement resolves CNA's liabilities for all pending and future asbestos and silica claims involving A.P. Green Industries, Bigelow – Liptak Corporation and related subsidiaries, including alleged "non-products" exposures. The settlement received initial bankruptcy court approval on August 18, 2003 and in April 2006 the court is scheduled to consider confirmation of a bankruptcy plan containing an injunction to protect CNA from any future claims.

CNA is engaged in insurance coverage litigation in New York State Court, filed in 2003, with a defendant class of underlying plaintiffs who have asbestos bodily injury claims against the former Robert A. Keasbey Company (Keasbey) (Continental Casualty Co. v. Employers Ins. of Wausau et al., No. 601037/03 (N.Y. County)). Keasbey, a currently dissolved corporation, was a seller and installer of asbestos-containing insulation products in New York and New Jersey. Thousands of plaintiffs have filed bodily injury claims against Keasbey; however, Keasbey's involvement at a number of work sites is a highly contested issue. Therefore, the defense disputes the percentage of valid claims against Keasbey. CNA issued Keasbey primary policies for 1970-1987 and excess policies for 1972-1978. CNA has paid an amount substantially equal to the policies' aggregate limits for products and completed operations claims in the confirmed CNA policies. Claimants against Keasbey allege, among other things, that CNA owes coverage under sections of the policies not subject to the aggregate limits, an allegation CNA vigorously contests in the lawsuit. In the litigation, CNA and the claimants seek declaratory relief as to the interpretation of various policy provisions. The court dismissed a claim alleging bad faith and seeking unspecified damages on March 21, 2004; that ruling was affirmed on March 31, 2005 by Appellate Division, First Department. The trial in the Keasbey coverage action commenced on July 13, 2005; closing arguments concluded on October 28, 2005. It is unclear when the Company will have a decision from the trial court. With respect to this litigation in particular, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include, among others: (a) whether the Company has any further responsibility to compensate claimants against Keasbey under its policies and, if so, under which policies; (b) whether the Company's responsibilities extend to a particular claimant's entire claim or only to a limited percentage of the claim; (c) whether the Company's responsibilities under its policies are limited by the occurrence limits or other provisions of the policies; (d) whether certain exclusions in some of the policies apply to exclude certain claims; (e) the extent to which claimants can establish exposures to asbestos materials as to which Keasbey has any responsibility; (f) the legal theories which must be pursued by such claimants to establish the liability of Keasbey and whether such theories can, in fact, be established; (g) the diseases and damages alleged by such claimants; and (h) the extent that such liability would be shared with other responsible parties. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CNA has insurance coverage disputes related to asbestos bodily injury claims against Burns & Roe Enterprises, Inc. (Burns & Roe). Originally raised in litigation, now stayed, these disputes are currently part of In re: Burns & Roe Enterprises, Inc., pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, No. 00-41610. Burns & Roe provided engineering and related services in connection with construction projects. At the time of its bankruptcy filing, on December 4, 2000, Burns & Roe faced approximately 11,000 claims alleging bodily injury resulting from exposure to asbestos as a result of construction projects in which Burns & Roe was involved. CNA allegedly provided primary liability coverage to Burns & Roe from 1956-1969 and 1971-1974, along with certain project-



specific policies from 1964-1970. The parties in the litigation are seeking a declaration of the scope and extent of coverage, if any, afforded to Burns & Roe for its asbestos liabilities. The litigation has been stayed since May 14, 2003 pending resolution of the bankruptcy proceedings. On December 5, 2005, Burns & Roe filed its Third Amended Plan of Reorganization (Plan). A confirmation hearing in the bankruptcy proceeding, previously scheduled for April 2006, has been suspended pending hearings related to the new Plan. With respect to the Burns & Roe litigation and the pending bankruptcy proceeding, numerous unresolved factual and legal issues will impact the ultimate exposure to the Company. With respect to this litigation, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include, among others: (a) whether the Company has any further responsibility to compensate claimants against Burns & Roe under its policies and, if so, under which; (b) whether the Company's responsibilities under its policies extend to a particular claimant's entire claim or only to a limited percentage of the claim; (c) whether the Company's responsibilities under its policies are limited by the occurrence limits or other provisions of the policies; (d) whether certain exclusions, including professional liability exclusions, in some of the Company's policies apply to exclude certain claims; (e) the extent to which claimants can establish exposures to asbestos materials as to which Burns & Roe has any responsibility; (f) the legal theories which must be pursued by such claimants to establish the liability of Burns & Roe and whether such theories can, in fact, be established; (g) the diseases and damages alleged by such claimants; (h) the extent that any liability of Burns & Roe would be shared with other potentially responsible parties; and (i) the impact of bankruptcy proceedings on claims and coverage issue resolution. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CIC issued certain primary and excess policies to Bendix Corporation (Bendix), now part of Honeywell International, Inc. (Honeywell). Honeywell faces approximately 78,024 pending asbestos bodily injury claims resulting from alleged exposure to Bendix friction products. CIC's primary policies allegedly covered the period from at least 1939 (when Bendix began to use asbestos in its friction products) to 1983, although the parties disagree about whether CIC's policies provided product liability coverage before 1940 and from 1945 to 1956. CIC asserts that it owes no further material obligations to Bendix under any primary policy. Honeywell alleges that two primary policies issued by CIC covering 1969-1975 contain occurrence limits but not product liability aggregate limits for asbestos bodily injury claims. CIC has asserted, among other things, even if Honeywell's allegation is correct, which CNA denies, its liability is limited to a single occurrence limit per policy or per year, and in the alternative, a proper allocation of losses would substantially limit its exposure under the 1969-1975 policies to asbestos claims. These and other issues are being litigated in Continental Insurance Co., et al. v. Honeywell International Inc., No. MRS-L-1523-00 (Morris County, New Jersey) which was filed on May 15, 2000. In the litigation, the parties are seeking declaratory relief of the scope and extent of coverage, if any, afforded to Bendix under the policies issued by the Company. With respect to this litigation, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include, among others: (a) whether certain of the primary policies issued by the Company contain aggregate limits of liability; (b) whether the Company's responsibilities under its policies extend to a particular claimant's entire claim or only to a limited percentage of the claim; (c) whether the Company's responsibilities under its policies are limited by the occurrence limits or other provisions of the policies; (d) whether some of the claims against Bendix arise out of events which took place after expiration of the Company's policies; (e) the extent to which claimants can establish exposures to asbestos materials as to which Bendix has any responsibility; (f) the legal theories which must be pursued by such claimants to establish the liability of Bendix and whether such theories can, in fact, be established; (g) the diseases and damages claimed by such claimants; and (h) the extent that any liability of Bendix would be shared with other responsible parties. Other issues to be resolved in the litigation include whether Bendix is responsible for reimbursement of funds advanced by the Company for defense and indemnity in the past. The extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

Suits have also been initiated directly against two CNA companies and other insurers in four jurisdictions: Ohio, Texas, West Virginia and Montana. In the approximately 83 Ohio actions, plaintiffs allege the defendants negligently performed duties undertaken to protect workers and the public from the effects of asbestos, spoliated evidence and conspired and acted in concert to harm the plaintiffs. (E.g. Varner v. Ford Motor Co., (Ohio Ct. Common Pl., filed June 12, 2003); Peplowski v. ACE American Ins. Co., (N.D. Ohio, filed April 1, 2004) and Cross v. Garlock, Inc. (Ohio Ct. Common Pl., filed September 1, 2004)). The Cuyahoga County court granted insurers, including CNA, dismissals against an initial group of plaintiffs, ruling that insurers had no duty to warn plaintiffs about the dangers of asbestos and that there was no basis for spoliation, conspiracy and concert of action claims. That ruling was affirmed on appeal. Bugg v. Am. Std., Inc., No. 84829 (Ohio Ct. App. May 26, 2005). The Cuyahoga County court has continued to dismiss substantially similar types of complaints and plaintiffs have either

failed to appeal the dismissals or have voluntarily dismissed their appeals. Nonetheless, plaintiffs continue to file additional similar suits. With respect to this litigation in particular, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include: (a) the speculative nature and unclear scope of any alleged duties owed to individuals exposed to asbestos and the resulting uncertainty as to the potential pool of potential claimants; (b) the fact that imposing such duties on all insurer and non-insurer corporate defendants would be unprecedented and, therefore, the legal boundaries of recovery are difficult to estimate; (c) the fact that many of the claims brought to date may be barred by various Statutes of Limitation and it is unclear whether future claims would also be barred; (d) the unclear nature of the required nexus between the acts of the defendants and the right of any particular claimant to recovery; and (e) the existence of hundreds of co-defendants in some of the suits and the applicability of the legal theories pled by the claimants to thousands of potential defendants. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

Similar lawsuits were filed in Texas beginning in 2002, against two CNA companies and numerous other insurers and non-insurer corporate defendants asserting liability for failing to warn of the dangers of asbestos (E.g. Boson v. Union Carbide Corp., (Nueces County, Texas)). During 2003, many of the Texas suits were dismissed as time-barred by the applicable Statute of Limitations. In other suits, the carriers argued that they did not owe any duty to the plaintiffs or the general public to advise the world generally or the plaintiffs particularly of the effects of asbestos and that Texas statutes precluded liability for such claims, and the Texas courts dismissed these suits. Certain of the Texas courts' rulings were appealed, but plaintiffs later dismissed their appeals. Recently, a different Texas court denied similar motions seeking dismissal at the pleading stage, allowing limited discovery to proceed. After that court denied a related challenge to jurisdiction, the insurers transferred those cases to a state multi-district litigation court in Harris County charged with handling asbestos cases, and the cases remain in that court. With respect to this litigation in particular, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include: (a) the speculative nature and unclear scope of any alleged duties owed to individuals exposed to asbestos and the resulting uncertainty as to the potential pool of potential claimants; (b) the fact that imposing such duties on all insurer and non-insurer corporate defendants would be unprecedented and, therefore, the legal boundaries of recovery are difficult to estimate; (c) the fact that many of the claims brought to date are barred by various Statutes of Limitation and it is unclear whether future claims would also be barred; (d) the unclear nature of the required nexus between the acts of the defendants and the right of any particular claimant to recovery; and (e) the existence of hundreds of co-defendants in some of the suits and the applicability of the legal theories pled by the claimants to thousands of potential defendants. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CCC was named in Adams v. Aetna, Inc., et al. (Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, filed June 28, 2002), a purported class action against CCC and other insurers, alleging that the defendants violated West Virginia's Unfair Trade Practices Act ("UTPA") in handling and resolving asbestos claims against five specifically named asbestos defendants. The Adams litigation had been stayed pending a planned motion by plaintiffs to file an amended complaint that reflected two June 2004 decisions of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. In June 2005, the court presiding over Adams and three similar putative class actions against other insurers, on its own motion, directed plaintiffs to file any amended complaints by June 13, 2005 and directed the parties to agree upon a case management order that would result in trial being commenced by July 2006. Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint greatly expands the scope of the action against the insurers, including CCC. Under the Amended Complaint, the defendant insurers, including CCC, have now been sued for alleged violations of the UTPA in connection with handling and resolving asbestos personal injury and wrongful death claims in West Virginia courts against all their insureds if those claims were resolved before June 30, 2001. CCC, along with other insurer defendants removed the Adams case to Federal court, Adams v. Ins. Co. of North America (INA) et al. (S.D. W. Va. No. 2:05-CV-0527). A motion by plaintiffs to remand the case to state courts is pending. Numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result in Adams, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These issues include: (a) the legal sufficiency and factual validity of the novel statutory claims pled by the claimants; (b) the applicability of claimants' legal theories to insurers who issued excess policies and/or neither defended nor controlled the defense of certain policyholders; (c) the possibility that certain of the claims are barred by various Statutes of Limitation; (d) the fact that the imposition of duties would interfere with the attorney-client privilege and the contractual rights and responsibilities of the parties to the Company's insurance policies; (e) whether plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by injunctions that have been issued by bankruptcy courts that are overseeing, or that have overseen, the bankruptcies of various insureds; (f) whether some or all of the named



plaintiffs or members of the plaintiff class have released CCC from the claims alleged in the Amended Complaint when they resolved their underlying asbestos claims; (g) the appropriateness of the case for class action treatment; and (h) the potential and relative magnitude of liabilities of co-defendants. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

On March 22, 2002, a direct action was filed in Montana (*Pennock, et al. v. Maryland Casualty, et al.* First Judicial District Court of Lewis & Clark County, Montana) by eight individual plaintiffs (all employees of W.R. Grace & Co. (W.R. Grace)) and their spouses against CNA, Maryland Casualty and the State of Montana. This action alleges that the carriers failed to warn of or otherwise protect W.R. Grace employees from the dangers of asbestos at a W.R. Grace vermiculite mining facility in Libby, Montana. The Montana direct action is currently stayed because of W.R. Grace's pending bankruptcy. With respect to such claims, numerous factual and legal issues remain to be resolved that are critical to the final result, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with any reliability. These factors include: (a) the unclear nature and scope of any alleged duties owed to people exposed to asbestos and the resulting uncertainty as to the potential pool of potential claimants; (b) the potential application of Statutes of Limitation to many of the claims which may be made depending on the nature and scope of the alleged duties; (c) the unclear nature of the required nexus between the acts of the defendants and the right of any particular claimant to recovery; (d) the diseases and damages claimed by such claimants; (e) the extent that such liability would be shared with other potentially responsible parties; and (f) the impact of bankruptcy proceedings on claims resolution. Accordingly, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time.

CNA is vigorously defending these and other cases and believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims asserted. However, there are numerous factual and legal issues to be resolved in connection with these claims, and it is extremely difficult to predict the outcome or ultimate financial exposure represented by these matters. Adverse developments with respect to any of these matters could have a material adverse effect on CNA's business, insurer financial strength and debt ratings, results of operations and/or equity.

### ***Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort***

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, CNA carried approximately \$423 million and \$497 million of claim and claim adjustment expense reserves, net of reinsurance recoverables, for reported and unreported environmental pollution and mass tort claims. There was \$53 million, \$1 million and \$153 million of unfavorable environmental pollution and mass tort net claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The Company recorded \$20 million and \$15 million of current accident year losses related to mass tort for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Company paid environmental pollution-related claims and mass tort-related claims, net of reinsurance recoveries, of \$147 million, \$96 million and \$93 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The Company noted adverse development in various pollution accounts in its most recent ground up review. In the course of its review, the Company did not observe a negative trend or deterioration in the underlying pollution claims environment. Rather, individual account estimates changed due to changes in liability and/or coverage circumstances particular to those accounts. As a result, the Company increased pollution reserves by \$50 million in 2005.

### **Net Prior Year Development**

Unfavorable net prior year development of \$807 million, including \$945 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$138 million of favorable premium development, was recorded in 2005. The development discussed below includes premium development due to its direct relationship to claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development. The development discussed below excludes the impact of the provision for uncollectible reinsurance, but includes the impact of commutations. See Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of the provision for uncollectible reinsurance.

The Company records favorable or unfavorable premium and claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development related to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties as movements in the claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserves for the accident years covered by the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties indicate such development is required. While the available limit of these treaties was fully utilized in 2003, the ceded premiums and losses for an individual segment may change in subsequent years because of the re-estimation of the subject losses or commutations of the underlying contracts. In 2005, the Company commuted a corporate aggregate

reinsurance treaty. See Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties.

The following tables summarize pretax net prior year development by segment for the property and casualty segments and the Corporate and Other Non-Core segment for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. For the Life and Group Non-Core segment \$5 million and \$7 million of favorable development was recorded in 2005 and 2004, and \$62 million of unfavorable development was recorded in 2003.

The following table summarizes pretax net prior year development for the Standard Lines, Specialty Lines and Corporate and Other Non-Core segments for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

**2005 Net Prior Year Development**

	<b>Standard Lines</b>	<b>Specialty Lines</b>	<b>Corporate and Other Non-Core</b>	<b>Total</b>
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 376	\$ 42	\$ 171	\$ 589
APMT	-	-	63	63
Total	376	42	234	652
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	183	5	57	245
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	559	47	291	897
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(101)	(12)	11	(102)
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(6)	19	4	17
Total premium development	(107)	7	15	(85)
<b>Total 2005 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<b>\$ 452</b>	<b>\$ 54</b>	<b>\$ 306</b>	<b>\$ 812</b>

## 2004 Net Prior Year Development

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 107	\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 202
APMT	-	-	55	55
Total	107	75	75	257
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	8	(17)	9	-
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	115	58	84	257
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(96)	(33)	12	(117)
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(1)	5	(3)	1
Total premium development	(97)	(28)	9	(116)
<b>Total 2004 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>	<b>\$ 93</b>	<b>\$ 141</b>

## 2003 Net Prior Year Development

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Total
(In millions)				
Pretax unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development excluding the impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties:				
Core (Non-APMT)	\$ 1,423	\$ 313	\$ 346	\$ 2,082
APMT	-	-	795	795
Total	1,423	313	1,141	2,877
Ceded losses related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	(485)	(56)	(102)	(643)
Pretax unfavorable net prior year development before impact of premium development	938	257	1,039	2,234
Unfavorable (favorable) premium development, excluding impact of corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	209	6	(32)	183
Ceded premiums related to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties	269	31	58	358
Pretax unfavorable premium development	478	37	26	541
<b>Total 2003 unfavorable net prior year development (pretax)</b>	<b>\$ 1,416</b>	<b>\$ 294</b>	<b>\$ 1,065</b>	<b>\$ 2,775</b>

## ***2005 Net Prior Year Development***

### **Standard Lines**

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company executed commutation agreements with certain reinsurers, including the commutation of a corporate aggregate reinsurance agreement. These agreements resulted in approximately \$285 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development. This unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was partially offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.

Also, in the fourth quarter of 2005, reserve reviews of certain products were conducted and changes in reserve estimates were recorded. Approximately \$102 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was due to higher frequency and severity on claims related to excess workers compensation, particularly in accident years 2003 and prior. In addition, approximately \$4 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded due to increased severity on known claims on package policies provided to small businesses in accident years 2002 and 2003. Approximately \$10 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was due to lower severities in the excess and surplus lines runoff business in accident years 2001 and prior. Approximately \$23 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was related to favorable loss trends on accidents years 2002 and subsequent in the Company's international business, specifically Europe and Canada, primarily in property, cargo and marine coverages. Approximately \$4 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was due to less than expected losses in involuntary business.

Approximately \$140 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded due to improvement in the severity and number of claims for property coverages and marine business, primarily in accident year 2004.

Approximately \$126 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development resulted from increased severity trends for workers compensation, primarily in accident year 2002 and prior. Approximately \$15 million of unfavorable premium development was recorded in relation to this unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development which resulted from additional ceded reinsurance premium on agreements where the ceded premium is impacted by the level of ceded losses.

Approximately \$90 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$83 million of favorable net prior year premium development resulted from an unfavorable arbitration ruling on two reinsurance treaties.

Approximately \$76 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was attributed to increased severity in liability coverages for large account policies.

Approximately \$53 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was related to reviews of liquor liability, trucking and habitational business that indicated that the number of large claims was higher than previously expected in recent accident years. The remainder of the favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was primarily a result of improved experience on several coverages on middle market business, mainly in accident year 2004.

Favorable net prior year premium development was recorded primarily as a result of additional premium resulting from audits on recent policies, primarily workers compensation.

Additionally, there was \$19 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$6 million of favorable premium development related to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties, excluding the impact of a corporate aggregate reinsurance commutation as discussed above.

### **Specialty Lines**

Approximately \$60 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded due to increased claim adjustment expenses and increased severities in the architects and engineers book of business, in accident years 2000 through 2003. Favorable net prior year premium development of approximately \$10 million was recorded in relation to this unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development.

Approximately \$45 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was related to large directors and officers (D&O) claims assumed from a London syndicate, primarily in accident

years 2001 and prior. Approximately \$43 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded due to large claims under excess coverages provided to health care facilities.

Approximately \$32 million of favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development related to surety business was due to a favorable outcome on several specific large claims and lower than expected emergence of additional large claims related to accident years 1999 through 2003.

Approximately \$30 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was related to a commutation agreement executed in the fourth quarter of 2005 of a corporate aggregate reinsurance agreement. This unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was partially offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.

Approximately \$24 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded as a result of improvements in the claim severity and claim frequency, mainly in recent accident years, from nursing home businesses.

Approximately \$14 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded due to lower severity in the dental program.

The remainder of the favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was primarily attributed to favorable experience in the warranty line of business, partially offset by unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development attributed to other large D&O claims.

Additionally, there was approximately \$25 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$19 million of unfavorable premium development related to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties in 2005, excluding the impact of a corporate aggregate reinsurance commutation as discussed above.

#### **Corporate and Other Non-Core**

Approximately \$157 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was attributable to the Company's assumed reinsurance operations, driven by a significant increase in large claim activity during 2005 across multiple accident years. This development was concentrated in the proportional liability, excess of loss liability, and professional liability businesses, which impact underlying coverages that include general liability, umbrella, E&O and D&O. The Company's assumed reinsurance operations were put in run-off in 2003.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company executed significant commutation agreements with certain reinsurers, including the commutation of a corporate aggregate reinsurance agreement. These agreements resulted in approximately \$62 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development.

Approximately \$56 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development recorded in 2005 was a result of a second quarter commutation of a finite reinsurance contract put in place in 1992. CNA recaptured \$400 million of losses and received \$344 million of cash. The commutation was economically attractive because of the reinsurance agreement's contractual interest rate and maintenance charges.

Approximately \$6 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was related to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties, excluding the impact of a corporate aggregate reinsurance commutation as discussed above. The unfavorable premium development was driven by \$10 million of additional ceded reinsurance premium on agreements where the ceded premium depends on the ceded loss and \$4 million of additional premium ceded to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties.

The Company noted adverse development in various pollution accounts in its most recent ground up review. In the course of its review, the Company did not observe a negative trend or deterioration in the underlying pollution claims environment. Rather, individual account estimates changed due to changes in liability and/or coverage circumstances particular to those accounts. As a result, the Company increased pollution reserves by \$50 million in 2005.

The overall unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was partially decreased by favorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development in various other programs in runoff, including Financial Guarantee, Guarantee and Credit, and Mortgage Guarantee. These programs have recently

exhibited favorable trends due to offsetting recoveries and commutations, leading to reductions in the estimated liabilities.

### ***2004 Net Prior Year Development***

#### **Standard Lines**

Approximately \$190 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development recorded during 2004 resulted from increased severity trends for workers compensation on large account policies primarily in accident years 2002 and prior. Favorable premium development on retrospectively rated large account policies of \$50 million was recorded in relation to this unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claims adjustment expense development.

Approximately \$60 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded in involuntary pools in which the Company's participation is mandatory and primarily based on premium writings. Approximately \$15 million of this unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was related to the Company's share of the National Workers Compensation Reinsurance Pool (NWCRP). During 2004, the NWCRP reached an agreement with a former pool member to settle their pool liabilities at an amount less than their established share. The result of this settlement is a higher allocation to the remaining pool members, including the Company. The remainder of this unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was primarily due to increased severity trends for workers compensation exposures in older years.

Approximately \$60 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development resulted from the change in estimates due to increased severity trends for excess and surplus business driven by excess liability, liquor liability and coverages provided to apartment and condominium complexes. Approximately \$105 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development resulted from reserve studies of commercial auto liability policies and the liability portion of package policies. The change was due to improvement in the severity and number of claims for this business. Approximately \$85 million of favorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was due to improvement in the severity and number of claims for property coverages primarily in accident year 2003.

Other favorable net prior year premium development of approximately \$50 million resulted primarily from higher audit and endorsement premiums on workers compensation policies.

During 2004, the Company executed commutation agreements with several members of The Trenwick Group. These commutations resulted in unfavorable claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development which was more than offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.



### **Specialty Lines**

The Company executed commutation agreements with several members of The Trenwick Group during 2004. These commutations resulted in unfavorable claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development which was more than offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance. Additionally, unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development resulted from the increased emergence of several large directors and officers (D&O) claims, primarily in recent accident years.

### **Corporate and Other Non-Core**

In 2004, the Company executed commutation agreements with several members of The Trenwick Group. These commutations resulted in unfavorable net prior claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development partially offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance. The remainder of the unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development resulted from several other small commutations and increases to net reserves due to reducing ceded losses, partially offset by a release of a previously established allowance for uncollectible reinsurance.

### **2003 Net Prior Year Development**

#### **Standard Lines**

Approximately \$495 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded related to construction defect claims in 2003. Based on analyses completed during 2003, it became apparent that the assumptions regarding the number of claims, which were used to estimate the expected losses, were no longer appropriate. The analyses indicated that the actual number of claims reported during 2003 was higher than expected primarily in states other than California. States where this activity is most evident include Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Colorado. The number of claims reported in states other than California during the first six months of 2003 was almost 35% higher than the last six months of 2002. The number of claims reported during the last six months of 2002 increased by less than 10% from the first six months of 2002. In California, claims resulting from additional insured endorsements increased throughout 2003. Additional insured endorsements are regularly included on policies provided to subcontractors. The additional insured endorsement names general contractors and developers as additional insureds covered by the policy. Current California case law (*Presley Homes, Inc. v. American States Insurance Company*, (June 11, 2001) 90 Cal App. 4<sup>th</sup> 571, 108 Cal. Rptr. 2d 686) specifies that an individual subcontractor with an additional insured obligation has a duty to defend the additional insured in the entire action, subject to contribution or recovery later. In addition, the additional insured is allowed to choose one specific carrier to defend the entire action. These additional insured claims can remain open for a longer period of time than other construction defect claims because the additional insured defense obligation can continue until the entire case is resolved. The adverse reserve development recorded related to construction defect claims was primarily related to accident years 1999 and prior.

Unfavorable net prior year development of approximately \$595 million, including \$518 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development and \$77 million of unfavorable premium development, was recorded for large account business including workers compensation coverages in 2003. Many of the policies issued to these large accounts include provisions tailored specifically to the individual accounts. Such provisions effectively result in the insured being responsible for a portion of the loss. An example of such a provision is a deductible arrangement where the insured reimburses the Company for all amounts less than a specified dollar amount. These arrangements often limit the aggregate amount the insured is required to reimburse the Company. Analyses indicated that the provisions that result in the insured being responsible for a portion would have less of an impact due to the larger size of claims as well as the increased number of claims. The unfavorable net prior year development recorded was primarily related to accident years 2000 and prior.

Approximately \$98 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded in 2003, resulted from a program covering facilities that provide services to developmentally disabled individuals. This net prior year development was due to an increase in the size of known claims and increases in policyholder defense costs. With regard to average claim size, updated data showed the average claim increasing at an annual rate of approximately 20%. Prior data had shown average claim size to be level. Similar to the average claim size, updated data showed the average policyholder defense cost increasing at an annual rate of



approximately 20%. Prior data had shown average policyholder defense cost to be level. The net prior year development recorded was primarily for accident years 2001 and prior.

Approximately \$40 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded in 2003 was for excess workers compensation coverages due to increasing severity. The increase in severity means that a higher percentage of the total loss dollars will be the Company's responsibility since more claims will exceed the point at which the Company's coverage begins. The net prior year development recorded was primarily for accident year 2000.

Approximately \$73 million of unfavorable development recorded in 2003 was the result of a commutation of all ceded reinsurance treaties with Gerling Global Group of companies (Gerling), related to accident years 1999 through 2001, including \$41 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development and \$32 million of unfavorable premium development. Unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development of approximately \$40 million recorded in 2003 was related to a program covering tow truck and ambulance operators, primarily impacting the 2001 accident year. The Company had previously expected that loss ratios for this business would be similar to its middle market commercial automobile liability business. During 2002, the Company ceased writing business under this program.

Approximately \$25 million of unfavorable net prior year premium development recorded in 2003 was related to 2003 reevaluation of losses ceded to a reinsurance contract covering middle market workers compensation exposures. The reevaluation of losses led to a new estimate of the number and dollar amount of claims that would be ceded under the reinsurance contract. As a result of the reevaluation of losses, the Company recorded approximately \$36 million of unfavorable claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development, which was ceded under the contract. The net prior year development was recorded for accident year 2000.

Approximately \$11 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded for the year ended December 31, 2003 was related to directors and officers exposures in Global Lines. The unfavorable net prior year reserve development was primarily due to securities class action cases related to certain known corporate malfeasance cases and investment banking firms. This net prior year development recorded was primarily for accident years 2000 through 2002.

The following premium and claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was recorded in the third quarter of 2003 as a result of the elimination of deficiencies and redundancies in reserve positions within the segment. Unfavorable net prior year development of approximately \$210 million related to small and middle market workers compensation exposures and approximately \$110 million related to E&S lines was recorded in 2003. Offsetting these increases was \$210 million of favorable net prior year development in the property line of business, including \$79 million related to the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Disaster and related events (WTC event).

Also, offsetting the unfavorable premium and claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development was a \$216 million underwriting benefit from cessions to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties recorded in 2003. The benefit is comprised of \$485 million of ceded losses and \$269 million of ceded premiums for accident years 2000 and 2001.

### **Specialty Lines**

Approximately \$50 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded in 2003 was related to increased severity in excess coverages provided to facilities providing health care services. The increase in reserves is based on reviews of individual accounts where claims had been expected to be less than the point at which the Company's coverage applies. The current claim trends indicated that the layers of coverage provided by the Company would be impacted. The net prior year development recorded was primarily for accident years 2001 and prior.

Approximately \$68 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded in 2003 was for surety coverages primarily related to workers compensation bond exposure from accident years 1990 and prior and large losses for accident years 1999 and 2002. Approximately \$21 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded in the surety line of business in 2003 as the result of recent developments on one large claim.

Approximately \$75 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development recorded in 2003 was related to directors and officers exposures in CNA Pro. The unfavorable net

prior year reserve development was primarily due to securities class action cases related to certain known corporate malfeasance cases and investment banking firms. This net prior year development recorded was primarily for accident years 2000 through 2002.

Approximately \$84 million of losses was recorded during 2003 as the result of a commutation of ceded reinsurance treaties with Gerling covering CNA Health Pro, relating to accident years 1999 through 2002.

The following development was recorded in 2003 as a result of the elimination of deficiencies and redundancies in reserve positions within the segment. An additional \$50 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was recorded related to medical malpractice and long term care facilities. Partially offsetting this unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development was a \$25 million underwriting benefit from cessions to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties. The benefit was comprised of \$56 million of ceded losses and \$31 million of ceded premiums for accident years 2000 and 2001. See Note H for further discussion of the Company's aggregate reinsurance treaties.

#### **Corporate and Other Non-Core**

The development recorded in Corporate and Other Non-Core was primarily driven by \$795 million of unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development related to APMT.

In addition to APMT development, there was unfavorable net prior year development recorded in 2003 related to CNA Re of \$149 million and \$75 million related to voluntary pools.

Unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development of approximately \$25 million was recorded in CNA Re primarily for directors and officers exposures. The unfavorable net prior year development was a result of a claims review that was completed during the second quarter of 2003. The unfavorable net prior year development was primarily due to securities class action cases related to certain known corporate malfeasance cases and investment banking firms. The unfavorable net prior year development recorded was for accident years 2000 and 2001.

The CNA Re unfavorable net prior year development for 2003 was also due to a general change in the pattern of how losses emerged over time as reported by the companies that purchased reinsurance from CNA Re. Losses have continued to show large increases for accident years in the late 1990s and into 2000 and 2001. These increases are greater than the increases indicated by patterns from older accident years and had a similar effect on several lines of business. Approximately \$67 million unfavorable net prior year development recorded in 2003 was related to proportional liability exposures, primarily from multi-line and umbrella contracts in accident years 1997 through 2001. Approximately \$32 million of unfavorable net prior year development recorded in 2003 was related to assumed financial reinsurance for accident years 2001 and prior and approximately \$24 million of unfavorable net prior year development was related to professional liability exposures in accident years 2001 and prior.

Additionally, CNA Re recorded \$15 million of unfavorable net prior year development for construction defect related exposures. Because of the unique nature of this exposure, losses have not followed expected development patterns. The continued reporting of claims in California, the increase in the number of claims from states other than California and a review of individual ceding companies' exposure to this type of claim resulted in an increase in the estimated reserve.

The following premium and claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development, was recorded in 2003 as a result of the elimination of deficiencies and redundancies in the reserve positions of individual products within CNA Re. Unfavorable net prior year premium and claim and allocated claim adjustment expense development of approximately \$42 million related to Surety exposures, \$32 million related to excess of loss liability exposures and \$12 million related to facultative liability exposures were recorded in the third quarter of 2003.

Offsetting this unfavorable net prior year development was approximately \$55 million of favorable net prior year development related to the WTC event as well as a \$45 million underwriting benefit from cessions to corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties recorded in 2003. The benefit from cessions to the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties was comprised of \$102 million of ceded losses and \$58 million of ceded premiums for accident years 2000 and 2001.

Unfavorable net prior year claim and allocated claim adjustment expense reserve development of approximately \$75 million was recorded during the third quarter of 2003 related to an adverse arbitration decision involving a single large property and business interruption loss on a voluntary insurance pool. The decision was rendered

against a voluntary insurance pool in which the Company was a participant. The loss was caused by a fire which occurred in 1995. The Company no longer participates in this pool.

## **Note G. Legal Proceedings and Related Contingent Liabilities**

### ***Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation***

On August 1, 2005, CNAF and several of its insurance subsidiaries were joined as defendants, along with other insurers and brokers, in multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, *In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation*, Civil No. 04-5184 (FSH). The plaintiffs in this litigation allege improprieties in the payment of contingent commissions to brokers and bid rigging in connection with the sale of various lines of insurance. The plaintiffs further allege the existence of a conspiracy and assert claims for federal and state antitrust law violations, for violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and for recovery under various state common law theories. This litigation is in its early stages. The Company intends to vigorously contest and defend against plaintiffs' claims.

### ***Global Crossing Limited Litigation***

CCC has been named as a defendant in an action brought by the bankruptcy estate of Global Crossing Limited (Global Crossing) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. In the Complaint, served on CCC on May 24, 2005, plaintiff seeks unspecified monetary damages from CCC and the other defendants for alleged fraudulent transfers and alleged breaches of fiduciary duties arising from actions taken by Global Crossing while CCC was a shareholder of Global Crossing. CCC believes it has meritorious defenses to this action and intends to defend the case vigorously.

The extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time. However, based on facts and circumstances presently known in the opinion of management an unfavorable outcome will not materially affect the equity of the Company, although results of operations may be adversely affected.

### ***IGI Contingency***

In 1997, CNA Reinsurance Company Limited (CNA Re Ltd.) entered into an arrangement with IOA Global, Ltd. (IOA), an independent managing general agent based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to develop and manage a book of accident and health coverages. Pursuant to this arrangement, IGI Underwriting Agencies, Ltd. (IGI), a personal accident reinsurance managing general underwriter, was appointed to underwrite and market the book under the supervision of IOA. Between April 1, 1997 and December 1, 1999, IGI underwrote a number of reinsurance arrangements with respect to personal accident insurance worldwide (the IGI Program). Under various arrangements, CNA Re Ltd. both assumed risks as a reinsurer and also ceded a substantial portion of those risks to other companies, including other CNA insurance subsidiaries and ultimately to a group of reinsurers participating in a reinsurance pool known as the Associated Accident and Health Reinsurance Underwriters (AAHRU) Facility. CNA's group operations business unit participated as a pool member in the AAHRU Facility in varying percentages between 1997 and 1999.

A portion of the premiums assumed under the IGI Program related to United States workers compensation "carve-out" business. Some of these premiums were received from John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company (John Hancock) under four excess of loss reinsurance treaties (the Treaties) issued by CNA Re Ltd. While John Hancock has indicated that it is not able to accurately quantify its potential exposure to its cedents on business which is retroceded to CNA, John Hancock has reported in excess of \$200 million of paid and unpaid losses under these Treaties. John Hancock is disputing portions of its assumed obligations resulting in these reported losses, and has advised CNA that it is, or has been, involved in multiple arbitrations with its own cedents, in which proceedings John Hancock is seeking to avoid and/or reduce risks that would otherwise arguably be ceded to CNA through the Treaties. John Hancock has further informed CNA that it has settled several of these disputes, but has not provided CNA with details of the settlements. To the extent that John Hancock is successful in reducing its liabilities in these disputes, that development may have an impact on the recoveries it is seeking under the Treaties from CNA.

As indicated, CNA arranged substantial reinsurance protection to manage its exposures under the IGI Program, including the United States workers compensation carve-out business ceded from John Hancock and other

reinsurers. While certain reinsurers of CNA, including participants in the AAHRU Facility, disputed their liabilities under the reinsurance contracts with respect to the IGI Program, those disputes have been resolved and substantial reinsurance coverage exists for those exposures.

In addition, CNA has instituted arbitration proceedings against John Hancock in which CNA is seeking rescission of the Treaties as well as access to and the right to inspect the books and records relating to the Treaties. Discovery is ongoing in that arbitration proceeding and a hearing is currently scheduled for April 2007. Based on information known at this time, CNA believes it has strong grounds to successfully challenge its alleged exposure derived from John Hancock through the ongoing arbitration proceedings. CNA has also undertaken legal action seeking to avoid portions of the remaining exposure arising out of the IGI Program.

CNA has established reserves for its estimated exposure under the IGI Program, other than that derived from John Hancock, and an estimate for recoverables from retrocessionaires. CNA has not established any reserve for any exposure derived from John Hancock because, as indicated, CNA believes the contract will be rescinded. Although the results of the Company's various loss mitigation strategies with respect to the entire IGI Program to date support the recorded reserves, the estimate of ultimate losses is subject to considerable uncertainty due to the complexities described above, and the Company's inability to guarantee any outcome in the arbitration proceedings. As a result of these uncertainties, the results of operations in future periods may be adversely affected by potentially significant reserve additions. However, the extent of losses beyond any amounts that may be accrued are not readily determinable at this time. Management does not believe that any such reserve additions would be material to the equity of the Company, although results of operations may be adversely affected. The Company's position in relation to the IGI Program was unaffected by the sale of CNA Re Ltd. in 2002.

#### ***California Wage and Hour Litigation***

Ernestine Samora, et al. v. CCC, Case No. BC 242487, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, California and Brian Wenzel v. Galway Insurance Company, Superior Court of California, County of Orange No. BC01CC08868 are purported class actions on behalf of present and former CNA employees asserting they worked hours for which they should have been compensated at a rate of one and one-half times their base hourly wage over a four-year period. Plaintiffs seek "overtime compensation," "penalty wages," and "other statutory penalties" without specifying any particular amounts. The Company has denied the material allegations of the amended complaint and, based on facts and circumstances presently known, in the opinion of management, the resolution of the litigation will not materially adversely affect the equity of the Company, although results of operations may be adversely affected.

#### ***New Jersey Wage and Hour Litigation***

W. Curtis Himmelman, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Continental Casualty Company, Civil Action: 06-166, District Court of New Jersey (Trenton Division) is a purported class action and representative action brought on behalf of present and former CNA environmental claims analysts and workers' compensation claims analysts asserting they worked hours for which they should have been compensated at a rate of one and one-half times their base hourly wage. The Complaint was filed on January 12, 2006. The claims are brought under both federal and New Jersey state wage and hour laws on the basis that the relevant jobs are not exempt from overtime pay because the duties performed are not exempt duties. Under federal law and New Jersey state law, Plaintiff seeks to represent others similarly situated who opt in to the action and who also allege they are owed overtime pay for hours worked over eight hours per day and/or forty hours per workweek for the period January 5, 2003 to the entry of judgment. Plaintiff seeks "overtime compensation," "compensatory, punitive and statutory damages, interest, costs and disbursements and attorneys' fees" without specifying any particular amounts (as well as an injunction). Under New Jersey law, Plaintiff seeks to represent an "opt out" class of employees and former employees holding the analysts jobs described above (a class alleged to be at least 300 individuals). The Company denies the material allegations of the Complaint and intends to vigorously contest the claims on numerous substantive and procedural grounds.

#### ***Voluntary Market Premium Litigation***

CNA, along with dozens of other insurance companies, is currently a defendant in nine cases, including eight purported class actions, brought by large policyholders. The complaints differ in some respects, but generally allege that the defendants, as part of an industry-wide conspiracy, included improper charges in their retrospectively rated

and other loss-sensitive insurance programs. Among the claims asserted are violations of state antitrust laws, breach of contract, fraud and unjust enrichment. The Company has denied the material allegations made in these cases and, based on facts and circumstances presently known, in the opinion of management the resolution of the cases will not materially affect the equity of the Company, although results of operations may be adversely affected.

#### ***Asbestos, Environmental Pollution and Mass Tort (APMT) Reserves***

CNA is also a party to litigation and claims related to APMT cases arising in the ordinary course of business. See Note F for further discussion.

#### ***Other Litigation***

CNA is also a party to other litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. Based on the facts and circumstances currently known, such other litigation will not, in the opinion of management, materially affect the results of operations or equity of CNA.

### **Note H. Reinsurance**

CNA cedes insurance to reinsurers to limit its maximum loss, provide greater diversification of risk, minimize exposures on larger risks and to exit certain lines of business. The ceding of insurance does not discharge the primary liability of the Company. Therefore, a credit exposure exists with respect to property and casualty and life reinsurance ceded to the extent that any reinsurer is unable to meet their obligations or to the extent that the reinsurer disputes the liabilities assumed under reinsurance agreements. Property and casualty reinsurance coverages are tailored to the specific risk characteristics of each product line and CNA's retained amount varies by type of coverage. Reinsurance contracts are purchased to protect specific lines of business such as property, workers compensation and professional liability. Corporate catastrophe reinsurance is also purchased for property and workers compensation exposure. Most reinsurance contracts are purchased on an excess of loss basis. CNA also utilizes facultative reinsurance in certain lines. In addition CNA assumes reinsurance as member of various reinsurance pools and associations.

The following table summarizes the amounts receivable from reinsurers at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

<b>Components of reinsurance receivables</b> (In millions)	<b><u>December 31, 2005</u></b>	<b><u>December 31, 2004</u></b>
Reinsurance receivables related to insurance reserves:		
Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense	\$ 10,605	\$ 13,879
Ceded future policy benefits	1,193	1,260
Ceded policyholders' funds	56	65
Billed reinsurance receivables	<u>582</u>	<u>684</u>
<b>Reinsurance receivables</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>15,888</b>
Allowance for uncollectible reinsurance	<u>(519)</u>	<u>(546)</u>
<b>Reinsurance receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible reinsurance</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,917</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,342</u></b>

Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense related reinsurance receivables were reduced by approximately \$2,000 million in 2005 due to the impact of three significant commutations. See further discussion related to commutations below.

The Company has established an allowance for uncollectible reinsurance receivables. The allowance for uncollectible reinsurance receivables was \$519 million and \$546 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The net decrease in the allowance was primarily due to a release of a previously established allowance due to the execution of several commutation agreements, as discussed further below. The expenses incurred related to uncollectible reinsurance receivables are presented as a component of "Insurance claims and policyholders' benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Prior to the April 2004 sale of its individual life and annuity business to Swiss Re, CNA had reinsured a portion of this business through coinsurance, yearly renewable term and facultative programs to various reinsurers. As a result



of the sale of the individual life and annuity business, 100% of the net reserves were reinsured to Swiss Re. Subject to certain exceptions, Swiss Re assumed the credit risk of the business that was previously reinsured to other carriers. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, CNA ceded \$968 million and \$1,012 million of future policy benefits to Swiss Re.

On December 31, 2003, the Company completed the sale of the majority of its Group Benefits business through the sale of CNAGLA to Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (Hartford). In connection with the sale of the group benefits business, CNA ceded insurance reserves to Hartford. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, these ceded reserves were \$1,347 million and \$1,726 million.

The Company attempts to mitigate its credit risk related to reinsurance by entering into reinsurance arrangements with reinsurers that have credit ratings above certain levels and by obtaining substantial amounts of collateral. The primary methods of obtaining collateral are through reinsurance trusts, letters of credit and funds withheld balances. Such collateral was approximately \$4,277 million and \$6,231 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Additionally, on a more limited basis, CNA may enter into reinsurance agreements with reinsurers that are not rated.

In 2005, CNA entered into several significant commutation agreements, including the Aggregate Cover as discussed further below. These commutations resulted in an unfavorable impact of \$399 million and CNA received \$446 million of cash in connection with these significant commutations.

In 2004, the Company executed commutation agreements with several members of The Trenwick Group. These commutations resulted in an unfavorable claim and claim adjustment expense reserve development which was more than offset by a release of previously established allowance of uncollectible reinsurance. These commutations resulted in a favorable impact of \$28 million and CNA received \$69 million of cash in connection with these significant commutations.

In 2003, the Company commuted all remaining ceded and assumed reinsurance contracts with four Gerling entities. The commutations resulted in an unfavorable impact of \$109 million, which was net of a previously established allowance for doubtful accounts of \$47 million, and CNA received \$324 million of cash in connection with these significant commutations. The Company has no further exposure to the Gerling companies that are in run-off.

CNA's largest recoverables from a single reinsurer at December 31, 2005, including prepaid reinsurance premiums, were approximately \$2,215 million from subsidiaries of Swiss Reinsurance Group, \$1,364 million from subsidiaries of Hartford Life Group Insurance Company, \$971 million from subsidiaries of Munich American Holding, \$871 million from The Allstate Corporation (Allstate), and \$516 million from syndicates of Lloyd's of London.

Insurance claims and policyholders' benefits reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations are net of reinsurance recoveries of \$1,459 million, \$5,792 million and \$6,265 million for 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The effects of reinsurance on earned premiums and written premiums for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 are shown in the following tables.

**Components of Earned Premiums**

(In millions)	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Assumed</u>	<u>Ceded</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Assumed/ Net %</u>
<b>2005 Earned Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 10,354	\$ 186	\$ 3,675	\$ 6,865	2.7%
Accident and health	1,040	60	400	700	8.6
Life	140	-	136	4	-
<b>Total earned premiums</b>	<u>\$ 11,534</u>	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>\$ 4,211</u>	<u>\$ 7,569</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
<b>2004 Earned Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 10,739	\$ 199	\$ 3,634	\$ 7,304	2.7%
Accident and health	1,228	63	507	784	8.0
Life	419	-	298	121	-
<b>Total earned premiums</b>	<u>\$ 12,386</u>	<u>\$ 262</u>	<u>\$ 4,439</u>	<u>\$ 8,209</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
<b>2003 Earned Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 10,661	\$ 726	\$ 4,450	\$ 6,937	10.5%
Accident and health	1,602	92	59	1,635	5.6
Life	1,102	7	465	644	1.0
<b>Total earned premiums</b>	<u>\$ 13,365</u>	<u>\$ 825</u>	<u>\$ 4,974</u>	<u>\$ 9,216</u>	<u>9.0%</u>

Included in the direct and ceded earned premiums for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 are \$3,306 million, \$3,293 million and \$2,652 million related to business that is 100% reinsured as a result of business dispositions and a significant captive program.



### Components of Written Premiums

(In millions)	Direct	Assumed	Ceded	Net	Assumed/ Net %
<b>2005 Written Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 9,546	\$ 203	\$ 2,934	\$ 6,815	3.0%
Accident and health	1,037	58	395	700	8.3
Life	136	-	132	4	-
<b>Total written premiums</b>	<u>\$ 10,719</u>	<u>\$ 261</u>	<u>\$ 3,461</u>	<u>\$ 7,519</u>	<u>3.5%</u>
<b>2004 Written Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 10,289	\$ 48	\$ 3,375	\$ 6,962	0.7%
Accident and health	1,241	62	508	795	7.8
Life	427	-	305	122	-
<b>Total written premiums</b>	<u>\$ 11,957</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>	<u>\$ 4,188</u>	<u>\$ 7,879</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
<b>2003 Written Premiums</b>					
Property and casualty	\$ 10,880	\$ 649	\$ 4,448	\$ 7,081	9.2%
Accident and health	1,601	92	59	1,634	5.6
Life	1,098	6	465	639	1.0
<b>Total written premiums</b>	<u>\$ 13,579</u>	<u>\$ 747</u>	<u>\$ 4,972</u>	<u>\$ 9,354</u>	<u>8.0%</u>

The impact of reinsurance on life insurance inforce at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 is shown in the following table.

### Components of Life Insurance Inforce

(In millions)	Direct	Assumed	Ceded	Net
2005	\$ 20,548	\$ 1	\$ 20,528	\$ 21
2004(a)	56,610	35	54,486	2,159
2003	388,380	588	295,659	93,309

(a) The decline in gross inforce is attributable to the sales of the group benefits and the individual life businesses.

Life premiums are primarily from long duration contracts; property and casualty premiums and accident and health premiums are primarily from short duration contracts.

Reinsurance accounting allows for contractual cash flows to be reflected as premiums and losses, as compared to deposit accounting, which requires cash flows to be reflected as assets and liabilities. To qualify for reinsurance accounting, reinsurance agreements must include risk transfer. To meet risk transfer requirements, a reinsurance contract must include both insurance risk, consisting of underwriting and timing risk, and a reasonable possibility of a significant loss for the assuming entity. Reinsurance contracts that include both significant risk sharing provisions, such as adjustments to premiums or loss coverage based on loss experience, and relatively low policy limits as evidenced by a high proportion of maximum premium assessments to loss limits, may require considerable judgment to determine whether or not risk transfer requirements are met. For such contracts, often referred to as finite products, the Company assesses risk transfer for each contract generally by developing quantitative analyses at contract inception which measure the present value of reinsurer losses as compared to the present value of the related premium.

### Funds Withheld Reinsurance Arrangements

The Company's overall reinsurance program includes certain property and casualty contracts, such as the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties discussed in more detail below, that are entered into and accounted for on a "funds withheld" basis. Under the funds withheld basis, the Company records the cash remitted to the reinsurer for the

reinsurer's margin, or cost of the reinsurance contract, as ceded premiums. The remainder of the premiums ceded under the reinsurance contract not remitted in cash are recorded as funds withheld liabilities. The Company is required to increase the funds withheld balance at stated interest crediting rates applied to the funds withheld balance or as otherwise specified under the terms of the contract. The funds withheld liability is reduced by any cumulative claim payments made by the Company in excess of the Company's retention under the reinsurance contract. If the funds withheld liability is exhausted, interest crediting will cease and additional claim payments are recoverable from the reinsurer. The funds withheld liability is recorded in reinsurance balances payable in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Interest cost on funds withheld and other deposits is credited during all periods in which a funds withheld liability exists. Pretax interest cost, which is included in net investment income, was \$166 million, \$261 million and \$335 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003. The amount subject to interest crediting rates on such contracts was \$1,050 million and \$2,564 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Certain funds withheld reinsurance contracts, including the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties, require interest on additional premiums arising from ceded losses as if those premiums were payable at the inception of the contract. Additionally, on the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties discussed below, if the Company exceeds certain aggregate loss ratio thresholds, the rate on which interest charges are accrued would increase and be retroactively applied to the inception of the contract or to a specified date. Any such retroactive interest is accrued in the period the additional premiums arise or the loss ratio thresholds are met. The amount of retroactive interest was \$4 million, \$45 million and \$147 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The amount subject to interest crediting on these funds withheld contracts will vary over time based on a number of factors, including the timing of loss payments and ultimate gross losses incurred. The Company expects that it will continue to incur significant interest costs on these contracts for several years.

The following table summarizes the pretax impact of these contracts, including the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties discussed in further detail below. In 2003, the Company discontinued purchases of such contracts. As discussed above, effective October 1, 2005, the Aggregate Cover was commuted.

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>Aggregate Cover</b>	<b>CCC Cover</b>	<b>All Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2005</b>				
Ceded earned premium	\$ (17)	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 31
Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense	(244)	-	(154)	(398)
Ceding commissions	-	-	(27)	(27)
Interest charges	(57)	(66)	(34)	(157)
<b>Pretax expense</b>	<b>\$ (318)</b>	<b>\$ (66)</b>	<b>\$ (167)</b>	<b>\$ (551)</b>
<b>2004</b>				
Ceded earned premium	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ (19)	\$ (20)
Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense	-	-	15	15
Ceding commissions	-	-	2	2
Interest charges	(82)	(91)	(72)	(245)
<b>Pretax expense</b>	<b>\$ (83)</b>	<b>\$ (91)</b>	<b>\$ (74)</b>	<b>\$ (248)</b>
<b>2003</b>				
Ceded earned premium	\$ (258)	\$ (100)	\$ (172)	\$ (530)
Ceded claim and claim adjustment expense	500	143	222	865
Ceding commissions	-	-	18	18
Interest charges	(147)	(59)	(127)	(333)
<b>Pretax benefit (expense)</b>	<b>\$ 95</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>	<b>\$ (59)</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>

Included in “All Other” above for the year ended December 31, 2005 is approximately \$24 million of pretax expense related to Standard Lines which resulted from an unfavorable arbitration ruling on two reinsurance treaties impacting ceded earned premiums, ceded claim and claim adjustment expenses, ceding commissions and interest charges. This unfavorable outcome was partially offset by a release of previously established reinsurance bad debt reserves resulting in a net impact from the arbitration ruling of \$10 million pretax expense for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The pretax impact by operating segment of the Company’s funds withheld reinsurance arrangements, including the corporate aggregate reinsurance treaties, was as follows:

<b>Period ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Standard Lines	\$ (399)	\$ (185)	\$ 10
Specialty Lines	(41)	(1)	6
Corporate and Other	(111)	(62)	4
<b>Pretax benefit (expense)</b>	<b>\$ (551)</b>	<b>\$ (248)</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>

### Corporate Aggregate Reinsurance Treaties

The Company had an aggregate reinsurance treaty related to the 1999 through 2001 accident years that covered substantially all of the Company’s property and casualty lines of business (the Aggregate Cover). The aggregate limits under both sections of the Aggregate Cover have been fully utilized and in 2005 the Aggregate Cover was commuted, as discussed in more detail previously in this note. The Aggregate Cover provided for two sections of coverage. These coverages attached at defined loss ratios for each accident year. Coverage under the first section of the Aggregate Cover, which was available for all accident years covered by the treaty, had a \$500 million limit per accident year of ceded losses and an aggregate limit of \$1 billion of ceded losses for the three accident years. The

ceded premiums associated with the first section were a percentage of ceded losses and for each \$500 million of limit the ceded premium was \$230 million. The second section of the Aggregate Cover, which only related to accident year 2001, provided additional coverage of up to \$510 million of ceded losses for a maximum ceded premium of \$310 million. Under the Aggregate Cover, interest charges on the funds withheld liability accrue at 8% per annum. The aggregate loss ratio for the three-year period exceeded certain thresholds which required additional premiums to be paid and an increase in the rate at which interest charges were accrued.

In 2001, as a result of reserve additions including those related to accident year 1999, the remaining \$500 million limit related to the 1999 accident year under the first section was fully utilized and losses of \$510 million were ceded under the second section as a result of losses related to the World Trade Center event. During 2003, as a result of the unfavorable net prior year development recorded related to accident years 2000 and 2001, the \$500 million limit related to the 2000 and 2001 accident years under the first section was fully utilized and losses of \$500 million were ceded under the first section of the Aggregate Cover.

In 2001, the Company entered into a one-year aggregate reinsurance treaty related to the 2001 accident year covering substantially all property and casualty lines of business in the Continental Casualty Company pool (the CCC Cover). The CCC Cover was fully utilized in 2003. The loss protection provided by the CCC Cover has an aggregate limit of approximately \$761 million of ceded losses. The ceded premiums are a percentage of ceded losses. The ceded premium related to full utilization of the \$761 million of limit is \$456 million. The CCC Cover provides continuous coverage in excess of the second section of the Aggregate Cover discussed above. Under the CCC Cover, interest charges on the funds withheld are accrued at 8% per annum. The interest rate increases to 10% per annum if the aggregate loss ratio exceeds certain thresholds. The aggregate loss ratio exceeded that threshold in 2004 which required retroactive interest charges on funds withheld.

At the Company's discretion, the contract can be commuted annually on the anniversary date of the contract. The CCC Cover requires mandatory commutation on December 31, 2010, if the agreement has not been commuted on or before such date. Upon mandatory commutation of the CCC Cover, the reinsurer is required to release to the Company the existing balance of the funds withheld account if the unpaid ultimate ceded losses at the time of commutation are less than or equal to the funds withheld account balance. If the unpaid ultimate ceded losses at the time of commutation are greater than the funds withheld account balance, the reinsurer will release the existing balance of the funds withheld account and pay CNA the present value of the projected amount the reinsurer would have had to pay from its own funds absent a commutation. The present value is calculated using 1-year LIBOR as of the date of the commutation.

## Note I. Debt

Debt is composed of the following obligations.

### Debt

<b>December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Variable rate debt:		
Credit facility – CNA Surety, due June 30, 2008	\$ 20	\$ -
Debenture – CNA Surety, face amount of \$31, due April 29, 2034	31	30
Credit facility – CNA Surety, due September 30, 2005	-	25
Term loan – CNA Surety, due through September 30, 2005	-	10
Senior notes:		
6.500%, face amount of \$493, due April 15, 2005	-	493
6.750%, face amount of \$250, due November 15, 2006	250	249
6.450%, face amount of \$150, due January 15, 2008	149	149
6.600%, face amount of \$200, due December 15, 2008	199	199
8.375%, face amount of \$70, due August 15, 2012	69	69
5.850%, face amount of \$549, due December 15, 2014	546	546
6.950%, face amount of \$150, due January 15, 2018	149	149
Debenture, 7.250%, face amount of \$243, due November 15, 2023	241	241
Other debt, 1.000%-11.500%, due through 2019	36	47
Surplus notes:		
Encompass Insurance Company of America (EICA) surplus note, face amount of \$50, due March 31, 2006	-	50
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,690</b>	<b>\$ 2,257</b>
Short term debt	\$ 252	\$ 531
Long term debt	1,438	1,726
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,690</b>	<b>\$ 2,257</b>

In July of 2005, CNA Surety, a 63% owned and consolidated subsidiary of CNA, refinanced the \$30 million of outstanding borrowings under its \$50 million credit agreement with a new credit facility (the “2005 Credit Facility”). The 2005 Credit Facility provides a \$50 million revolving credit facility that matures on June 30, 2008. In November of 2005, CNA Surety repaid \$10 million of outstanding borrowings. The terms of the borrowings under the 2005 Credit Facility may be fixed, at CNA Surety’s option, for a period of one, two, three, or six months. The interest rate was based on, among other rates, LIBOR plus the applicable margin. The margin, including a facility fee and utilization fee, can vary based on CNA Surety’s leverage ratio (debt to total capitalization) from 1.15% to 1.45%. The margin was 1.25% at December 31, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, the weighted average interest rate on the 2005 Credit Facility was 5.69% on the \$20 million of outstanding borrowings.

The 2005 Credit Facility contains, among other conditions, limitations on CNA Surety with respect to the incurrence of additional indebtedness and maintenance of a rating of at least "A-" by A.M. Best Co. for each of CNA Surety's insurance subsidiaries. The 2005 Credit Facility also requires the maintenance of certain financial ratios as follows: a) maximum funded debt to total capitalization ratio of 25%, b) minimum net worth of \$375 million and c) minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 2.5 times. CNA Surety was in compliance with all covenants as of December 31, 2005.

In May of 2004, CNA Surety issued privately through a wholly-owned trust \$30 million of preferred securities through two pooled transactions. These securities bear interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 337.5 basis points with a thirty-year term and are redeemable after five years. The securities were issued by CNA Surety Capital Trust I (Issuer Trust). The sole asset of the Issuer Trust consists of a \$31 million junior subordinated debenture issued by CNA Surety to the Issuer Trust. The subordinated debenture bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 337.5 basis points and matures in April of 2034. As of December 31, 2005, the interest rate on the junior subordinated debenture was 7.71%.

The Company retired its \$493 million 6.5% senior notes on April 15, 2005.

During 2004, Encompass Insurance Company of America (EICA), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNAF, sold a \$50 million surplus note to Allstate Insurance Company. EICA was sold in 2005. See Note P for additional information regarding the sale.

The combined aggregate maturities for debt at December 31, 2005 are presented in the following table.

**Maturity of Debt**

(In millions)

2006	\$ 253
2007	11
2008	373
2009	3
2010	4
Thereafter	1,055
Less original issue discount	(9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,690</b>

**Note J. Benefit Plans**

***Pension and Postretirement Healthcare and Life Insurance Benefit Plans***

CNAF and certain subsidiaries sponsor noncontributory pension plans typically covering full-time employees age 21 or over who have completed at least one year of service. Effective January 1, 2000, the CNA Retirement Plan was closed to new participants; instead, retirement benefits are provided to these employees under the Company's savings plans. While the terms of the pension plans vary, benefits are generally based on years of credited service and the employee's highest 60 consecutive months of compensation. CNA uses December 31 as the measurement date for the majority of its plans.

In 2000 approximately 60% of CCC's eligible employees elected to forego earning additional benefits in CNA's defined benefit pension plan. These employees maintain an "accrued pension account" within the defined benefit pension plan that is credited with interest annually at the 30-year treasury rate. Instead, employees who elected to discontinue accruing benefits in the defined benefit pension plan receive certain enhanced employer contributions in the CNA Savings and Capital Accumulation Plan (discussed below). Employees hired on or after January 1, 2000 are not eligible to participate in CNA's defined benefit pension plan.

CNA's funding policy is to make contributions in accordance with applicable governmental regulatory requirements. The assets of the pension plans are invested primarily in U.S. government and mortgage-backed securities with the balance in short-term investments, equity securities and limited partnerships.

CNA provides certain healthcare and life insurance benefits to eligible retired employees, their covered dependents and their beneficiaries. The funding for these plans is generally to pay covered expenses as they are incurred.

In September of 2004, the Company announced significant changes to the CNA Retiree Health and Group Benefits plan affecting current and future retirees. Benefit changes were effective January 1, 2005 and included: elimination of dental plan subsidy, elimination of Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, reduction of retiree life insurance to a maximum of \$10,000 per retiree and elimination of various medical plan options. The effects of these changes were reflected in the 2004 actuarial valuation beginning October 1, 2004, resulting in a reduction to the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation of \$137 million at December 31, 2004 and a reduction in the net periodic benefit cost of \$5 million for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The following table provides a reconciliation of benefit obligations.

**Benefit Obligations and Accrued Benefit Costs**

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Postretirement Benefits</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
(In millions)				
Benefit obligation at January 1	\$ 2,527	\$ 2,403	\$ 180	\$ 345
Changes in benefit obligation:				
Service cost	27	31	3	4
Interest cost	145	145	10	17
Participants' contributions	-	-	8	9
Plan amendments	1	-	-	(138)
Actuarial loss (gain)	87	104	21	(26)
Curtailment/settlement	-	2	-	-
Benefits paid	(146)	(164)	(12)	(31)
Foreign currency translation	(5)	6	-	-
Benefit obligations at December 31	2,636	2,527	210	180
Fair value of plan assets at January 1	2,029	1,988	-	-
Change in plan assets:				
Actual return on plan assets	161	164	-	-
Company contributions	67	37	4	22
Participants' contributions	-	-	8	9
Curtailment/settlement	-	(1)	-	-
Benefits paid	(146)	(164)	(12)	(31)
Foreign currency translation	(4)	5	-	-
Fair value of plan assets at December 31	2,107	2,029	-	-
Funded status	(529)	(498)	(210)	(180)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	528	468	94	77
Unrecognized net transition (asset) obligation	(1)	-	-	-
Unrecognized prior service cost (benefit)	9	9	(174)	(202)
Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost	\$ 7	\$ (21)	\$ (290)	\$ (305)
Amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:				
Prepaid benefit cost	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued benefit liability	(372)	(352)	(290)	(305)
Intangible assets	9	11	-	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income	350	299	-	-
Net amount recognized	\$ 7	\$ (21)	\$ (290)	\$ (305)

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$2,468 million and \$2,373 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Included in these amounts were benefit obligations related to an overfunded plan that was less than \$1 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The fair value of plan assets related to the overfunded plan was \$10 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004.



The components of net periodic benefit costs are presented in the following table.

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Pension benefits</b>			
Service cost	\$ 27	\$ 31	\$ 33
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	145	145	146
Expected return on plan assets	(156)	(152)	(146)
Prior service cost amortization	2	2	3
Actuarial loss	21	13	8
Settlement loss	-	5	8
<b>Net periodic pension cost</b>	<b>\$ 39</b>	<b>\$ 44</b>	<b>\$ 52</b>
<b>Postretirement benefits</b>			
Service cost	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 6
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	10	17	22
Prior service cost amortization	(28)	(20)	(16)
Actuarial loss	4	3	4
<b>Net periodic postretirement (benefit) cost</b>	<b>\$ (11)</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 16</b>
<b>Pension benefits</b>			
Increase in minimum liability included in other comprehensive income	\$ 51	\$ 101	\$ 176

Weighted-average actuarial assumptions used at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 to determine benefit obligations are set forth in the following table.

**Weighted-Average Actuarial Assumptions for Benefit Obligations**

<b>December 31</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Pension benefits</b>			
Discount rate	5.625%	5.875%	6.25%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00	8.00	8.00
Rate of compensation increases	5.83	5.83	5.83
<b>Postretirement benefits</b>			
Discount rate	5.5%	5.875%	6.25%

Weighted-average actuarial assumptions used to determine net cost for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 are set forth in the following table.

**Weighted-Average Actuarial Assumptions for Net Cost**

<b>December 31</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Pension benefits</b>			
Discount rate	5.875%	6.22%	6.75%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00	8.00	8.00
Rate of compensation increases	5.83	5.83	5.83
<b>Postretirement benefits</b>			
Discount rate	5.875%	6.19%	6.75%

The long term rate of return for plan assets is determined using a building block approach based on widely-accepted capital market principles, long term return analysis for global fixed income and equity markets as well as the active total return oriented portfolio management style. Long term trends are evaluated relative to current market factors such as inflation, interest rates and fiscal and monetary policies, in order to assess the capital market assumptions as applied to the plan. Consideration of diversification needs and rebalancing is maintained.

The Company has limited its share of the health care trend rate to a cost-of-living adjustment not to exceed 4% per year. The assumed healthcare cost trend rate used in measuring the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 4% per year in 2005, 2004 and 2003. The healthcare cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amount of the benefit obligation and periodic cost reported. An increase in the assumed healthcare cost trend rate of 1% in each year would have no impact on the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation or the aggregate net periodic postretirement benefit cost for 2005 as the cost-of-living adjustment is estimated to be 4% which is the maximum contractual benefit. A decrease in the assumed healthcare cost trend rate of 1% in each year would decrease the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2005 by \$12 million and the aggregate net periodic postretirement benefit cost for 2005 by \$1 million.

The Company's pension plans weighted-average asset allocation at December 31, 2005 and 2004, by asset category, is as follows:

**Pension Plan Assets**

	Percentage of Plan Assets December 31,	
	2005	2004
<b>Asset Category</b>		
Fixed maturity securities	24%	47%
Equity securities	25	17
Limited Partnerships	15	15
Short term investments	33	21
Other	3	-
Total	100%	100%

CNA employs a total return approach whereby a mix of equity and fixed maturity securities are used to maximize the long term return of plan assets for a prudent level of risk. The intent of this strategy is to minimize plan expenses by outperforming plan liabilities over the long run. Risk tolerance is established through careful consideration of the plan liabilities, plan funded status and corporate financial conditions. The investment portfolio contains a diversified blend of fixed maturity, equity and short-term securities. Alternative investments, including hedge funds, are used judiciously to enhance risk adjusted long term returns while improving portfolio diversification. Derivatives may be used to gain market exposure in an efficient and timely manner. Investment risk is measured and monitored on an ongoing basis through annual liability measurements, periodic asset/liability studies and quarterly investment portfolio reviews.

The table below presents the estimated future minimum benefit payments to participants at December 31, 2005.

**Estimated Future Benefit Payments to Participants**

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>	<b>Postretirement Benefits</b>
(In millions)		
2006	\$ 138	\$ 15
2007	140	15
2008	142	16
2009	146	16
2010	149	17
Thereafter	811	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,526</b>	<b>\$ 167</b>

In 2006, CNA expects to contribute \$7 million to its pension plans and \$14 million to its postretirement healthcare and life insurance benefit plans.

***Savings Plans***

CNA sponsors savings plans, which are generally contributory plans that allow most employees to contribute a maximum of 20% of their eligible compensation, subject to certain limitations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company contributes matching amounts to participants, amounting to 70% of the first 6% (35% of the first 6% in the first year of employment) of eligible compensation contributed by the employee. Employees vest in these contributions ratably over five years.

As noted above, during 2000, CCC employees were required to make a choice regarding their continued participation in CNAF's defined benefit pension plan. Employees who elected to forego earning additional benefits in the defined benefit pension plan and all employees hired by CCC on or after January 1, 2000 receive a Company contribution of 3% or 5% of their eligible compensation, depending on their age.

In addition, these employees are eligible to receive additional discretionary contributions of up to 2% of eligible compensation and an additional Company match of up to 80% of the first 6% of eligible compensation contributed by the employee. These contributions are made at the discretion of management and are contributed to participant accounts in the first quarter of the year following management's determination of the discretionary amounts. Employees do not vest in these contributions until reaching five years of service.

Benefit expense for the Company's savings plans was \$24 million, \$49 million and \$57 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003.

***Stock Options***

The Board of Directors approved the CNA Long Term Incentive Plan (the LTI Plan) during 1999 and subsequently merged it with the CNA Financial Corporation Incentive Compensation Plan in February 2000. The LTI Plan authorizes the grant of options to certain management personnel for up to 2.0 million shares of the Company's common stock. All options granted have ten-year terms and vest ratably over the four-year period following the date of grant. The number of shares available for the granting of options under the LTI Plan as of December 31, 2005, was approximately 2 million.

The following table presents activity under the LTI Plan during 2005, 2004 and 2003.

**Option Plan Activity**

	2005		2004		2003	
	Number Of Shares	Weighted- Average Option Price per Share	Number Of Shares	Weighted- Average Option Price per Share	Number Of Shares	Weighted- Average Option Price per Share
Balance at January 1	1,474,000	\$ 29.17	1,434,800	\$ 29.97	1,146,850	\$ 31.80
Options granted	328,800	27.27	350,400	26.30	384,000	24.61
Options exercised	(42,050)	28.60	(2,900)	26.28	-	-
Options forfeited	(132,150)	30.38	(308,300)	29.63	(96,050)	30.51
<b>Balance at December 31</b>	<b>1,628,600</b>	<b>\$ 28.71</b>	<b>1,474,000</b>	<b>\$ 29.17</b>	<b>1,434,800</b>	<b>\$ 29.97</b>
<b>Options exercisable at December 31</b>	<b>963,650</b>	<b>\$ 30.17</b>	<b>827,450</b>	<b>\$ 31.16</b>	<b>551,575</b>	<b>\$ 32.73</b>
<b>Weighted-average fair value per share of options granted</b>		<b>\$ 7.48</b>		<b>\$ 7.74</b>		<b>\$ 5.43</b>

The weighted-average remaining contractual life of options outstanding as of December 31, 2005, was seven years, and the range of exercise prices on those options was \$21.77 to \$37.45.

The fair value of granted options was estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The weighted-average fair value of options granted during each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was \$2 million, \$3 million and \$2 million. The following weighted-average assumptions were used for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003: risk free interest rate of 3.7%, 3.7%, and 2.7%; expected dividend yield of 0%; and expected option life of five years. The weighted-average assumption for the expected stock price volatility was 22.3%, 24.8% and 25.0% for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

CNA Surety has reserved shares of its common stock for issuance to directors, officers and employees of CNA Surety through incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options and stock appreciation rights under separate plans (CNA Surety Plans). The CNA Surety Plans have an aggregate number of 0.5 million shares available for which options may be granted. At December 31, 2005, approximately 1.6 million options were outstanding under these plans.

**Note K. Operating Leases, Other Commitments and Contingencies, and Guarantees**

***Operating Leases***

CNA occupies office facilities under lease agreements that expire at various dates. In addition, data processing, office and transportation equipment is leased under agreements that expire at various dates through 2010. Most leases contain renewal options that provide for rent increases based on prevailing market conditions. Lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was \$71 million, \$70 million and \$66 million. Lease and sublease revenues for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$5 million, \$7 million and \$6 million. CCC and CAC remain contingently liable under two ground leases covering a portion of an office building property sold in 2003. Although the two leases expire in 2058, CCC and CAC have certain collateral, as well as certain contractual rights and remedies, in place to minimize any exposure that may arise from the new owner's failure to comply with its obligations under the ground leases.

The table below presents the future minimum lease payments to be made under non-cancelable operating leases along with future minimum sublease receipts to be received on owned and leased properties at December 31, 2005.

**Future Minimum Lease Payments and Sublease Receipts**

	<b>Future Minimum Lease Payments</b>	<b>Future Minimum Sublease Receipts</b>
(In millions)		
2006	\$ 53	\$ 3
2007	44	2
2008	38	1
2009	30	1
2010	26	1
Thereafter	70	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 261</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>

CNAF has provided parent company guarantees, which expire in 2015, related to lease obligations of certain subsidiaries. Certain of those subsidiaries have been sold; however, the lease guarantees remain in effect. CNAF would be required to remit prompt payment on leases in question if the primary obligor fails to observe and perform its covenants under the lease agreements. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to pay under these guarantees is approximately \$6 million at December 31, 2005.

The Company holds an investment in a real estate joint venture. In the normal course of business, CNA, on a joint and several basis with other unrelated insurance company shareholders, has committed to continue funding the operating deficits of this joint venture. Additionally, CNA and the other unrelated shareholders, on a joint and several basis, have guaranteed an operating lease for an office building, which expires in 2016.

The guarantee of the operating lease is a parallel guarantee to the commitment to fund operating deficits; consequently, the separate guarantee to the lessor is not expected to be triggered as long as the joint venture continues to be funded by its shareholders and continues to make its annual lease payments.

In the event that the other parties to the joint venture are unable to meet their commitments in funding the operations of this joint venture, the Company would be required to assume the obligation for the entire office building operating lease. The maximum potential future lease payments at December 31, 2005 that the Company could be required to pay under this guarantee are approximately \$236 million. If CNA were required to assume the entire lease obligation, the Company would have the right to pursue reimbursement from the other shareholders and would have the right to all sublease revenues.

***Other Commitments and Contingencies***

In the normal course of business, CNA has obtained letters of credit in favor of various unaffiliated insurance companies, regulatory authorities and other entities. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, there were approximately \$30 million and \$35 million of outstanding letters of credit.

The Company has entered into a limited number of guaranteed payment contracts, primarily relating to telecommunication and software services, amounting to approximately \$22 million at December 31, 2005. Estimated future minimum payments under these contracts are as follows: \$15 million in 2006 and \$7 million in 2007.

The Company currently has an agreement in place for services to be rendered in relation to employee benefits, administration and consulting. If the Company terminates this agreement without cause, or the agreement is terminated due to the Company's default, prior to the end of any renewal term, the Company shall pay the greater of fifteen percent of the average monthly fees related to such services for the remainder of the term, or the specified minimum termination fee for the year. The minimum termination fee for the year ended December 31, 2006 is \$8 million.

CNAF's \$750 million Series H Issue Preferred stock accrues cumulative dividends at an initial rate of 8% per year, compounded annually. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had \$197 million of undeclared but accumulated dividends. Loews owns 100% of the Series H Issue preferred stock.

### ***Guarantees***

CNA has provided guarantees of the indebtedness of certain of its independent insurance producers. These guarantees expire in 2008. The Company would be required to remit prompt and complete payment when due, should the primary obligor default. In the event of default on the part of the primary obligor, the Company has a right to any and all shares of common stock of the primary obligor. The maximum potential amount of future payments that CNA could be required to pay under these guarantees is approximately \$6 million at December 31, 2005.

In the course of selling business entities and assets to third parties, the Company has agreed to indemnify purchasers for losses arising out of breaches of representation and warranties with respect to the business entities or assets being sold, including, in certain cases, losses arising from undisclosed liabilities or certain named litigation. Such indemnification provisions generally survive for periods ranging from nine months following the applicable closing date to the expiration of the relevant statutes of limitation. As of December 31, 2005, the aggregate amount of quantifiable indemnification agreements in effect for sales of business entities, assets and third party loans was \$938 million.

In addition, the Company has agreed to provide indemnification to third party purchasers for certain losses associated with sold business entities or assets that are not limited by a contractual monetary amount. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had outstanding unlimited indemnifications in connection with the sales of certain of its business entities or assets that included tax liabilities arising prior to a purchaser's ownership of an entity or asset, defects in title at the time of sale, employee claims arising prior to closing and in some cases losses arising from certain litigation and undisclosed liabilities. These indemnification agreements survive until the applicable statutes of limitation expire, or until the agreed upon contract terms expire. As of December 31, 2005, the Company has recorded approximately \$65 million of liabilities related to these indemnification agreements.

In connection with the issuance of preferred securities by CNA Surety Capital Trust I, CNA Surety issued a guarantee of \$75 million to guarantee the payment by CNA Surety Capital Trust I of annual dividends of \$1.5 million over 30 years and redemption of \$30 million of preferred securities. See Note I for further description of debentures issued by CNA Surety, which are the sole assets of CNA Surety Capital Trust I.

## Note L. Stockholders' Equity and Statutory Financial Information

Capital stock (in whole numbers) is composed of the following:

### Summary of Capital Stock

December 31	2005	2004
<b>Preferred stock, without par value, non-voting</b>		
Authorized	12,500,000	12,500,000
Issued and outstanding:		
Series H (stated value \$100,000 per share, held by Loews)	7,500	7,500
<b>Common stock, par value \$2.50</b>		
Authorized	500,000,000	500,000,000
Issued	258,177,285	258,177,285
Outstanding	256,001,968	255,953,958
Treasury stock	2,175,317	2,223,327

On April 20, 2004, CNAF issued 32,327,015 shares of common stock to Loews in conjunction with the conversion of the \$750 million Series I convertible preferred stock issued during 2003. The number of shares was determined utilizing a conversion price per share of common stock that was based on average market prices of CNAF common stock from November 17, 2003 through November 21, 2003. The Series I convertible preferred stock was sold to Loews during 2003 and the proceeds were applied by CNAF to increase the statutory surplus of CNAF's principal insurance subsidiary, CCC.

The Series H Cumulative Preferred Stock Issue (Series H Issue) is held by Loews and accrues cumulative dividends at an initial rate of 8% per year, compounded annually. It will be adjusted quarterly to a rate equal to 400 basis points above the ten-year U.S. Treasury rate beginning with the quarterly dividend after the first triggering event to occur of either (i) an increase by two intermediate rating levels of the financial strength rating of CCC from its rating at the time of issuance by any of A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poor's or Moody's or (ii) one year following an increase by one intermediate rating level of the financial strength rating of CCC by any one of those rating agencies. The intermediate rating level of CCC has not changed since the issuance of the Series H Issue.

Accrued but unpaid cumulative dividends cannot be paid on the Series H Issue unless and until one of the two triggering events described above has occurred. Beginning with the quarter following an increase of one intermediate rating level in CCC's financial strength rating, however, current (but not accrued cumulative) quarterly dividends can be paid. As of December 31, 2005, the Company has \$197 million of undeclared (and therefore unrecorded) but accumulated dividends.

The Series H Issue is senior to CNAF's common stock as to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up. No dividends may be declared on CNAF's common stock until all cumulative dividends on the Series H Issue have been paid. CNAF may not issue any equity securities ranking senior to or on par with the Series H Issue without the consent of a majority of its stockholders. The Series H Issue is non-voting and is not convertible into any other securities of CNAF. It may be redeemed only upon the mutual agreement of CNAF and a majority of the stockholders of the preferred stock.

CNA's Board of Directors has approved a Share Repurchase Program to purchase, in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, its outstanding common stock, as Company management deems appropriate. No shares of common stock were purchased during 2005 or 2004.

### *Statutory Accounting Practices (Unaudited)*

CNA's domestic and foreign insurance subsidiaries maintain their accounts in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities, which vary in certain respects from GAAP. In converting from statutory to GAAP, typical adjustments include deferral of policy acquisition costs and the inclusion of net realized holding gains or losses in shareholders' equity relating to fixed maturity securities. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has codified statutory accounting principles to foster more consistency among the states for accounting guidelines and reporting.



CNA's insurance subsidiaries are domiciled in various jurisdictions. These subsidiaries prepare statutory financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the respective jurisdictions' insurance regulators. Prescribed statutory accounting practices are set forth in a variety of publications of the NAIC as well as state laws, regulations and general administrative rules.

CCC follows a permitted practice related to the statutory provision for reinsurance, or the uncollectible reinsurance reserve. This permitted practice allows CCC to record an additional uncollectible reinsurance reserve amount through a different financial statement line item than the prescribed statutory convention. This permitted practice had no effect on CCC's statutory surplus in 2005 or 2004.

During 2004 and through March 31, 2005, CIC followed a permitted practice related to its statutory accounting for reinsurance recoverables from voluntary pools. Under the prescribed statutory accounting practice, CIC would be required to record a reduction to its statutory surplus related to amounts due from reinsurers, including voluntary pools, that are not authorized in its state of domicile, South Carolina. The permitted practice allowed CIC to continue to report voluntary pools that were classified as authorized in CIC's previous state of domicile, New Hampshire, as authorized in South Carolina. This permitted practice was intended to be transitional as a result of CIC's redomestication from New Hampshire to South Carolina effective January 1, 2004. In the second quarter of 2005, it was determined by CIC's domiciliary state insurance department that credit for reinsurance ceded to voluntary pools shall be allowed as an asset. Therefore, a permitted practice is no longer necessary.

CNAF's ability to pay dividends and other credit obligations is significantly dependent on receipt of dividends from its subsidiaries. The payment of dividends to CNAF by its insurance subsidiaries without prior approval of the insurance department of each subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction is limited by formula. Dividends in excess of these amounts are subject to prior approval by the respective state insurance departments.

Dividends from CCC are subject to the insurance holding company laws of the State of Illinois, the domiciliary state of CCC. Under these laws, ordinary dividends, or dividends that do not require prior approval of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation – Division of Insurance (the Department), may be paid only from earned surplus, which is calculated by removing unrealized gains from unassigned surplus. As of December 31, 2005, CCC is in a positive earned surplus position, enabling CCC to pay approximately \$48 million of dividend payments during 2006 that would not be subject to the Department's prior approval. In February of 2006, the Department approved extraordinary dividends in the amount of \$344 million to be used to fund CNAF's 2006 debt service and principal repayment requirements.

CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries are subject to risk-based capital requirements. Risk-based capital is a method developed by the NAIC to determine the minimum amount of statutory capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The formula for determining the amount of risk-based capital specifies various factors, weighted based on the perceived degree of risk, which are applied to certain financial balances and financial activity. The adequacy of a company's actual capital is evaluated by a comparison to the risk-based capital results, as determined by the formula. Companies below minimum risk-based capital requirements are classified within certain levels, each of which requires specified corrective action. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, all of CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries exceeded the minimum risk-based capital requirements.

Combined statutory capital and surplus and net income (loss), determined in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities for the property and casualty and the life and group insurance subsidiaries, were as follows.

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	<b>Statutory Capital and Surplus</b>		<b>Statutory Net (Loss) Income</b>		
	<b>December 31 (a)</b>		<b>Years Ended December 31</b>		
(In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Property and casualty companies	\$ 6,940	\$ 6,998	\$ 550	\$ 694	\$ (1,484)
Life and group insurance companies	627	1,177	65	334	115

(a) Surplus includes the property and casualty companies' equity ownership of the life and group company(ies)' capital and surplus.

**Note M. Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income (loss) is composed of all changes to stockholders' equity, except those changes resulting from transactions with stockholders in their capacity as owners. The components of comprehensive income (loss) are shown below.

**Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 264	\$ 425	\$ (1,417)
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Change in unrealized gains/losses on general account investments:			
Holding gains/losses arising during the period, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$72, \$(170) and \$(91)	(136)	316	171
Net unrealized gains/losses at beginning of period included in realized gains/losses during the period, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$71, \$223 and \$(70)	(131)	(414)	129
Net change in unrealized gains/losses on general account investments, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$143, \$53 and \$(161)	(267)	(98)	300
Net change in unrealized gains/losses on discontinued operations, separate accounts and other, net of tax benefit of \$16, \$0 and \$3	4	(68)	8
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(24)	24	80
Net change in derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedge, net of tax benefit of \$0, \$1 and \$0	-	(3)	-
Net change in minimum pension liability, net of tax benefit of \$18, \$36 and \$61	(33)	(65)	(115)
Allocation to participating policyholders' and minority interests	18	19	(7)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax (expense) benefit of \$177, \$90 and \$(97)	(302)	(191)	266
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (38)</b>	<b>\$ 234</b>	<b>\$ (1,151)</b>

The following table displays the components of accumulated other comprehensive income included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**

<b>December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 51	\$ 75
Minimum pension liability, net of tax of \$123 and \$105	(227)	(194)
Net unrealized gains on investments and other, net of tax of \$271 and \$430	535	780
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 359</b>	<b>\$ 661</b>

**Note N. Business Segments**

CNA's core property and casualty insurance operations are reported in two business segments: Standard Lines and Specialty Lines. CNA's non-core operations are managed in two segments: Life and Group Non-Core and Corporate and Other Non-Core. Standard Lines includes standard property and casualty coverages sold to small and middle market commercial businesses primarily through an independent agency distribution system, and excess and surplus lines, as well as insurance and risk management products sold to large corporations in the U.S. as well as globally. Specialty Lines provides a broad array of professional, financial and specialty property and casualty products and services. Life and Group Non-Core primarily includes the results of the life and group lines of business that have either been sold or placed in run-off. Corporate and Other Non-Core primarily includes the results of certain property and casualty lines of business placed in run-off, including CNA Re. This segment also includes the results related to the centralized adjusting and settlement of APMT claims as well as the results of CNA's participation in voluntary insurance pools, which are primarily in run-off, and various other non-insurance operations.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note A. The Company manages most of its assets on a legal entity basis, while segment operations are conducted across legal entities. As such, only insurance and reinsurance receivables, insurance reserves and deferred acquisition costs are readily identifiable by individual segment. Distinct investment portfolios are not maintained for each segment; accordingly, allocation of assets to each segment is not performed. Therefore, net investment income and realized investment gains/losses are allocated primarily based on each segment's net carried insurance reserves, as adjusted.

All significant intrasegment income and expense has been eliminated. Standard Lines' other revenues and expenses include revenues for services provided by CNA ClaimsPlus to other units within the Standard Lines segment that are eliminated at the consolidated level. Intrasegment revenues and expenses eliminated at the consolidated level were approximately \$65 million, \$93 million and \$116 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Income taxes have been allocated on the basis of the taxable income of the segments.

Approximately 6.1%, 5.0% and 3.2% of CNA's gross written premiums were derived from outside the United States, primarily the United Kingdom, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Gross written premiums from the United Kingdom were approximately 2.8%, 2.3% and 1.8% of CNA's premiums for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Gross written premiums from any individual foreign country, other than the United Kingdom, were not significant.

In the following three tables, certain financial measures are presented to provide information used by management to monitor the Company's operating performance. Management utilizes these financial measures to monitor the Company's insurance operations and investment portfolio. Net operating income, which is derived from certain income statement amounts, is used by management to monitor performance of the Company's insurance operations. The Company's investment portfolio is monitored through analysis of various quantitative and qualitative factors and certain decisions related to the sale or impairment of investments that produce realized gains and losses. Net realized investment gains and losses are comprised of after-tax realized investment gains and losses net of participating policyholders' and minority interests.

Net operating income is calculated by excluding from net income the after-tax effects of 1) net realized investment gains or losses, 2) gains or losses from discontinued operations and 3) cumulative effects of changes in accounting

principles. In the calculation of net operating income, management excludes after-tax net realized investment gains or losses because net realized investment gains or losses related to the Company's investment portfolio are largely discretionary, except for losses related to other-than-temporary impairments, are generally driven by economic factors that are not necessarily consistent with key drivers of underwriting performance, and are therefore not an indication of trends in insurance operations.

The Company's investment portfolio is monitored by management through analyses of various factors including unrealized gains and losses on securities, portfolio duration and exposure to interest rate, market and credit risk. Based on such analyses, the Company may impair an investment security in accordance with its policy, or sell a security. Such activities will produce realized gains and losses.

The significant components of the Company's continuing operations and selected balance sheet items are presented in the following tables.

**Year ended December 31, 2005**  
(In millions)

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Life and Group Non-Core	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Eliminations	Total
Net earned premiums	\$ 4,410	\$ 2,475	\$ 704	\$ (8)	\$ (12)	\$ 7,569
Net investment income	767	281	593	251	-	1,892
Other revenues	98	124	95	159	(65)	411
Total operating revenues	5,275	2,880	1,392	402	(77)	9,872
Claims, benefits and expenses:						
Net incurred claims and benefits	3,857	1,617	1,160	343	(2)	6,975
Policyholders' dividends	19	4	1	-	-	24
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	986	532	22	3	-	1,543
Other insurance related expenses	444	115	257	23	(10)	829
Other expenses	110	108	61	115	(65)	329
Total claims, benefits and expenses	5,416	2,376	1,501	484	(77)	9,700
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax and minority interest	(141)	504	(109)	(82)	-	172
Income tax (expense) benefit on operating income (loss)	110	(154)	58	91	-	105
Minority interest	(10)	(14)	-	-	-	(24)
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	(41)	336	(51)	9	-	253
Realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	20	14	(30)	(14)	-	(10)
Income tax (expense) benefit on realized investment gains (losses)	(11)	(2)	11	2	-	-
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ (32)</b>	<b>\$ 348</b>	<b>\$ (70)</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 243</b>
<b>Reinsurance receivables</b>	<b>\$ 3,968</b>	<b>\$ 1,493</b>	<b>\$ 2,707</b>	<b>\$ 4,268</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,436</b>
<b>Insurance receivables</b>	<b>\$ 1,826</b>	<b>\$ 375</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,311</b>
<b>Insurance reserves:</b>						
Claim and claim adjustment expense	\$ 15,084	\$ 5,205	\$ 3,277	\$ 7,372	\$ -	\$ 30,938
Unearned premiums	1,952	1,577	168	9	-	3,706
Future policy benefits	-	-	6,297	-	-	6,297
Policyholders' funds	30	-	1,465	-	-	1,495
<b>Deferred acquisition costs</b>	<b>\$ 408</b>	<b>\$ 274</b>	<b>\$ 515</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,197</b>

**Year ended December 31, 2004**

(In millions)

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Life and Group Non-Core	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Eliminations	Total
Net earned premiums	\$ 4,917	\$ 2,277	\$ 921	\$ 128	\$ (34)	\$ 8,209
Net investment income	496	246	692	246	-	1,680
Other revenues	129	109	91	40	(86)	283
Total operating revenues	5,542	2,632	1,704	414	(120)	10,172
Claims, benefits and expenses:						
Net incurred claims and benefits	3,480	1,441	1,372	162	(21)	6,434
Policyholders' dividends	9	5	(3)	-	-	11
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,109	506	36	29	-	1,680
Other insurance related expenses	593	88	291	10	(13)	969
Other expenses	94	101	76	141	(86)	326
Total claims, benefits and expenses	5,285	2,141	1,772	342	(120)	9,420
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax and minority interest	257	491	(68)	72	-	752
Income tax (expense) benefit on operating income (loss)	(27)	(150)	39	12	-	(126)
Minority interest	(10)	(17)	-	-	-	(27)
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	220	324	(29)	84	-	599
Realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	219	84	(615)	64	-	(248)
Income tax (expense) benefit on realized investment gains (losses)	(80)	(30)	230	(25)	-	95
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 359</b>	<b>\$ 378</b>	<b>\$ (414)</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 446</b>
<b>Reinsurance receivables</b>	<b>\$ 5,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,682</b>	<b>\$ 3,284</b>	<b>\$ 5,793</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,888</b>
<b>Insurance receivables</b>	<b>\$ 2,150</b>	<b>\$ 340</b>	<b>\$ 153</b>	<b>\$ 61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,704</b>
<b>Insurance reserves:</b>						
Claim and claim adjustment expense	\$ 14,302	\$ 4,860	\$ 3,680	\$ 8,681	\$ -	\$ 31,523
Unearned premiums	1,978	1,546	164	834	-	4,522
Future policy benefits	-	-	5,883	-	-	5,883
Policyholders' funds	43	-	1,682	-	-	1,725
<b>Deferred acquisition costs</b>	<b>\$ 444</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>	<b>\$ 537</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,268</b>

**Year ended December 31, 2003**  
(In millions)

	Standard Lines	Specialty Lines	Life and Group Non-Core	Corporate and Other Non-Core	Elimi- nations	Total
Net earned premiums	\$ 4,532	\$ 1,840	\$ 2,376	\$ 582	\$ (114)	\$ 9,216
Net investment income	408	201	821	226	-	1,656
Other revenues	199	104	163	36	(119)	383
Total operating revenues	5,139	2,145	3,360	844	(233)	11,255
Claims, benefits and expenses:						
Net incurred claims and benefits	4,440	1,648	2,384	1,806	(115)	10,163
Policyholders' dividends	100	3	10	1	-	114
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,195	408	224	138	-	1,965
Other insurance related expenses	741	100	530	40	-	1,411
Other expenses	197	89	66	159	(118)	393
Total claims, benefits and expenses	6,673	2,248	3,214	2,144	(233)	14,046
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax and minority interest	(1,534)	(103)	146	(1,300)	-	(2,791)
Income tax (expense) benefit on operating income (loss)	590	59	(33)	465	-	1,081
Minority interest	(4)	10	-	-	-	6
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	(948)	(34)	113	(835)	-	(1,704)
Realized investment gains (losses), net of participating policyholders' and minority interests	361	114	(141)	126	-	460
Income tax (expense) benefit on realized investment gains (losses)	(127)	(40)	33	(41)	-	(175)
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ (714)</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ (750)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,419)</b>



The following table provides revenue by line of business for each reportable segment. Revenues are comprised of operating revenues and realized investment gains and losses, net of participating policyholders' and minority interests.

**Revenue by Line of Business**

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Standard Lines</b>			
Property	\$ 622	\$ 664	\$ 668
Casualty	3,780	4,196	3,947
CNA Global	893	901	885
<b>Standard Lines revenue</b>	<b>5,295</b>	<b>5,761</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Specialty Lines</b>			
Professional Liability Insurance (CNA Pro)	2,205	2,053	1,612
Surety	393	361	346
Warranty	296	302	301
<b>Specialty Lines revenue</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>2,259</b>
<b>Life and Group Non-Core</b>			
Life & Annuity	326	(45)	1,030
Health	903	1,053	2,026
Other	133	81	163
<b>Life and Group Non-Core revenue</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>3,219</b>
<b>Corporate and Other Non-Core revenue</b>			
CNA Re	71	225	696
Other	317	253	274
<b>Corporate and Other Non-Core revenue</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>(120)</b>	<b>(233)</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,862</b>	<b>\$ 9,924</b>	<b>\$ 11,715</b>

**Note O. Restructuring and Other Related Charges**

In 2001, the Company finalized and approved two separate restructuring plans. The first plan related to the Company's Information Technology operations (the IT Plan). The initial restructuring and other related charges amounted to \$62 million in 2001. The remaining accrual related to this restructuring charge of \$3 million was released in 2004.

The second plan related to restructuring the property and casualty segments and Life and Group Non-Core segment, discontinuation of the variable life and annuity business and consolidation of real estate locations. During 2005, 2004 and 2003, approximately \$1 million, \$5 million and \$17 million of costs were paid. In addition, a remaining accrual of \$1 million related to impaired assets was released in 2005. At December 31, 2005, the remaining accrual was \$13 million. The initial restructuring and other related charges amounted to \$189 million in 2001.

**Note P. Significant Transactions**

***Personal Insurance Transaction***

As part of the sale of CNA's personal insurance business to The Allstate Corporation (Allstate) on October 1, 1999, Allstate paid CNA \$20 million for an option to purchase 100% of the common stock of five CNA insurance subsidiaries. Subsequent to the sale, Allstate and CNA agreed to substitute other CNA subsidiaries for the originally

named subsidiaries, and to extend the purchase option period for the substituted subsidiaries through 2005. CNA compensated Allstate for the postponement of its right to exercise the option and the reduced number of licenses in the substitute companies.

On October 1, 2005, Allstate exercised its option to purchase the five substitute companies. The consideration received by CNA, which totaled \$60 million, was equal to the fair value of investments and cash, less the balance of surplus note liabilities of the substitute companies, which approximated the GAAP carrying value of the five substitute companies. CNA recognized a gain of \$8 million which was the remaining deferred balance of the option consideration. Net loss of the business sold was \$1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Net income was \$1 million and \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

### ***Managed Care Holdings Corporation***

On March 31, 2005, the Company completed the sale of Managed Care Holdings Corporation, and its subsidiary, Caronia Corporation, to Octagon Risk Services, Incorporated, for approximately \$16 million. As a result of the sale, CNA recorded a realized gain of approximately \$1 million after-tax. The revenues of the business sold were \$4 million, \$16 million and \$13 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Net income was \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Additionally, the Company's goodwill decreased \$17 million as a result of the sale.

### ***Specialty Medical Business***

On January 6, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its specialty medical business to Aetna Inc. As a result of the sale, CNA recorded a realized gain of approximately \$9 million. The revenues of the business sold were \$17 million, \$166 million and \$102 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Net income related to this business was \$18 million, \$16 million and \$8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

### ***CNA Trust***

On August 1, 2004, the Company completed the sale of the retirement plan trust and recordkeeping business portfolio of CNA Trust to Union Bank of California, N.A. (Union Bank) for approximately \$12 million. As a result of the sale, CNA recorded a realized investment gain of approximately \$9 million pretax (\$5 million after-tax) for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Union Bank assumed assets and liabilities of \$172 million and \$172 million at August 1, 2004. The revenues of the business sold through the sale date were \$11 million and \$27 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. Net results of operations of this business through the sale date were a net loss of \$2 million and net income of \$0 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

On November 19, 2004, the charter of CNA Trust was sold to Nevada Security Bank for a nominal fee. As part of the sale, CNA Trust was merged into Nevada Security Bank, and is no longer a subsidiary of CNA.

### ***Individual Life Sale***

On April 30, 2004, the Company completed the sale of its individual life insurance business to Swiss Re. The business sold included term, universal and permanent life insurance policies and individual annuity products. CNA's individual long term care and structured settlement businesses were excluded from the sale. Swiss Re acquired VFL, a wholly owned subsidiary of CAC, and CNA's Nashville, Tennessee insurance servicing and administration building as part of the sale. In connection with the sale, CNA entered into a reinsurance agreement in which CAC ceded its individual life insurance business to Swiss Re on a 100% indemnity reinsurance basis. Subject to certain exceptions, Swiss Re assumed the credit risk of the business that was previously reinsured to other carriers. As a result of this reinsurance agreement with Swiss Re, approximately \$1 billion of future policy benefit reserves were ceded to Swiss Re. CNA received consideration of approximately \$700 million and recorded a realized investment loss of \$622 million pretax (\$389 million after-tax).

Swiss Re assumed assets and liabilities of \$6.6 billion and \$5.2 billion at April 30, 2004. The revenues of the individual life business through the sale date were \$151 million and \$625 million for the years ended

December 31, 2004 and 2003. The net results for this business through the sale date were a net loss of \$6 million, and net income of \$43 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

#### ***Group Benefits Sale***

On December 31, 2003, the Company completed the sale of the majority of its Group Benefits business through the sale of CNAGLA to Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. The business sold included group life and accident, short and long term disability and certain other products. CNA's group long term care and specialty medical businesses were excluded from the sale. In connection with the sale, CNA received consideration of approximately \$530 million and recorded a realized investment loss on the sale of \$163 million pretax (\$122 million after-tax).

As a result of this agreement, Hartford assumed assets and liabilities of \$2.4 billion and \$1.6 billion at December 31, 2003. The revenues of the Group Benefits business were \$1,204 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. Net income was \$52 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

#### ***Assumed Reinsurance Renewal Rights Sale***

In October of 2003, the Company sold the renewal rights for most of the treaty business of CNA Re to Folksamerica Reinsurance Company (Folksamerica). Under the terms of the transaction, Folksamerica compensated CNA based upon the amount of premiums renewed by Folksamerica over the next two contract renewals. The renewal rights transaction did not have a material effect on results of operations. Concurrent with the sale, CNA withdrew from the assumed reinsurance business and is managing the run-off of its retained liabilities.

#### ***CNA Re U.K. and Other Dispositions of Certain Businesses***

On October 31, 2002, the Company completed the sale of CNA Re Management Company Limited (CNA Re U.K.) to Tawa UK Limited (Tawa), a subsidiary of Artemis Group, a diversified French-based holding company.

Under the terms of the purchase agreement there was a purchase price adjustment that entitled CCC to receive \$5 million from Tawa after Tawa was able to legally withdraw funds from the former CNA Re U.K. entities; at December 31, 2004, CCC had received all amounts owed to it, totaling approximately \$5 million. CNA has also committed to contribute up to \$5 million to the former CNA Re U.K. entities over a four-year period beginning in 2009 should the Financial Services Authority (FSA) deem those entities to be undercapitalized. In February 2005, CCC repaid Tawa the \$5 million received as the purchase price adjustment in settlement of certain claims made by Tawa against CCC. As a result of this settlement, CNA's contingent liability to contribute to the former CNA Re U.K. has been reduced to zero.

#### **Note Q. Discontinued Operations**

CNA has discontinued operations which consist of run-off insurance operations acquired in its merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995. The business consists of facultative property and casualty, treaty excess casualty and treaty pro-rata reinsurance with underlying exposure to a diverse, multi-line domestic and international book of business encompassing property, casualty, the London Market and marine liabilities. The run-off operations are concentrated in the United Kingdom and Bermuda subsidiaries also acquired in the merger.

Operating results of the discontinued operations were as follows:

**Discontinued Operations**

**Year ended December 31**  
(In millions)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenues:			
Net investment income	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 20
Other	7	(7)	4
Total revenues	<u>22</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>24</u>
Insurance related (expenses) benefits	1	(30)	(11)
Income (loss) before income taxes	<u>23</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>13</u>
Income tax (expense) benefit	(2)	(1)	(11)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ (21)</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>

Net assets of discontinued operations are included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and were as follows:

**Discontinued Operations**

**December 31**  
(In millions)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets:		
Investments	\$ 358	\$ 370
Reinsurance receivables	78	91
Cash	29	14
Other assets	5	26
Total assets	<u>470</u>	<u>501</u>
Liabilities:		
Insurance reserves	(338)	(401)
Other liabilities	(19)	(27)
Total liabilities	<u>(357)</u>	<u>(428)</u>
Net assets of discontinued operations	<u>\$ 113</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>

The Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets includes \$11 million and \$23 million related to unrealized gains and \$6 million and \$17 million related to the cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment for discontinued operations as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

CNA's accounting and reporting for discontinued operations is in accordance with APB Opinion No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations – Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions (APB 30). At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the insurance reserves are net of discount of \$105 million and \$112 million. The income (loss) reported above primarily represents the net investment income, realized investment gains and losses and foreign currency gains and losses reduced by the effects of the accretion of the loss reserve discount and re-estimation of the ultimate claim and claim adjustment expense of the discontinued operations. See Note T for information on the restatement for discontinued operations.

## Note R. Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

The following tables set forth unaudited quarterly financial data for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

### Quarterly Financial Data

(In millions, except per share data)	First Restated (a)	Second Restated (a)	Third Restated (a)	Fourth	Full Year
<b>2005</b>					
Revenues	\$ 2,364	\$ 2,570	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,408	\$ 9,862
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax	\$ 234	\$ 336	\$ (48)	\$ (384)	\$ 138
Income tax (expense) benefit	(56)	(48)	51	158	105
Income (loss) from continuing operations	178	288	3	(226)	243
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	7	2	3	9	21
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 185</b>	<b>\$ 290</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ (217)</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.06	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.95)	\$ 0.68
Income from discontinued operations	0.03	-	0.02	0.03	0.08
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>	<b>\$ 1.06</b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ (0.92)</b>	<b>\$ 0.76</b>

### Quarterly Financial Data

(In millions, except per share data)	First Restated (a)	Second Restated (a)	Third Restated (a)	Fourth Restated (a)	Full Year Restated (a)
<b>2004</b>					
Revenues	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,659	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,686	\$ 9,924
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax	\$ (177)	\$ 324	\$ (79)	\$ 409	\$ 477
Income tax (expense) benefit	53	(31)	52	(105)	(31)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(124)	293	(27)	304	446
Loss from discontinued operations	(6)	(3)	(11)	(1)	(21)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (130)</b>	<b>\$ 290</b>	<b>\$ (38)</b>	<b>\$ 303</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.55)	\$ 1.08	\$ (0.16)	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.49
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.01)	(0.09)
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ (0.57)</b>	<b>\$ 1.07</b>	<b>\$ (0.21)</b>	<b>\$ 1.11</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>

(a) As restated, see Note T.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company recorded unfavorable net prior year development of \$591 million, which included \$377 million from significant commutations and established surety losses related to a national contractor of \$70 million.

The following table sets forth unaudited quarterly financial data for the first three interim periods of 2005 and all interim periods of 2004 as previously reported before a restatement to reflect a change in the Company's discontinued operations accounting. See Note T for further discussion.

**Quarterly Financial Data**

(as previously reported)

(In millions, except per share data)

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<b>2005</b>			
Revenues	<u>\$ 2,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,570</u>	<u>\$ 2,520</u>
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax	\$ 234	\$ 336	\$ (48)
Income tax (expense) benefit	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(48)</u>	<u>51</u>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 288</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<u>\$ 0.63</u>	<u>\$ 1.06</u>	<u>\$ (0.06)</u>

**Quarterly Financial Data**

(as previously reported)

(In millions, except per share data)

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>	<u>Full Year</u>
<b>2004</b>					
Revenues	<u>\$ 2,267</u>	<u>\$ 2,664</u>	<u>\$ 2,318</u>	<u>\$ 2,687</u>	<u>\$ 9,936</u>
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax	\$ (177)	\$ 324	\$ (79)	\$ 409	\$ 477
Income tax (expense) benefit	<u>53</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>(105)</u>	<u>(31)</u>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>\$ (124)</u>	<u>\$ 293</u>	<u>\$ (27)</u>	<u>\$ 304</u>	<u>\$ 446</u>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders</b>	<u>\$ (0.55)</u>	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ (0.16)</u>	<u>\$ 1.12</u>	<u>\$ 1.49</u>

**Note S. Related Party Transactions**

CNA reimburses Loews, or pays directly, for management fees, travel and related expenses and expenses of investment facilities and services provided to CNA. The amounts reimbursed or paid by CNA were approximately \$23 million, \$21 million and \$21 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The CNA Tax Group is included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Loews and its eligible subsidiaries. See Note E for a detailed description of the income tax agreement with Loews. Also, CNA writes, at standard rates, a limited amount of insurance for Loews and its subsidiaries. The total premiums from Loews for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were less than \$1 million. The total premium from Loews and its affiliates was \$4 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

CNA previously sponsored a stock ownership plan whereby the Company financed the purchase of Company common stock by certain officers, including executive officers. Interest charged on the principal amount of these outstanding stock purchase loans is generally equivalent to the long term applicable federal rate, compounded semi-annually, in effect on the disbursement date of the loan. Loans made pursuant to the plan are generally full recourse with a ten-year term maturing between October of 2008 and May of 2010, and are secured by the stock purchased. The carrying value of the loans as of December 31, 2005 exceeds the fair value of the related common stock collateral by \$15 million.

## ***CNA Surety Corporation***

### ***Loans to National Contractor***

CNA Surety has provided significant surety bond protection for a large national contractor that undertakes projects for the construction of government and private facilities, a substantial portion of which have been reinsured by CCC. In order to help this contractor meet its liquidity needs and complete projects which had been bonded by CNA Surety, commencing in 2003 CNAF provided loans to the contractor through a credit facility, up to an amended aggregate maximum of \$126 million. The credit facility expires in March 2009 and the current interest rate is 5% per annum. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, there was \$124 million and \$95 million of loans outstanding under the credit facility, and \$8 million and \$4 million of deferred or accrued and unpaid interest. Loews, through a participation agreement with CNAF, has funded and owns a participation of \$40 million and \$29 million of the outstanding advances as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

Loans under the credit facility are secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of the contractor and certain of its affiliates. In connection with the credit facility, CNAF has also guaranteed or provided collateral for letters of credit which are charged against the maximum available line and, if drawn upon, would be treated as loans under the credit facility. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, these guarantees and collateral obligations aggregated \$13 million.

In 2004 the contractor implemented a restructuring plan intended to reduce costs and improve cash flow, resulting in the contractor substantially reducing the scope of its original business and concentrating on those segments determined to be potentially profitable. As a consequence, operating cash flow, and in turn the capacity to service debt, have been reduced below previous levels. In light of these developments, CNA recorded a pretax impairment charge of \$56 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, net of the participation by Loews, with respect to amounts loaned under the facility, and an additional pretax impairment charge of \$13 million during the first quarter of 2005. In June 2005, ongoing monitoring of the status of the contractor's restructuring plan revealed deterioration in operations and cash flow. As a result, the Company determined that the contractor would likely be unable to meet its obligations under the surety bonds. Accordingly, in the second quarter of 2005, CNA Surety established \$40 million of initial surety loss reserves in anticipation of future loss payments and the Company determined not to provide additional liquidity to the contractor. Accordingly, during the second quarter of 2005 the Company took a pretax impairment charge of \$21 million to write-off the remaining balance of the loan.

CNA Surety completed its evaluation of the contractor's restructuring efforts and in the fourth quarter of 2005 established additional loss reserves of \$70 million, \$50 million of which was ceded to CCC under the reinsurance agreements discussed below. This increased the Company's estimate of the ultimate surety loss to \$110 million. Possible changes to the restructuring strategy could result in higher loss estimates and trigger additional reserve actions. If any such reserve additions were taken, CCC would have all further surety bond exposure through the reinsurance arrangements discussed below. As of December 31, 2005, CNA Surety has paid approximately \$26 million to settle outstanding bonded obligations of the contractor.

CNA Surety intends to continue to provide surety bonds on a limited basis on behalf of the contractor to support its revised restructuring plan, subject to the contractor's compliance with CNA Surety's underwriting standards and ongoing management of CNA Surety's exposure in relation to the contractor. All surety bonds written for the contractor are issued by CCC and its affiliates, other than CNA Surety, and are subject to underlying reinsurance treaties pursuant to which all bonds written on behalf of CNA Surety are 100% reinsured to one of CNA Surety's insurance subsidiaries.

During the second quarter of 2005, CCC and CNA Surety executed amendments to existing treaties that provide reinsurance protection to CNA Surety for losses associated with the contractor. Coverage for all such losses in excess of an aggregate \$60 million is now provided under one treaty. This treaty provides coverage for the life of bonds either in force or written during the term of the treaty, which runs from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. CCC and CNA Surety agreed by addendum to extend this contract for twelve months, expiring on December 31, 2006.

CCC and CNA Surety continue to engage in periodic discussions with insurance regulatory authorities regarding the level of surety bonds provided for this contractor and will continue to apprise those authorities of the status of their ongoing exposure to this account.



Indemnification and subrogation rights, including rights to contract proceeds on construction projects in the event of default, exist that reduce CNA Surety's and ultimately the Company's exposure to loss. While the Company believes that the contractor's continuing restructuring efforts may be successful, the contractor's failure to ultimately achieve its extended restructuring plan or perform its contractual obligations under the credit facility or under the Company's surety bonds could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and/or equity. If such failures occur, the Company estimates the additional surety loss, net of indemnification and subrogation recoveries, but before the effects of minority interest, to be approximately \$90 million pretax.

### ***Reinsurance***

CCC provided an excess of loss reinsurance contract to the insurance subsidiaries of CNA Surety over a period that expired on December 31, 2000 (the stop loss contract). The stop loss contract limits the net loss ratios for CNA Surety with respect to certain accounts and lines of insurance business. In the event that CNA Surety's accident year net loss ratio exceeds 24% for 1997 through 2000 (the contractual loss ratio), the stop loss contract requires CCC to pay amounts equal to the amount, if any, by which CNA Surety's actual accident year net loss ratio exceeds the contractual loss ratio multiplied by the applicable net earned premiums. The minority shareholders of CNA Surety do not share in any losses that apply to this contract. There were no reinsurance balances payable under this stop loss contract as of December 31, 2005.

### **Note T. Restatements**

The Company has restated its previously reported financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and all related disclosures, as well as its financial data for the first three interim periods of 2005 and all interim periods of 2004. The restatement is to correct the accounting for discontinued operations acquired in the Company's merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995 and to correct classification errors within our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

### ***Discontinued Operations***

A current review of discontinued operations identified an overstatement of the net assets of these discontinued operations and errors in accounting for the periodic results of these operations. The Company did not have an effectively designed control process in place to ensure adequate oversight, analysis, reconciliation, documentation and periodic evaluation of the results and balances that comprise the net assets of businesses reported as discontinued operations. There was also a lack of understanding of subsidiary ledger detail which contributed to the Company's failure to eliminate intercompany activity within discontinued operations and between continuing and discontinued operations. As a result, the balances related to discontinued operations were incorrectly established in the Company's current general ledger system in 1997 in connection with a general ledger conversion, creating an overstatement of the reported net assets of discontinued operations. In addition, the Company's evaluation of the periodic results of discontinued operations was ineffective.

The effect of the restatement on the Consolidated Financial Statements is included in the table below.

(In millions, except per share data)

	As Previously Reported	As Restated	As Previously Reported	As Restated
As of December 31	2004	2004		
Consolidated balance sheet:				
Deferred income taxes	\$ 709	\$ 712		
Other assets (a)	815	608		
Retained earnings	5,572	5,357		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	650	661		
<b>For the year ended December 31</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2003</b>
Consolidated statements of operations:				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax expense of \$1 and \$11	\$ -	\$ (21)	\$ -	\$ 2
Net income (loss)	446	425	(1,419)	(1,417)
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ -	\$ (0.09)	\$ -	\$ 0.01
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders	1.49	1.40	(6.52)	(6.51)

(a) The As Restated amount excludes a reclassification which increased other assets by \$152 million.

### ***Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows***

The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 have been restated to reflect the following:

- Net purchases and sales of trading securities and changes in the net receivable/payable from unsettled investment purchases and sales related to trading securities, previously classified within investing activities, have been reclassified to cash flows from operating activities.
- Cash flows from equity method investees were reclassified to distinguish between return on investments, which are reflected within operating cash flows, and return of investments, which are reflected within investing cash flows. Previously, all amounts were reflected within investing cash flows.
- Deposits and withdrawals related to investment contract products issued by the Company have been reflected within financing cash flows. Previously, amounts related to certain investment contracts were reflected within operating cash flows.
- The impact of cumulative translation adjustment, previously reflected within investing activities, is now classified within operating activities.

As a result of the restatements, previously reported cash flows provided by operating activities-continuing operations, cash flows used by investing activities-continuing operations and cash flows provided by financing activities-continuing operations were increased or decreased for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 as follows:

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Cash flows provided by operating activities-continuing operations		
As originally reported	\$ 1,607	\$ 1,760
Impact of restatements	<u>377</u>	<u>306</u>
Revised for restatements	<u>\$ 1,984</u>	<u>\$ 2,066</u>
Cash flows used by investing activities-continuing operations		
As originally reported	\$ (2,019)	\$ (2,133)
Impact of restatements	<u>(83)</u>	<u>(255)</u>
Revised for restatements	<u>\$ (2,102)</u>	<u>\$ (2,388)</u>
Cash flows provided by financing activities-continuing operations		
As originally reported	\$ 368	\$ 386
Impact of restatements	<u>(307)</u>	<u>(64)</u>
Revised for restatements	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 322</u>

The restatements related to cash flows had no impact on the total change in cash from continuing operations within the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Additionally, we have revised our 2004 and 2003 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to separately disclose the operating, investing and financing portions of the cash flows attributable to discontinued operations, as well as to include the cash balance related to discontinued operations in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Additionally, the amount of interest paid included in the supplemental disclosure of cash flow information for the year ended December 31, 2004 was corrected from \$216 million to \$123 million.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
CNA Financial Corporation  
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CNA Financial Corporation (an affiliate of Loews Corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”), as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CNA Financial Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 8, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion on management’s assessment of the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting and an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

As discussed in Note T, the 2004 and 2003 financial statements have been restated.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 2006

## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The management of CNA Financial Corporation (CNAF or the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. CNAF's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management, its Audit Committee and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any internal control or system of control, however well designed, including the possibility of human error and the possible circumvention or overriding of such controls or systems. Moreover, because of changing conditions the reliability of internal controls may vary over time. As a result even effective internal controls can provide no more than reasonable assurance with respect to the accuracy and completeness of financial statements and their process of preparation.

CNAF management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control – Integrated Framework. Based on those criteria and our assessment we believe that, as of December 31, 2005, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was not effective because of the material weaknesses discussed below.

The Company did not have an effectively designed control process in place to ensure adequate oversight, analysis, reconciliation, documentation and periodic evaluation of the results and balances that comprise the net assets of businesses reported as discontinued operations (discontinued operations). There was also a lack of understanding of subsidiary ledger detail, and the Company failed to eliminate intercompany activity within its discontinued operations and between discontinued and continuing operations. As a result, the balances related to discontinued operations were incorrectly established in the Company's current general ledger system in 1997 in connection with a general ledger conversion, resulting in an overstatement of the reported net assets of discontinued operations. In addition, the Company's evaluation of periodic results of the businesses accounted for as discontinued operations was ineffective, therefore the income or loss from discontinued operations was misstated.

The Company did not have an effectively designed control process to ensure correct classification of cash flow activity in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The classification errors in prior financial statements involved the presentation of certain cash flow components related to trading securities, equity method investees, investment contracts and cumulative translation adjustments.

As a result, net cash flows provided by operating activities-continuing operations, cash flows used by investing activities-continuing operations and cash flows provided by financing activities-continuing operations were increased or decreased for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. This deficiency had no impact on the total change in cash from continuing operations within the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

A material weakness is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. Due to the circumstances described above which resulted in a restatement of the Company's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, the management of CNAF has concluded that two material weaknesses existed in the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 as defined under standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

Since the time the Company identified the above described control deficiencies, remediation efforts were undertaken. The Company has completed an analysis of the activity historically recorded related to discontinued operations as well as a complete analysis of the components of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The control processes surrounding its oversight of discontinued operations as well as the preparation of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows have been redesigned and strengthened. The control deficiencies will be fully remediated when, in the opinion of CNAF management, the revised control processes have been operating for a sufficient period of time to provide reasonable assurance as to their effectiveness.

CNAF's independent registered public accountant, Deloitte & Touche LLP, has issued an audit report covering our assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page 156.

CNA Financial Corporation  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 2006

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
CNA Financial Corporation  
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that CNA Financial Corporation (an affiliate of Loews Corporation) and subsidiaries (the "Company") did not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, because of the effect of the material weaknesses identified in management's assessment based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. The following material weaknesses have been identified and included in management's assessment: (1) The Company did not have an effectively designed control process to adequately monitor and evaluate the accounting for businesses reported as discontinued operations (discontinued operations). There was also a lack of understanding of subsidiary ledger detail, and the Company failed to eliminate intercompany activity within its discontinued operations and between discontinued and continuing operations. As a result, the balances related to discontinued operations were incorrectly established in the Company's current general ledger system in 1997 in connection with a general ledger conversion, resulting in an overstatement of the reported net assets of discontinued operations. In addition, the Company's evaluation of periodic results of the businesses accounted for as discontinued operations was ineffective, therefore the income or loss from discontinued operations was misstated. (2) The Company did not have an effectively designed control process to ensure correct classification of cash flow activity in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The classification errors in prior financial statements involved the presentation of certain cash flow components related to trading securities, equity method investees,



investment contracts and cumulative translation adjustments. These material weaknesses were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, of the Company and this report does not affect our report on such financial statements.

In our opinion, management's assessment that the Company did not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Also in our opinion, because of the effect of the material weaknesses described above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on management's statements regarding the remediation of the material weaknesses included in paragraph eight of Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, of the Company and our report dated March 8, 2006, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedules and included an explanatory paragraph relating to the restatements discussed in Note T to the financial statements.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 2006

## **ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

### **ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of December 31, 2005, the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), have conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). As a result of the two material weaknesses of internal control over financial reporting described below, the CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of December 31, 2005.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the implementing rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company included a report of management's assessment of the design and effectiveness of its internal controls as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed concurrently with this periodic report. The independent registered public accounting firm of the Company also attested to, and reported on, management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Management's report and the independent registered public accounting firm's attestation report are included in Item 8 under the captions entitled "Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" and "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and are incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has restated its financial results for the years 2001 through 2004, as well as its interim financial statements through September 30, 2005, to correct the accounting for discontinued operations acquired in the Company's merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995. A current review of discontinued operations identified an overstatement of the net assets of these discontinued operations and errors in accounting for the periodic results of these operations. Based on this review, the Company has determined that it did not have an effectively designed control process in place to ensure adequate oversight, analysis, reconciliation, documentation and periodic evaluation of the results and balances that comprise the net assets of business reported as discontinued operations. There was also a lack of understanding of subsidiary ledger detail which contributed to the Company's failure to eliminate intercompany activity within discontinued operations and between continuing and discontinued operations. As a result, the balances related to discontinued operations were incorrectly established in the Company's current general ledger system in 1997 in connection with a general ledger conversion, creating an overstatement of the reported net assets of discontinued operations. In addition, the Company's evaluation of the periodic results of discontinued operations was ineffective.

In addition, the Company has determined that it did not have an effectively designed control process in place to ensure correct classification of all elements of cash flow activity in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The classification errors involved the treatment of certain components of trading securities, equity method investees, investment contracts and cumulative translation adjustments. As a result, net cash flows provided by operating activities-continuing operations, cash flows used by investing activities-continuing operations and cash flows provided by financing activities-continuing operations were increased or decreased. This deficiency had no impact on the total change in cash from continuing operations within the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Since the Company identified the two material weaknesses of internal control over financial reporting described above, it has engaged in a number of remediation efforts. The Company has completed a comprehensive analysis of the activity historically recorded related to discontinued operations as well as a complete analysis of the components of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, which resulted in the above described restatement. The control processes surrounding its oversight of discontinued operations as well as the preparation of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows have been redesigned and strengthened. The control deficiencies will be fully remediated when, in the opinion of the Company's management, the revised control processes have been operating for a sufficient period of time to provide reasonable assurance as to their effectiveness.

This matter and its resolution have been discussed with the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

There were no other changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with the foregoing evaluation that occurred

during the quarter ended December 31, 2005, that have materially affected or that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

### PART III

#### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

NAME	POSITION AND OFFICES HELD WITH REGISTRANT	AGE	FIRST BECAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CNA	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS
Stephen W. Lilienthal	Chief Executive Officer, CNA Financial Corporation	55	2001	Chief Executive Officer of CNA Financial Corporation and subsidiaries since August, 2002. Prior to that, President and Chief Executive Officer, Property and Casualty Operations of the CNA insurance companies since July 2001. From June 1993 to June 1998, senior officer of USF&G Corporation (USF&G). In April 1998, USF&G was acquired by the St. Paul Companies. Mr. Lilienthal was Executive Vice President of the St. Paul Companies until July 2001.
Michael Fusco	Executive Vice President, Chief Actuary, CNA insurance companies	57	2004	Executive Vice President, Chief Actuary of the CNA insurance companies since March, 2002. Prior to that time, he was Senior Vice President of the CNA insurance companies since November, 2000. From 1988 until November of 2000, Mr. Fusco held various positions at Insurance Services Offices, including Executive Vice President.
Jonathan D. Kantor	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	50	1997	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of CNA Financial Corporation since March, 1998. Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the CNA insurance companies since April, 1997 to current date.
James R. Lewis	President and Chief Executive Officer, Property and Casualty Operations, CNA insurance companies	56	2002	President and Chief Executive Officer, Property and Casualty Operations of the CNA insurance companies since August, 2002. From August 2001 to August 2002, Executive Vice President, U.S. Insurance Operations, Property and Casualty Operations of the CNA insurance companies. From November 1992 to August 2001, Senior Vice President of USF&G Corporation.
D. Craig Mense	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	54	2004	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since November, 2004. Prior to that, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Run-Off Operations at St. Paul Travelers. From May, 2003 to May, 2004, he was Chief Operating Officer of the Gulf Insurance Group at Travelers Property Casualty Corp. Previously, at Travelers Property Casualty Corp., Mr. Mense was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Bond) from April, 1996 to July, 2002, and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer (Personal Lines) from July, 2002 to March, 2003.

Officers are elected and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and are subject to removal by the Board of Directors.

Additional information required in Item 10, Part III has been omitted as the Registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.

#### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information required in Item 11, Part III has been omitted as the Registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.

## **ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

### **Equity Compensation Plan**

The table below provides the securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans.

#### **Executive Compensation Information**

**December 31, 2005**

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,628,600	\$ 28.71	2,314,525
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,628,600</b>	<b>\$ 28.71</b>	<b>2,314,525</b>

Additional information required in Item 12, Part III has been omitted as the Registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.

## **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

Information required in Item 13, Part III has been omitted as the Registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.

## **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

Information required in Item 14, Part III has been omitted as the Registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.

## PART IV

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Certificate of Incorporation of CNA Financial Corporation, as amended May 20, 1999 (Exhibit 3.1 to 1999 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference.) .....	3.1
By-Laws of CNA Financial Corporation, as amended April 28, 2004 (Exhibit 3.2 to 2004 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference) .....	3.2
(4) Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures: CNA Financial Corporation hereby agrees to furnish to the Commission upon request copies of instruments with respect to long term debt, pursuant to Item 601(b) (4) (iii) of Regulation S-K .....	4.1
(10) Material contracts:	
Federal Income Tax Allocation Agreement, dated February 29, 1980 between CNA Financial Corporation and Loews Corporation (Exhibit 10.2 to 1987 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference.) .....	10.1
CNA Supplemental Executive Retirement Benefit Plan, as amended through January 1, 2003 (Exhibit 99.2 to Form 8-K filed January 6, 2005 incorporated herein by reference.) .....	10.2

First Amendment to the CNA Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, dated February 27, 2004 (Exhibit 99.3 to Form 8-K filed January 6, 2005 incorporated herein by reference.).....	10.3
Second Amendment to the CNA Supplemental Retirement Plan, dated March 23, 2004 (Exhibit 99.4 to Form 8-K filed January 6, 2005 incorporated herein by reference.).....	10.4
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Continental Casualty Company “CNA” Annual Incentive Bonus Plan Provisions (Exhibit 10.1 to 1994 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference.).....	10.6
CNA Financial Corporation 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan, dated August 4, 1999 (Exhibit 4.1 to 1999 Form S-8 filed August 4, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.).....	10.7
Share Purchase Agreement between CNA and TAWA UK Limited, dated July 15, 2002 for the entire issued share capital of CNA Re Management Company Limited (Exhibit 2.1 to September 30, 2002 Form 10-Q incorporated herein by reference.).....	10.8
Employment Agreement between CNA Financial Corporation and Stephen W. Lilienthal, dated October 26, 2005 (Exhibit 10.22 to October 28, 2005 Form 10-Q incorporated herein by reference) .....	10.9
Employment Agreement between Continental Casualty Company and James R. Lewis, dated October 26, 2005 (Exhibit 10.21 to October 28, 2005 Form 10-Q incorporated herein by reference) .....	10.10
Employment Agreement between Continental Casualty Company and Jonathan D. Kantor, dated March 16, 2005 (Exhibit 99.1 to June 13, 2005 Form 8-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.11
Capital Support Agreement among CNA Financial Corporation, Loews Corporation and Continental Casualty Company, dated November 12, 2003 (Exhibit 10.15 to 2003 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference) .....	10.12
Employment Agreement between Continental Casualty Company and D. Craig Mense, dated December 2, 2004 (Exhibit 99.1 to December 8, 2004 Form 8-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.13
Addendum to Employment Agreement between Continental Casualty Company and D. Craig Mense, dated December 2, 2004 (Exhibit 99.2 to December 8, 2004 Form 8-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.14
Employment Agreement between Continental Casualty Company and Michael Fusco, dated April 1, 2004 (Exhibit 10.16 to 2004 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.15
CNA Supplemental Executive Savings and Capital Accumulation Plan, dated July 1, 2003 (Exhibit 10.17 to 2004 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.16



	First Amendment to the CNA Supplemental Executive Savings and Capital Accumulation Plan, dated March 23, 2004 (Exhibit 10.18 to 2004 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference).....	10.17
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(21)	Primary Subsidiaries of CNAF (Exhibit 21.1 to 2004 Form 10-K incorporated herein by reference).....	21.1
(23)	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.....	23.1
(c)	Exhibits: None.	
(d)	Condensed Financial Information of Unconsolidated Subsidiaries: None.	

Except for exhibit 23.1, the above exhibits are not included in this Form 10-K, but are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# **SCHEDULE I. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS – OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS IN RELATED PARTIES**

	December 31, 2005		
	Cost or Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Value
(In millions)			
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale:			
Bonds:			
United States Government and government agencies and authorities – taxable	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,798	\$ 1,798
States, municipalities and political subdivisions – tax exempt	9,054	9,209	9,209
Foreign governments and political subdivisions	2,031	2,129	2,129
Public utilities	781	894	894
All other corporate bonds	18,579	18,717	18,717
Redeemable preferred stocks	213	216	216
Total fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	32,345	32,963	32,963
Fixed maturity securities trading:			
Bonds:			
United States Government and government agencies and authorities – taxable	4	4	4
Foreign governments and political subdivisions	26	26	26
All other corporate bonds	241	241	241
Total fixed maturity securities trading	271	271	271
Equity securities available-for-sale:			
Common stocks:			
Banks, trusts and insurance companies	3	5	5
Industrial and other	137	284	284
Non-redeemable preferred stocks	322	343	343
Total equity securities available-for-sale	462	632	632
Equity securities trading:			
Common stocks:			
Industrial and other	48	48	48
Non-redeemable preferred stocks	1	1	1
Total equity securities trading	49	\$ 49	49
Limited partnership investments	1,509		1,509
Other invested assets	35		33
Short term investments available-for-sale	3,871		3,870
Short term investments trading	367		368
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 38,909</b>		<b>\$ 39,695</b>

## SCHEDULE II. CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT (PARENT COMPANY)

### CNA Financial Corporation Statements of Operations

**Years ended December 31**  
(In millions)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
		Restated See Note J	Restated See Note J
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Net investment income	\$ 18	\$ 14	\$ 16
Realized investment losses	(29)	(62)	(3)
Other income	-	5	12
	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(43)</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>			
	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(43)</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Administrative and general	9	5	7
Interest	110	104	120
	<u>119</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>127</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>			
	<u>119</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>127</u>
Loss from operations before income taxes and equity in net income			
(loss) of subsidiaries	(130)	(152)	(102)
Income tax benefit	46	53	36
	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(99)</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Loss before equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries			
Equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries	348	524	(1,351)
	<u>348</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>(1,351)</u>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ (1,417)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

**CNA Financial Corporation**  
**Balance Sheets**

**December 31**  
(In millions)

**Assets:**

Investment in subsidiaries  
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale, at fair value, (amortized cost of \$1 and \$23)  
Equity securities available-for-sale, at fair value, (cost of \$1 and \$1)  
Other invested assets  
Short term investments, at fair value which approximates cost  
Receivables for securities sold  
Amounts due from affiliates

<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	Restated See Note J
\$ 10,263	\$ 10,213
1	23
1	1
-	(1)
198	749
10	3
44	70
<b>\$ 10,517</b>	<b>\$ 11,058</b>

**Total assets**

**Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:**

**Liabilities:**

Short term debt  
Long term debt  
Other

250	493
1,287	1,536
30	55
<b>1,567</b>	<b>2,084</b>

**Total liabilities**

**Stockholders' equity:**

Preferred stock (12,500,000 shares authorized)  
Series H Issue (no par value; \$100,000 stated value; 7,500 shares issued; held by Loews Corporation)  
Common stock (\$2.50 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 258,177,285 shares issued; and 256,001,968 and 255,953,958 shares outstanding)  
Additional paid-in capital  
Retained earnings  
Accumulated other comprehensive income  
Treasury stock (2,175,317 and 2,223,327 shares), at cost

750	750
645	645
1,701	1,701
5,621	5,357
359	661
(67)	(69)
9,009	9,045
(59)	(71)

Notes receivable for the issuance of common stock

**Total stockholders' equity**

<b>8,950</b>	<b>8,974</b>
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**Total liabilities and stockholders' equity**

<b>\$ 10,517</b>	<b>\$ 11,058</b>
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See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

**CNA Financial Corporation**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**

**Years ended December 31**

(In millions)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
		Restated See Note J	Restated See Note J
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 264	\$ 425	\$ (1,417)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:			
(Income) loss of subsidiaries	(348)	(524)	1,351
Dividends received from subsidiaries	127	307	93
Realized investment losses	29	62	3
Changes in:			
Federal income taxes recoverable (amounts due to/from affiliates)	-	-	(1)
Other, net	(59)	233	107
Total adjustments	(251)	78	1,553
<b>Net cash flows provided by operating activities</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Sales of fixed maturity securities	8	85	235
Purchases of fixed maturity securities	-	(27)	(335)
Purchases of equity securities	-	-	2
Change in short term investments	563	(710)	349
Capital contributions to subsidiaries	(41)	(156)	(1,201)
Return of capital from subsidiaries	-	18	5
Change in notes receivable from affiliates	-	-	309
Other, net	(64)	(14)	(2)
<b>Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>(804)</b>	<b>(638)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	546	-
Principal payments on debt	(493)	(250)	(245)
Issuance of cumulative Series H preferred stock	-	-	750
Purchase of treasury stock	-	-	1
Other, net	14	5	(4)
<b>Net cash flows provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(479)</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>502</b>
Net change in cash	-	-	-
Cash, beginning of year	-	-	-
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

## Notes to Condensed Financial Information

### A. Basis of Presentation

The condensed financial information of CNA Financial Corporation (CNAF or the Parent Company) should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K. CNAF's subsidiaries are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Equity in net income of these affiliates is reported as equity in net income of subsidiaries.

Certain amounts applicable to prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

The preparation of Condensed Financial Statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### B. Investments

CNAF classifies its fixed maturity securities (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) and its equity securities as available-for-sale, and as such, they are carried at fair value. The amortized cost of fixed maturity securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity, which are included in net investment income. Changes in fair value are reported as a component of other comprehensive income.

CNAF's investments in fixed maturity securities are composed entirely of corporate bonds.

### C. Debt

Debt is composed of the following obligations.

#### Debt

December 31 (In millions)	2005	2004
Senior notes:		
6.50%, face amount of \$493, due April 15, 2005	\$ -	\$ 493
6.75%, face amount of \$250, due November 15, 2006	250	249
6.45%, face amount of \$150, due January 15, 2008	149	149
6.60%, face amount of \$200, due December 15, 2008	199	199
5.85%, face amount of \$549, due December 15, 2014	546	546
6.95%, face amount of \$150, due January 15, 2018	149	149
Debenture, 7.25%, face amount of \$243, due November 15, 2023	241	241
Urban Development Action Grant, 1.00%, due May 7, 2019	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,537</b>	<b>\$ 2,029</b>
Short term debt	\$ 250	\$ 493
Long term debt	1,287	1,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,537</b>	<b>\$ 2,029</b>

On December 15, 2004 CNA Financial completed its sale of \$549 million of 5.85% ten-year senior notes in a public offering.

#### **D. Management and Administrative Expenses**

Certain administrative expenses resulting principally from shareholder expenses, consulting fees and dues to states of incorporation of \$9 million, \$5 million and \$7 million were paid directly by CNAF in 2005, 2004 and 2003.

#### **E. Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of business, CNAF guarantees the indebtedness of certain of its subsidiaries to the debt maturity or payoff, which ever comes first. These guarantees arise in the normal course of business and are given to induce a lender to enter into an agreement with CNAF's subsidiaries. CNAF would be required to remit prompt and complete payment when due, should the primary obligor default. The maximum potential amount of future payments that CNAF could be required to pay under these guarantees are approximately \$19 million at December 31, 2005.

CNAF has provided parent company guarantees, which expire in 2015, related to lease obligations of certain subsidiaries. Certain of those subsidiaries have been sold; however, the lease guarantees remain in effect. CNAF would be required to remit prompt payment on leases in question if the primary obligor fails to observe and perform its covenants under the lease agreements. The maximum potential amount of future payments that CNAF could be required to pay under these guarantees are approximately \$6 million at December 31, 2005.

In the course of selling business entities and assets to third parties, CNAF has agreed to indemnify purchasers for losses arising out of breaches of representation and warranties with respect to the business entities or assets being sold, including, in certain cases, losses arising from undisclosed liabilities or certain named litigation. Such indemnification provisions generally survive for periods ranging from nine months following the applicable closing date to the expiration of the relevant statutes of limitation. As of December 31, 2005, the aggregate amount of quantifiable indemnification agreements in effect for sales of business entities and assets was \$262 million.

In addition, CNAF has agreed to provide indemnification to third party purchasers for certain losses associated with sold business entities or assets that are not limited by a contractual monetary amount. As of December 31, 2005, CNAF had outstanding unlimited indemnifications in connection with the sales of certain of its business entities or assets for tax liabilities arising prior to a purchaser's ownership of an entity or asset, defects in title at the time of sale, employee claims arising prior to closing and in some cases losses arising from certain litigation and undisclosed liabilities. These indemnification agreements survive until the applicable statutes of limitation expire, or until the agreed upon contract terms expire. As of December 31, 2005, the Company has recorded approximately \$0.5 million of liabilities related to these indemnification agreements.

CNA Surety has provided significant surety bond protection for a large national contractor that undertakes projects for the construction of government and private facilities, a substantial portion of which have been reinsured by CCC. In order to help this contractor meet its liquidity needs and complete projects which had been bonded by CNA Surety, commencing in 2003 CNAF provided loans to the contractor through a credit facility, up to an amended aggregate maximum of \$126 million. The credit facility expires in March 2009 and the current interest rate is 5% per annum. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, there was \$124 million and \$95 million of loans outstanding under the credit facility, and \$8 million and \$4 million of deferred or accrued and unpaid interest. Loews, through a participation agreement with CNAF, has funded and owns a participation of \$40 million and \$29 million of the outstanding advances as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

Loans under the credit facility are secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of the contractor and certain of its affiliates. In connection with the credit facility, CNAF has also guaranteed or provided collateral for letters of credit which are charged against the maximum available line and, if drawn upon, would be treated as loans under the credit facility. As of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, these guarantees and collateral obligations aggregated \$13 million.

In 2004 the contractor implemented a restructuring plan intended to reduce costs and improve cash flow, resulting in the contractor substantially reducing the scope of its original business and concentrating on those segments determined to be potentially profitable. As a consequence, operating cash flow, and in turn the capacity to service debt, have been reduced below previous levels. In light of these developments, CNAF recorded a pretax impairment charge of \$56 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, net of the participation by Loews, with respect to amounts loaned under the facility, and an additional pretax impairment charge of \$13 million during the first quarter of 2005.



In June 2005, ongoing monitoring of the status of the contractor's restructuring plan revealed deterioration in operations and cash flow. As a result, the Company determined that the contractor would likely be unable to meet its obligations under the surety bonds. Accordingly, in the second quarter of 2005, CNA Surety established \$40 million of initial surety loss reserves in anticipation of future loss payments and the Company determined not to provide additional liquidity to the contractor. Accordingly, during the second quarter of 2005 the Company took a pretax impairment charge of \$21 million to write-off the remaining balance of the loan.

CNA Surety completed its evaluation of the contractor's restructuring efforts and in the fourth quarter of 2005 established additional loss reserves of \$70 million, \$50 million of which was ceded to CCC under the reinsurance agreements discussed below. This increased the Company's estimate of the ultimate surety loss to \$110 million. Possible changes to the restructuring strategy could result in higher loss estimates and trigger additional reserve actions. If any such reserve additions were taken, CCC would have all further surety bond exposure through the reinsurance arrangements discussed below. As of December 31, 2005, CNA Surety has paid approximately \$26 million to settle outstanding bonded obligations of the contractor.

CNA Surety intends to continue to provide surety bonds on a limited basis on behalf of the contractor to support its revised restructuring plan, subject to the contractor's compliance with CNA Surety's underwriting standards and ongoing management of CNA Surety's exposure in relation to the contractor. All surety bonds written for the contractor are issued by CCC and its affiliates, other than CNA Surety, and are subject to underlying reinsurance treaties pursuant to which all bonds written on behalf of CNA Surety are 100% reinsured to one of CNA Surety's insurance subsidiaries.

During the second quarter of 2005, CCC and CNA Surety executed amendments to existing treaties that provide reinsurance protection to CNA Surety for losses associated with the contractor. Coverage for all such losses in excess of an aggregate \$60 million is now provided under one treaty. This treaty provides coverage for the life of bonds either in force or written during the term of the treaty, which runs from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. CCC and CNA Surety agreed by addendum to extend this contract for twelve months, expiring on December 31, 2006.

CCC and CNA Surety continue to engage in periodic discussions with insurance regulatory authorities regarding the level of surety bonds provided for this contractor and will continue to apprise those authorities of the status of their ongoing exposure to this account.

Indemnification and subrogation rights, including rights to contract proceeds on construction projects in the event of default, exist that reduce CNA Surety's and ultimately the Company's exposure to loss. While the Company believes that the contractor's continuing restructuring efforts may be successful, the contractor's failure to ultimately achieve its extended restructuring plan or perform its contractual obligations under the credit facility or under the Company's surety bonds could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and/or equity. If such failures occur, the Company estimates the additional surety loss, net of indemnification and subrogation recoveries, but before the effects of minority interest, to be approximately \$90 million pretax.

CNAF has provided guarantees of the indebtedness of certain of its subsidiaries' independent insurance producers, which expire in 2008. CNAF would be required to remit prompt and complete payment when due, should the primary obligor default. In the event of default on the part of the primary obligor, CNAF holds an interest in and to any and all shares of common stock of the primary obligor. The maximum potential amount of future payments that CNAF could be required to pay under these guarantees is approximately \$6 million at December 31, 2005.

In the normal course of business, CNAF has provided guarantees to holders of structured settlement annuities (SSA) provided by certain of its subsidiaries, which expire through 2120. CNAF would be required to remit SSA payments due to claimants if the primary obligor failed to perform on these contracts. The maximum potential amount of future payments that CNAF could be required to pay under these guarantees are approximately \$1,593 million at December 31, 2005.

## **F. Capital Transactions with Subsidiaries**

In 2005, 2004 and 2003, CNAF contributed capital of approximately \$41 million, \$156 million and \$1,201 million to its subsidiaries. In 2005, there were no returns of capital from subsidiaries. In 2004 and 2003, CNAF subsidiaries returned capital of approximately \$18 million and \$5 million.

## **G. Dividends from Subsidiaries and Affiliates**

In 2005, 2004 and 2003, CNAF received approximately \$127 million, \$307 million and \$93 million in dividends from subsidiaries.

CNAF's ability to pay dividends and other credit obligations is significantly dependent on receipt of dividends from its subsidiaries. The payment of dividends to CNAF by its insurance subsidiaries without prior approval of the insurance department of each subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction is limited by formula. Dividends in excess of these amounts are subject to prior approval by the respective state insurance departments.

Dividends from CCC are subject to the insurance holding company laws of the State of Illinois, the domiciliary state of CCC. Under these laws, ordinary dividends, or dividends that do not require prior approval of the Illinois Department Financial and Professional Regulation – Division of Insurance (the Department), may be paid only from earned surplus, which is calculated by removing unrealized gains from unassigned surplus. As of December 31, 2005, CCC is in a positive earned surplus position, enabling CCC to pay approximately \$48 million of dividend payments during 2006 that would not be subject to the Department's prior approval. In February of 2006, the Department approved extraordinary dividends in the amount of \$344 million to be used to fund CNAF's 2006 debt service and principal repayment requirements.

CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries are subject to risk-based capital requirements. Risk-based capital is a method developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to determine the minimum amount of statutory capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The formula for determining the amount of risk-based capital specifies various factors, weighted based on the perceived degree of risk, which are applied to certain financial balances and financial activity. The adequacy of a company's actual capital is evaluated by a comparison to the risk-based capital results, as determined by the formula. Companies below minimum risk-based capital requirements are classified within certain levels, each of which requires specified corrective action. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, all of CNAF's domestic insurance subsidiaries exceeded the minimum risk-based capital requirements.

## **H. Preferred Stock**

The Series H Cumulative Preferred Stock Issue is held by Loews and accrues cumulative dividends at an initial rate of 8% per year, compounded annually. As of December 31, 2005, the Company has \$197 million of undeclared but accumulated dividends.

## **I. Supplementary Cash Flow Information**

Cash payments made for interest amounted to approximately \$116 million, \$102 million and \$121 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. The amount of interest paid included in the supplemental disclosure of cash flow information for the year ended December 31, 2003 was corrected from \$123 million to \$121 million. Cash payments made for federal income taxes amounted to approximately \$164 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Cash refunds received for federal income taxes amounted to approximately \$627 million and \$369 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The non-cash transactions related to notes receivable for the issuance of common stock amounted to approximately \$8 million and \$4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2003. There were no non-cash transactions related to notes receivable for the issuance of common stock for the year ended December 31, 2004.

## **J. Restatements**

### **Discontinued Operations**

In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company corrected its accounting for discontinued operations acquired in the Company's merger with The Continental Corporation in 1995. As a result, the financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 have been restated. See Note T of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 for further information.

## Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended December 31, 2004 has been restated. The impact of cumulative translation adjustment, previously reflected within investing activities, is now classified within operating activities.

As a result of the restatement, previously reported cash flows provided by operating and investing activities were increased or decreased for the year ended December 31, 2004 as follows:

<b>Years ended December 31</b> (In millions)	<b>2004</b>
Cash flows provided by operating activities	
As originally reported	\$ 481
Impact of restatements	22
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Revised for restatements	<u>\$ 503</u>
Cash flows used by investing activities	
As originally reported	\$ (782)
Impact of restatements	(22)
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Revised for restatements	<u>\$ (804)</u>

The restatement related to cash flows had no impact on the total change in cash within the Statement of Cash Flows.

Additionally, the amount of interest paid included in the supplemental disclosure of cash flow information for the year ended December 31, 2003 was corrected from \$123 million to \$121 million.

### SCHEDULE III. SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION

	Gross Insurance Reserves							Insurance Claims and Policyholders' Benefits	Amortization of Deferred Acquisition Costs	Other Operating Expenses	Net Written Premiums (b)
	Deferred Acquisition Costs	Claim And Claim Expense	Future Policy Benefits	Unearned Premium	Policyholders Funds	Net Earned Premiums	Net Investment Income (a)				
(In millions)											
December 31, 2005											
Standard Lines	\$ 408	\$ 15,084	\$ -	\$ 1,952	\$ 30	\$ 4,410	\$ 767	\$ 3,876	\$ 986	\$ 554	\$ 4,382
Specialty Lines	274	5,205	-	1,577	-	2,475	281	1,621	532	223	2,463
Life and Group Non-Core	515	3,277	6,297	168	1,465	704	593	1,161	22	318	694
Corporate and Other Non-Core	-	7,372	-	9	-	(8)	251	343	3	138	(19)
Eliminations	-	-	-	-	-	(12)	-	(2)	-	(75)	(12)
Consolidated Operations	\$ 1,197	\$ 30,938	\$ 6,297	\$ 3,706	\$ 1,495	\$ 7,569	\$ 1,892	\$ 6,999	\$ 1,543	\$ 1,158	\$ 7,508
December 31, 2004											
Standard Lines	\$ 444	\$ 14,302	\$ -	\$ 1,978	\$ 43	\$ 4,917	\$ 496	\$ 3,489	\$ 1,109	\$ 687	\$ 4,582
Specialty Lines	285	4,860	-	1,546	-	2,277	246	1,446	506	189	2,391
Life and Group Non-Core	537	3,680	5,883	164	1,682	921	692	1,369	36	367	633
Corporate and Other Non-Core	2	8,681	-	834	-	128	246	162	29	151	5
Eliminations	-	-	-	-	-	(34)	-	(21)	-	(99)	(17)
Consolidated Operations	\$ 1,268	\$ 31,523	\$ 5,883	\$ 4,522	\$ 1,725	\$ 8,209	\$ 1,680	\$ 6,445	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,295	\$ 7,594
December 31, 2003											
Standard Lines						\$ 4,532	\$ 408	\$ 4,540	\$ 1,195	\$ 938	\$ 4,563
Specialty Lines						1,840	201	1,651	408	189	2,038
Life and Group Non-Core						2,376	821	2,394	224	596	538
Corporate and Other Non-Core						582	226	1,807	138	199	496
Eliminations						(114)	-	(115)	-	(118)	(16)
Consolidated Operations						\$ 9,216	\$ 1,656	\$ 10,277	\$ 1,965	\$ 1,804	\$ 7,619

(a) Investment income is allocated based on each segment's net carried insurance reserves as adjusted.

(b) Net written premiums relate to business in property and casualty companies only.

**SCHEDULE IV. REINSURANCE**

Incorporated herein by reference from Note H of the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8.

**SCHEDULE V. VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**

	<u>Balance at Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Charged to Costs and Expenses</u>	<u>Charged to Other Accounts (a)</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at End of Period</u>
(In millions)					
Year ended December 31, 2005					
Deducted from assets:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts:					
Insurance and reinsurance receivables	\$ 1,048	\$ 111	\$ 3	\$ 198	\$ 964
Valuation allowance:					
Deferred income taxes	\$ 33	\$ (3)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30
Year ended December 31, 2004					
Deducted from assets:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts:					
Insurance and reinsurance receivables	\$ 948	\$ 312	\$ 5	\$ 217	\$ 1,048
Valuation allowance:					
Deferred income taxes	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33

(a) Amount includes effects of foreign currency translation.

**SCHEDULE VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY  
INSURANCE OPERATIONS**

As of and for the years ended December 31 (In millions)	Consolidated Property and Casualty Operations		
	2005	2004	2003
Deferred acquisition costs	\$ 1,197	\$ 1,267	
Reserves for unpaid claim and claim adjustment expenses	30,694	31,204	
Discount deducted from claim and claim adjustment expense reserves above (based on interest rates ranging from 3.5% to 7.5%)	1,739	1,827	
Unearned premiums	3,706	4,522	
Net written premiums	7,509	7,594	\$ 7,619
Net earned premiums	7,558	7,925	7,471
Net investment income	1,595	1,266	1,541
Incurred claim and claim adjustment expenses related to current year	5,054	5,118	4,747
Incurred claim and claim adjustment expenses related to prior years	1,107	234	2,421
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,541	1,641	1,827
Paid claim and claim adjustment expenses	3,541	5,401	5,077

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNA Financial Corporation

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Stephen W. Lilienthal

**Stephen W. Lilienthal**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**(Principal Executive Officer)**

By /s/ D. Craig Mense

**D. Craig Mense**  
**Executive Vice President and**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Brenda J. Gaines

**(Brenda J. Gaines, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Stephen W. Lilienthal

**(Stephen W. Lilienthal, Chief Executive Officer**  
**and Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Paul J. Liska

**(Paul J. Liska, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Don M. Randel

**(Don M. Randel, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Joseph Rosenberg  
**(Joseph Rosenberg, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Andrew Tisch  
**(Andrew Tisch, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ James S. Tisch  
**(James S. Tisch, Director)**

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Marvin Zonis  
**(Marvin Zonis, Director)**



SARBANES-OXLEY ACT SECTION 302

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Stephen W. Lilienthal, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of CNA Financial Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this annual report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ Stephen W. Lilienthal

Stephen W. Lilienthal  
Chief Executive Officer

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT SECTION 302

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, D. Craig Mense, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of CNA Financial Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this annual report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: March 8, 2006

By /s/ D. Craig Mense

D. Craig Mense  
Chief Financial Officer

**Written Statement of the Chief Executive Officer  
of CNA Financial Corporation  
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350  
(As adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)**

The undersigned, the Chief Executive Officer of CNA Financial Corporation (the “Company”), hereby certifies that, to his knowledge:

- the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 filed on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Report) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 8, 2006

/s/ Stephen W. Lilienthal  
Stephen W. Lilienthal  
Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

**Written Statement of the Chief Financial Officer  
of CNA Financial Corporation  
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350  
(As adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)**

The undersigned, the Chief Financial Officer of CNA Financial Corporation (the “Company”), hereby certifies that, to his knowledge:

- the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 filed on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Report) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 8, 2006

/s/ D. Craig Mense  
D. Craig Mense  
Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements No. 333-69741 and 333-127544 on Form S-3 and Registration Statements No. 333-84447 and 333-129538 on Form S-8 of our report dated March 8, 2006, relating to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules of CNA Financial Corporation and subsidiaries (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the restatement discussed in Note T), and of our report on internal control over financial reporting dated March 8, 2006 (which report expresses an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting because of a material weakness), appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of CNA Financial Corporation and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2005.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois

March 8, 2006

## Company Information

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### STOCKHOLDER INFORMATION

CNA's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange, and is traded on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. Its trading symbol is CNA.

In 2005, CNA Financial Corporation (CNAF) submitted to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) the annual certification of its chief executive officer regarding CNAF's compliance with the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE. In addition, CNAF filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as exhibits to its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, the certifications of its chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act regarding the quality of the company's public disclosure.

### SHARES OUTSTANDING

As of March 3, 2006, CNA had 256,005,495 shares of common stock outstanding. Approximately 91% of CNA's outstanding common stock is owned by Loews Corporation. CNA had 2,181 stockholders of record as of March 3, 2006.

### COMMON STOCK INFORMATION

The table to the right shows the high and low closing sales prices for CNA's common stock based on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions. No dividends have been paid on CNA's common stock in order to develop and

maintain a strong surplus position necessary to support business growth in an increasingly competitive environment for CNA's insurance subsidiaries. CNA's ability to pay dividends is influenced, in part, by dividend restrictions of its principal operating insurance subsidiaries as described in Note L to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held at 10:00 a.m. Central time on April 26, 2006, in Room 208N, CNA Center, 333 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

Stockholders unable to attend are requested to exercise their right to vote by proxy. Proxy materials will be mailed to stockholders prior to the meeting.

### FORM 10-K

A copy of CNA Financial Corporation's annual report on Form 10-K, which is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, will be furnished to stockholders without charge upon written request to:

Jonathan D. Kantor  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary  
CNA Financial Corporation  
CNA Center, 43rd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60685

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP  
180 North Stetson Avenue  
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Michael W. Coyne  
Senior Vice President, Finance  
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Canton, MA 02021

Common Stock Information	2005		2004	
	High	Low	High	Low
Fourth	\$34.91	\$28.52	\$27.06	\$22.17
Third	\$30.46	\$28.40	\$29.54	\$23.98
Second	\$28.90	\$26.21	\$30.49	\$26.32
First	\$29.79	\$25.84	\$28.65	\$24.52

