

Going for Gold and Meeting the Challenge



### THE ARGUS GROUP

Building on decades of experience and a strong capital base, Argus provides a broad range of insurance, retirement and financial services to meet the needs of both businesses and individuals.

### **OUR VISION**

Our vision is to be the customer's first choice for insurance, retirement and financial services. We are committed to providing our customers with financial security and peace of mind through innovative solutions, which provide excellent value.

### **OUR MISSION**

We will achieve our vision by:

- Focusing first on the needs of the market segments we choose to serve
- Building upon the strength of the Argus name
- Introducing innovative products and enhancements
- Continuing to focus on direct distribution as our primary channel, while developing alternative channels such as intermediaries, strategic partnerships and technology
- Recruiting and retaining the very best people
- Developing knowledgeable people who provide fast, friendly and convenient service to our customers
- Developing our ability to perform as one cross-functional team
- Exploring opportunities to exploit our leading financial performance and capital position

In addition, Argus will look for growth opportunities by expanding into related business products and services.

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES**

As we interact with our colleagues and meet our responsibilities to our customers, shareholders and the community, we welcome the challenge inherent in change, while adhering to values that remain constant.

- We do not compromise on individual or corporate honesty or integrity
- We respect every person as an individual
- We actively promote competence and professionalism within our organisation
- We achieve higher levels of performance through teamwork
- We recognise that fairness is critical in reaching decisions
- We promote and acclaim creativity as we strive to achieve our goals

## **ARGUS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**Group Holding Company** 

### **ARGUS INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

Fire and Windstorm (Home and Commercial Property), Contractors' All Risks, Liability, Marine, Motor, Employer's Indemnity

### **CENTURION INSURANCE** SERVICES LIMITED

Licenced Broker

# **ARGUS INSURANCE COMPANY (EUROPE)**

**LIMITED**, Gibraltar

Home and Commercial Property, Contractors' All Risks, Liability, Marine and Motor

# **WESTMED INSURANCE SERVICES LIMITED, Gibraltar**

Insurance Agent and Licenced Broker

### **BERMUDA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

Pensions, Group Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance, Individual Life and Annuities, Group and Individual Health Insurance

## **ARGUS INTERNATIONAL** LIFE BERMUDA LIMITED

Individual Life and Annuities

## **ARGUS INTERNATIONAL** LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED

Individual Life and Annuities (74% Interest)

### **BERMUDA LIFE WORLDWIDE LIMITED**

Individual Life and Annuities

## **AFL INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

**Investment Management Services** (60% Interest)

### **ARGUS INVESTMENT NOMINEES LIMITED**

Nominee Company (60% Interest)

## **ARGUS INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

Company Management

### **ARGUS MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED**

Financial and General Management Services

### **DATA COMMUNICATIONS** LIMITED

Information Systems

## ST. MARTIN'S REINSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Financial Reinsurance (in run-off)

### TROTT PROPERTY LIMITED

**Property Holding Company** 

## **FOGG INSURANCE** AGENCIES LIMITED, Malta

Insurance Agent

Argus Group Holdings Limited is a public company, its shares trading on the Bermuda Stock Exchange. At September 30, 2013 it had 1,278 shareholders; 87 percent of whom were Bermudian, holding 85 percent of the issued shares.

### REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

### INTRODUCTION

The Argus Group reports a profit of \$1.6 million for the six months ended September 30, 2013, compared to a profit of \$7.1 million for the corresponding period in 2012 and net earnings for the year ended March 31, 2013 of \$12.6 million.

Although modest, this profit is supported with strong performance from our core business operations of \$7.5 million as a result of achieving high client retention levels in a competitive environment and managing operating expenses.

The recent uncertainty in fixed income investment markets worldwide resulted in an investment loss for the six months ended September 30, 2013 of \$3.2 million, which includes unrealised investment losses of \$9.0 million. This arose as the increase in interest rates served to decrease the fair value of the Company's extensive fixed income portfolios. Partially offsetting this was a decrease in future liabilities as a result of the Company's asset liability matching policy, which serves to limit volatility of reported earnings as a result of interest rate swings in either direction. This reduction in investment income detracted significantly from the overall continued strong performance of our core business operations.

The recent volatility in our fixed income portfolios is regarded by Management as a short-term setback to the otherwise positive development of Group Net Earnings. The efforts towards balance sheet strengthening, including investment restructuring activities, continue to focus upon the longer term by closely matching the Group's liabilities with appropriate assets in a considered and orderly fashion. Indeed, since September 30, 2013, interest rate volatility in global fixed income markets has abated and Management believes that, overall, investment income will be positive for the full year.

The leadership team is focused on delivering excellent products and services to our customers, on delivering long-term sustainable value to our Shareholders and delivering on our commitment to the community.

Shareholders are reminded that the above and certain other statements in this report may be deemed to include 'forward looking statements' and are based upon Management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from those included in these statements for a variety of reasons including worldwide economic conditions, success in business retention and other factors.

## **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

On the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, Total Assets including Segregated Fund Assets remain steady at \$1.9 billion. Shareholders' Equity Attributable to Shareholders of the Company has increased to \$96.1 million, substantially in excess of the statutory capital required to conduct the Group's insurance and financial services businesses by the regulatory bodies to whom we report.

The Group amended its accounting policy regarding amendments to IAS 19 Employee Benefits, which retrospectively impacted Shareholders' Equity and the effects of which are fully disclosed in Note 2.2.1 to the attached Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Upon adoption, the Group's investment in an associate with a defined benefit pension plan liability resulted in a decrease in Shareholders' Equity of \$1.1 million.

Net Premiums Earned in the period fell by 7 percent or \$4.4 million compared to the prior year, generally reflecting the lingering recession in Bermuda as clients continue to seek ways in which to reduce costs. Excellent client retention ratios across all lines of business have been maintained despite fierce competition in the marketplace.

Net Benefits and Claims decreased by 18 percent primarily due to lower than anticipated claims both locally and overseas. In addition and, as discussed above, life and annuity reserves decreased by \$1.8 million as a result of the increase in the discount rate applied as fixed income interest rates rose in the period under review. Finally, we were thankful, once again, for the absence of major windstorms or other catastrophic events in our property and casualty businesses.

Commissions, management fees and other increased in the period due to increased ceding commissions earned by our property and casualty operations and improved fees arising from our investment-related businesses as assets under management rose compared to the corresponding period in the prior year.

Operating expenses decreased by four percent as certain cost containment measures implemented recently by Management took effect.

### 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM")

At the AGM of the Company held on September 26, 2013, the entire Board of Directors was re-elected and all other resolutions were similarly passed.

At a meeting of the Board held after the AGM, Ms. Sheila Nicoll was re-elected Chairman and all other Officers remain unchanged.

### DIVIDEND

As Shareholders will be aware, the Directors declared an interim dividend of six cents per share in July 2013 payable on September 9, 2013 after a period of two years of no dividends as the Group sought to strengthen its capital base.

In the future, the Board anticipates that dividends will be considered on a semi-annual basis to coincide with the six-monthly reporting cycles. Accordingly, the Board has declared a dividend of six cents per share payable on February 28, 2014, for Shareholders of record on January 15, 2014. This represents a final dividend based upon the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended March 31, 2013.

# DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' HOLDINGS, SHARE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTED STOCK

At September 30, 2013, the Directors and Officers of the Company had combined interests totalling 360,658 shares out of 21,511,163 shares in issue on that date.

Rights to acquire shares in the Company were granted in the past to key employees who include executive Directors and Officers under the 2004 Stock Option Plan. No stock options have been granted since 2007. No share options were exercised in the six months to September 30, 2013 and, at that date, the total number of share options outstanding which can be exercised at various dates up to May 31, 2017, were 201,256 at exercise prices ranging from \$8.95 to \$11.78.

In the six-month period ended September 30, 2013 there were no restricted shares granted to Directors and Officers.

### THANK YOU

In conclusion, I wish to thank our staff for their hard work and commitment and our clients and Shareholders for their continued loyalty and support.

Alison S. Hill

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

December 13, 2013

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(In \$ thousands) Note	(Unaudited) SEPTEMBER 30 2013	(Unaudited and restated) MARCH 31 2013
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	27,042	30,326
Interest and dividends receivable	2,570	2,706
Investments 3	245,762	250,518
Insurance balances receivable	19,880	18,469
Reinsurers' share of:	12.007	1.4.001
Claims provisions	13,887	14,001
Unearned premiums Other assets	14,268 8,053	10,202 7,982
Deferred policy acquisition costs	2,661	2,182
Investment in associates	10,884	10,830
Investment properties	6,025	6,936
Property and equipment	70,340	71,719
Intangible assets	5,137	5,520
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ASSETS	426,509	431,391
SEGREGATED FUND ASSETS	1,522,029	1,476,685
TOTAL ASSETS	1,948,538	1,908,076
LIABILITIES		
Insurance contract liabilities		
Life and annuity policy reserves	144,620	146,731
Provision for unpaid and unreported claims	35,001	33,722
Unearned premiums	24,020	17,691
TOTAL INSURANCE CONTRACT LIABILITIES	203,641	198,144
Insurance balances payable	11,594	10,772
Payables arising from investment transactions	2,502	21,530
Investment contract liabilities 4	91,147	83,932
Tax payable	13	61
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,871	16,580
Post-employment benefit liability 6	4,014	4,524
TOTAL GENERAL FUND LIABILITIES	328,782	335,543
SEGREGATED FUND LIABILITIES  TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,522,029 1,850,811	1,476,685
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EQUITY		
Attributable to Shareholders of the Company	46.742	46742
Share capital	16,742	16,742
Contributed surplus Retained earnings	52,666 30,764	52,615 30,467
Accumulated other comprehensive loss 8	(4,083)	(5,433)
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	96,089	94,391
Attributable to non-controlling interests	1,638	1,457
TOTAL EQUITY	97,727	95,848
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,948,538	1,908,076
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See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended September 30 (In \$ thousands, except per share data)	Note	(Unaudited) 2013	(Unaudited and restated) 2012
REVENUE			
Gross premiums written		88,491	90,391
Reinsurance ceded		(25,645)	(24,129)
Net premiums written		62,846	66,262
Net change in unearned premiums		(2,263)	(1,302)
Net premiums earned		60,583	64,960
Investment income	3.3	(3,208)	10,298
Share of earnings of associates		192	434
Commissions, management fees and other		14,817	12,572
		72,384	88,264
EXPENSES			
Policy benefits		6,910	6,749
Claims and adjustment expenses		39,929	45,260
Reinsurance recoveries		(3,500)	(3,515)
Gross change in contract liabilities		(540)	5,988
Change in reinsurers' share of claims provisions		1,233	(635)
NET BENEFITS AND CLAIMS		44,032	53,847
Commission expenses		1,875	2,239
Operating expenses		21,078	21,944
Amortisation, depreciation and impairment		3,599	2,760
Interest on loan		-	150
		70,584	80,940
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES		1,800	7,324
Income taxes		-	53
NET EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD		1,800	7,271
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		1,587	7,143
Non-controlling interests		213	128
		1,800	7,271
Earnings per share:	7		
basic		0.08	0.34
fully diluted		0.08	0.34

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

For the six months ended September 30 (In \$ thousands)	(Unaudited) 2013	(Unaudited and restated) 2012
NET EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD	1,800	7,271
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		
Items that will not be reclassified to net earnings:		
Post-employment medical benefit obligation remeasurement	608	(132)
Items that are or may subsequently be reclassified to net earnings:	(= =)	
Change in unrealised gains/(losses) on available-for-sale investments	(20)	37
Share of other comprehensive income/(loss) of associates	-	(154)
Change in unrealised gains/(losses) on translating financial statements of foreign operations	762	107
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	1,350	(142)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	3,150	7,129
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
Shareholders of the Company	1,350	(142)
Non-controlling interests	-	-
	1,350	(142)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
Shareholders of the Company	2,937	7,001
Non-controlling interests	213	128
	3,150	7,129

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended September 30 (In \$ thousands)  Note	(Unaudited) 2013	(Unaudited and restated) 2012
SHARE CAPITAL Authorised:		
25,000,000 common shares of \$1.00 each (2012 – 25,000,000)	25,000	25,000
Issued and fully paid, beginning of period 21,511,163 shares (2012 – 21,511,163 shares)  Deduct: Shares held in Treasury, at cost 509,741 shares	21,511	21,511
(2012 – 431,941 shares)	(4,769)	(4,504)
TOTAL, NET OF SHARES HELD IN TREASURY, END OF PERIOD	16,742	17,007
CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS  Balance, beginning of period  Stock-based compensation expense  Treasury shares granted to employees  Transaction with non-controlling interests	52,615 28 - 23	52,737 18 (169)
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD	52,666	52,586
RETAINED EARNINGS Balance, beginning of period Net earnings for the period Dividend declared Loss on treasury shares granted to employees	30,467 1,587 (1,290)	18,032 7,143 - (405)
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD	30,764	24,770
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME Balance, beginning of period Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	(5,433) 1,350	(4,188) (142)
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD 8	(4,083)	(4,330)
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	96,089	90,033
Attributable to non-controlling interests Balance, beginning of period Net earnings for the period Declared distributions to non-controlling interests Changes due to business combination	1,457 213 (9) (23)	2,343 128 (1,236)
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	1,638	1,235
TOTAL EQUITY	97,727	91,268

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended September 30 (In \$ thousands)	(Unaudited) 2013	(Unaudited and restated) 2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Earnings before income taxes	1,800	7,324
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash basis (Footnote (i) below)	7,224	(7,349
Change in operating balances (Footnote (ii) below)	6,196	16,154
Interest income received	3,680	1,955
Dividend income received	1,662	67
Income tax paid	(48)	(189
CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	20,514	17,962
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(624,972)	(550,412
Sale and maturity of investments	602,772	520,909
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,592)	(617
Sale of investment property	911	(017
Purchase of intangible assets	-	(52
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(22,881)	(30,172
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES Dividends paid to Shareholders	(1,290)	
Distributions to non-controlling interests	(9)	(800
Repayment of loan	-	(4,500
Interest paid on loan	_	(150
CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,299)	(5,450
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(:/=55/	(5).50
AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	382	49
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	(3,284)	(17,611
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, beginning of period	30,326	46,127
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, end of period	27,042	28,516
Footnotes		
(i) Interest income	(5,777)	(5,002
Dividend income Investment income related to Deposit administration pension plans	(1,282) 1,760	(888) 2,100
Investment income related to Segregated funds with guaranteed return	99	61
Net realised losses/(gains) on sale of investments	52	(1,730
Amortisation of net premium on bonds  Net impairment losses	951 3	518 659
Change in fair value of investments	7,843	(5,56
Share of earnings of associates	(54)	(434
Depreciation of property and equipment  Amortisation of intangibles	3,084 515	2,307 453
Impairment of intangibles	2	.5.
Interest on loan	-	150
Expense on vesting of stock-based compensation	7,224	(7,349
(ii) Insurance balances receivable	(1,206)	1,339
Reinsurers' share of:	(1,200)	
Claims provisions	320	(610
Unearned premiums Other assets	(3,924)	(3,551 159
Deferred policy acquisition costs	(360)	199
	4,146	9,159
Insurance contract liabilities		/C A/
Insurance balances payable	701	
		7,809
Insurance balances payable Investment contract liabilities	701 7,215	(649 7,809 1,619 680

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September, 2013

(Unaudited, in \$ thousands except for per share amounts and where otherwise stated)

# 1 OPERATIONS

Argus Group Holdings Limited (the Company) was incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability on May 26, 2005 as a holding company and has its registered office at the Argus Building, 14 Wesley Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda. The Company and its subsidiaries (the Group) operates predominantly in Bermuda, Gibraltar and Malta underwriting life, health, property and casualty insurance. The Group also provides investment, savings and retirement products, and offers a range of administrative services including company management and accounting services.

The Company's subsidiaries are as follows:

Argus Insurance Company Limited Centurion Insurance Services Limited

Argus Insurance Company (Europe) Limited, Gibraltar

Westmed Insurance Services Limited, Gibraltar Bermuda Life Insurance Company Limited

Argus International Life Bermuda Limited

Argus International Life Insurance Limited

Bermuda Life Worldwide Limited

Fogg Insurance Agencies Limited, Malta

AFL Investments Limited Argus Investment Nominees Limited Argus International Management Limited Argus Management Services Limited **Data Communications Limited** St. Martin's Reinsurance Company, Ltd. Trott Property Limited

Argus Property (Gibraltar) Limited

On March 31, 2012, Argus Property Limited amalgamated with Bermuda Life Insurance Company Limited. On March 31, 2013, Somers Isles Insurance Company Limited amalgamated with Bermuda Life Insurance Company Limited.

# SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION** 2.1

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a condensed basis in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34), Interim Financial Reporting and do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements.

All amounts, excluding per share data or where otherwise stated, are in thousands of Bermuda dollars which is the Group's presentation currency and which are on par with U.S. dollars.

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet is presented in order of decreasing liquidity.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of their application as our March 31, 2013 audited financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the latter.

# APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Group has applied the following new and revised standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that are mandatorily effective for the accounting period beginning April 1, 2013.

Amendments to IAS 19, Employee Benefits

IFRS 13. Fair Value Measurement

IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements

IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

Amendments to IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements

Amendments to IAS 28, Investments in Associates

Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements

Amendments to IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosure

With the exception of the amendments to IAS 19, the adoption of the new and revised standards did not have a significant impact on the Group's condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Additional disclosures required by IFRS 13 are included in Notes 3 and 4.

#### 2.2.1 Impact upon Adoption of the Amendments to IAS 19

The Group amended its accounting policy to fully recognise all actuarial gains and losses in Other comprehensive income. The actuarial gains and losses arise from the Group's post-employment benefit liability and an associate's defined benefit pension plans.

The following tables summarise the impact of the retrospective application of the amendments to IAS 19.

# 2.2.1(a) Consolidated Balance Sheets

MARCH 31, 2013		Amendments	
	As reported	to IAS 19	Restated
General fund assets			
Investment in associates	11,918	(1,088)	10,830
Equity			
Retained earnings	28,085	2,382	30,467
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,963)	(3,470)	(5,433)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012		Amendments	
	As reported	to IAS 19	Restated
General Fund assets			
Investment in associates	11,707	(934)	10,773
Equity			
Retained earnings	22,519	2,251	24,770
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,145)	(3,185)	(4,330)
APRIL 1, 2012		Amendments	
	As reported	to IAS 19	Restated
General Fund assets			
Investment in associates	11,404	(780)	10,624
Equity			
Retained earnings	15,913	2,119	18,032
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,289)	(2,899)	(4,188)

# 2.2.1(b) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income/Loss

FOR THE SIX-MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	As reported	Amendments to IAS 19	Restated
Operating expenses	22,076	(132)	21,944
Net earnings for the period attributable to Shareholders of the Company	7,011	132	7,143
Other comprehensive loss			
Post-employment medical benefit obligation remeasurement	-	(132)	(132)
Share of other comprehensive income/(loss) of associates	-	(154)	(154)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to			
Shareholders of the Company	7,155	(154)	7,001
Earnings per share:			
basic	0.33	0.01	0.34
fully diluted	0.33	0.01	0.34

#### 2.3 **FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES**

The following are the accounting and reporting changes issued under International Finacial Reporting Standards including those still under development by the IASB.

TOPIC	EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE GROUP	EXPECTED IMPACT
Amendments to IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation	April 1, 2014	Impact assessment in progress
IFRS 9, Financial Instruments	On or after April 1, 2015	Impact assessment in progress
IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts (Phase II)	Expected to be effective not earlier than 2018	Impact assessment in progress based on revised exposure draft

For additional information, refer to Note 2.19 of the 2013 Annual Report.

# **3** INVESTMENTS

3.1 Carrying values and estimated fair values of investments are as follows:

	SEPTEN	SEPTEMBER 30, 2013		31, 2013
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Investments at FVTPL				
Bonds	147,336	147,336	151,248	151,248
Equities	50,294	50,294	49,049	49,049
	197,630	197,630	200,297	200,297
Held-to-maturity				
Bonds	4,075	4,022	5,237	5,340
	4,075	4,022	5,237	5,340
Available-for-sale				
Equities	3,179	3,179	3,704	3,704
	3,179	3,179	3,704	3,704
Loans and receivables				
Mortgages and loans	41,015	41,652	41,236	41,835
Policy loans	75	75	66	66
	41,090	41,727	41,302	41,901
Derivatives				
Interest rate swaps	(114)	(114)	5	5
Foreign currency forward contracts	(98)	(98)	(27)	(27)
	(212)	(212)	(22)	(22)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	245,762	246,346	250,518	251,220

#### 3.2 INVESTMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining fair value of financial instruments by valuation techniques:

Level 1 – Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – Fair value is based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 3 – Fair value is based on valuation techniques that require one or more significant inputs that are not based on observable market inputs. These unobservable inputs reflect the Group's assumptions about the market participants in pricing the investments.

The following table shows an analysis of investments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments at FVTPL				
Bonds				
US government and agency	2,442	14,884	-	17,326
Other government and agency	-	21,579	-	21,579
Corporate	-	75,538	-	75,538
Mortgage/asset-backed securities	-	11,538	-	11,538
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	-	21,355	-	21,355
Equities				
Bermuda listed equities	21,631	-	-	21,631
Non-Bermuda listed equities	6,020	-	-	6,020
Investments in mutual funds and hedge funds	-	22,122	-	22,122
Private equity funds and unquoted equities	-	-	521	521
	30,093	167,016	521	197,630
Available-for-sale – equities				
Private equity funds and unquoted equities	-	-	3,179	3,179
Derivatives	-	(212)	-	(212)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	30,093	166,804	3,700	200,597

<sup>(1)</sup> Investment in bond funds

When available, quoted market prices are used to determine fair value. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is typically based upon alternative valuation techniques such as matrix pricing, net asset valuation and discounted cash flows. Broker quotes are used only when external public vendor prices are not available. The Group's investment validation process includes a review of price movements relative to the market. Any significant discrepancies are investigated and discussed with the investment managers.

Valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the investments measured and disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis are:

- Bonds These are generally valued by third party independent pricing sources using pricing models. The significant inputs include, but are not limited to, yield curves, credit risks and spreads and measures of volatility. The Group considers these Level 2 inputs as they are corroborated with other externally obtained information. Bonds are classified under Level 2 except U.S. Treasury securities which are classified under Level 1.
- Equities These consist of listed equities, unquoted equities and investments in mutual funds, hedge funds and private equity funds.
  - Fair values of listed equities are based on quoted prices from the exchange where it is principally traded. These are classified under Level 1. Certain equities are unquoted and are classified under Level 3, as valuation is based on cost which approximates fair value.

Investments in mutual funds and hedge funds are valued using published net asset values provided by third parties such as investment managers and administrators. The Group can redeem a portion of these investments on a regular basis and is not subject to lock-up provisions. Accordingly, these investments are classified under Level 2.

Investments in private equity funds are valued using net asset values obtained from investment managers and general partners. These investments may be subject to certain lock-up provisions. The type of underlying investments held by the investee which forms the basis of the net asset valuation include assets such as private business ventures, to which the Group does not have access to. The Group considers net asset values as a reasonable approximation of fair values. Accordingly, these investments are classified under Level 3.

- Included within Bonds Other and Equities Investments in mutual funds and hedge funds are \$25.4 million of investment in Argus Investment Strategies Fund Ltd. This fund has been classified between Bonds and Equities based on the underlying securities held. Net asset valuation is performed on a weekly basis and investors are able to redeem the shares weekly, unless the value of redemption is more than 10 percentage of the net asset value of the fund, when the amount of the redemption is at the fund's discretion. This investment is classified under Level 2.
- Derivatives Valuation is derived from the underlying instrument. Derivatives are subject to the same risks as that underlying instrument including liquidity, credit and market risk. Fair values are based on exchange or broker-dealer quotations, where available, or discounted cash flow models, which incorporate the pricing of the underlying instrument, yield curves and other factors.

The Group recognises transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the transfers have occurred. There were no transfers between the different levels during the six months ended September 30, 2013.

The following table shows a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for investments which are categorised at Level 3.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013		INVESTMENTS	
	At FVTPL	Available- for-sale	
	Equities	Equities	Total
Balance, beginning of period	514	3,704	4,218
Included in Investment income	7	-	7
Included in Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(20)	(20)
Purchases	-	-	-
Sales	-	(505)	(505)
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD	521	3,179	3,700

# 3.3 INVESTMENT INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	2013	2012
Interest income		
Bonds – at FVTPL	4,385	3,644
Bonds – held-to-maturity	158	172
Mortgages and loans	1,133	1,078
Cash and other	101	108
	5,777	5,002
Dividend income		
Equities – at FVTPL	1,056	719
Equities – available-for-sale	226	169
	1,282	888
Net realised gains/(losses) on sale of investments		
Bonds – at FVTPL	542	1,559
Equities – at FVTPL	88	(54)
Derivative financial instruments	(682)	225
	(52)	1,730
Other		
Amortisation of premium on bonds	(951)	(518)
Rental income and other	435	455
Recovery of previously recognised impairment loss/(Impairment loss)		
Bonds – held-to-maturity	3	106
Mortgages and loans	-	(765)
	(513)	(722)
INVESTMENT INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTIONS AND CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE	6,494	6,898
Deductions		
Investment income relating to Deposit administration pension plans	(1,760)	(2,100)
Investment income relating to Segregated funds with a guaranteed return	(99)	(61)
	(1,859)	(2,161)
Change in fair value arising from		
Bonds	(9,039)	4,164
Equities	1,482	1,265
Derivative financial instruments	(286)	132
	(7,843)	5,561
INVESTMENT INCOME	(3,208)	10,298

# 4 INVESTMENT CONTRACT LIABILITIES

Carrying values and estimated fair values of investment contract liabilities are as follows:

FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31	SEPTEMBER 30, 2013		MARCH 31, 2013	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
At amortised cost:				
Deposit administration pension plans	77,642	76,899	72,522	71,714
Self-funded group health policies	11,266	11,266	8,623	8,623
	88,908	88,165	81,145	80,337
At FVTPL:				
Deposit accounted annuity policies	2,239	2,239	2,787	2,787
TOTAL INVESTMENT CONTRACT LIABILITIES	91,147	90,404	83,932	83,124

Fair value of the Deposit accounted annuity policies is determined by using valuation techniques, such as discounted cash flow methods. A variety of factors are considered in the valuation techniques, including yield curve, credit spread and default assumptions, which have market observable inputs. These investment contract liabilities are classified under Level 2 instruments in the fair value hierarchy. See Note 3.2 for a description of the Group's fair value hierarchy.

# **OPERATING SEGMENTS**

Transactions between segments are executed and priced on an arm's-length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties. These transactions consist primarily of rental and internal financing agreements and insurance contracts. Inter-segment income has been omitted in the following table as immaterial.

#### 5.1 **RESULTS BY SEGMENT**

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30		Insured employee benefits	Life and pensions	Property and casualty	All other	Total
Segment revenues	2013	51,947	5,004	13,802	1,631	72,384
	2012	53,456	17,729	15,129	1,950	88,264
Investment income	2013	217	(3,201)	316	(540)	(3,208)
	2012	767	8,898	1,265	(632)	10,298
Amortisation,	2013	493	932	1,194	980	3,599
depreciation and impairment	2012	214	840	741	965	2,760
Income tax expense	2013	-	-	-	-	_
·	2012	-	-	53	-	53
Reportable segment						
earnings/(loss) attributable	2013	9,570	(4,394)	1,150	(4,739)	1,587
to shareholders, after tax	2012	6,157	4,688	1,994	(5,696)	7,143

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON SEGMENT REVENUES:

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEN	IBER 30	Bermuda	Europe	Total
Segment revenues	2013	65,056	7,328	72,384
	2012	80,447	7,817	88,264

Management considers its external customers to be the individual policyholders and as such, the Group is not reliant on any individual customer.

#### 5.2 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BY SEGMENT:

	Insured employee benefits	Life and pensions	Property and casualty	All other	Total
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013:					
Total General Fund Assets	26,581	287,398	72,236	40,294	426,509 <sup>(1)</sup>
Segregated Fund Assets	-	1,522,029	-	-	1,522,029
Total General Fund Liabilities	29,019	234,088	51,499	14,176	328,782 <sup>(1)</sup>
Segregated Fund Liabilities	-	1,522,029	-	-	1,522,029
MARCH 31, 2013:					
Total General Fund Assets	26,327	295,162	68,184	41,718	431,391 <sup>(1)</sup>
Segregated Fund Assets	-	1,476,685	-	-	1,476,685
Total General Fund Liabilities	22,570	250,137	46,613	16,223	335,543 <sup>(1)</sup>
Segregated Fund Liabilities	-	1,476,685	-	-	1,476,685

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  Excludes intercompany receivables/payables and investment in subsidiaries.

# POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITY

The movement in the defined benefit liability is as follows:

	For the six months ended September 30 2013	For the year ended March 31 2013
Accrued benefit liability, beginning of period	4,524	4,078
Current service cost	52	126
Interest cost on the benefit liability	99	159
Net actuarial (gain)/loss	(608)	263
Benefits paid	(53)	(102)
ACCRUED BENEFIT LIABILITY, END OF PERIOD	4,014	4,524

Components of the change in benefit liabilities period over period and other employee future benefit expense are as follows:

- (i) Current service cost represents benefits earned in the current period. These are determined with reference to the current workforce eligible for benefits and the amount of benefits to which employees will be entitled upon retirement, based on the provisions of the Group's benefit plan.
- (ii) Interest cost on the benefit liability represents the increase in the liability that results from the passage of time.
- (iii) Each period the actuaries recalculate the benefit liability and compare it to that estimated as at the prior period end. Any differences resulting from changes in assumptions, or from plan experience being different from expectations of management at the previous year end, are considered actuarial gains or losses.

The significant actuarial assumptions in measuring the Group's accrued benefit liability are estimated as follows:

	September 30 2013	March 31 2013
Discount rate	4.45%	4.00%
Healthcare cost trend rate	8.00%	8.00%

# **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The following reflects the net earnings and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	2013	2012
Net earnings for the period	1,587	7,143
Weighted average outstanding common shares	21,001	21,079
Common shares and common equivalents	21,001	21,079

### COMPONENTS OF ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	September 30 2013	March 31 2013
Items that will not be reclassified to net earnings:		
Post-employment medical benefit obligation remeasurement	(1,774)	(2,382)
Items that are or may subsequently be reclassified to net earnings:		
Available-for-sale investments	249	269
Translation of financial statements of foreign operations	(1,470)	(2,232)
Share of other comprehensive loss of associates	(1,088)	(1,088)
TOTAL ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	(4,083)	(5,433)

# **COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted for the current period.

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