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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-Q

# x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

# FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2008 OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _	TO
Commission Fi	le number 0-2500111

21st Century Holding Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 65-0248866

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

3661 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 300, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33311 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

#### 954-581-9993

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Yes x No "

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

Large accelerated Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated Smaller reporting filer " company "

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

Yes "No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, \$.01 par value – 8,013,894 outstanding as of November 10, 2008

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# PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1

Shareholders' equity:

#### 21st CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

Period Ending

December 31, 2007 September 30, 2008 (Dollars in Thousands) **ASSETS** Investments Fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value 67,239 \$ 99,484 Fixed maturities, held to maturity, at amoritized cost 14,547 20,210 Equity securities, available for sale, at fair value 6,240 16,530 Total investments 136,224 88,027 Cash and short term investments 22,524 69,465 Receivable for investments sold 1,037 6,420 Finance contracts, net of allowance for credit losses of \$26 in 2008 and \$38 in 2007, and net of unearned finance charges of \$10 in 2008 and \$15 in 2007 199 420 Prepaid reinsurance premiums 1,282 8,471 Premiums receivable, net of allowance for credit losses of \$183 and 3,797 \$288, respectively 3,467 22,942 Reinsurance recoverable, net 14,330 Deferred policy acquisition costs 6,825 8,958 Deferred income taxes, net 7,588 5,640 Income taxes receivable 3,144 Property, plant and equipment, net 894 1,046 Other assets 2,176 2,918 Total assets 198,435 \$ 219,361 LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") \$ 59,202 \$ 59,685 Unearned premiums 44,675 56,394 Premiums deposits and customer credit balances 2,761 1,607 Bank overdraft 8,912 8,695 Income taxes payable 4,226 Deferred gain from sale of property 1.615 1,998 Accounts payable and accrued expenses 2,700 4,346 Total liabilities 118,711 138,104 Commitments and Contingencies

Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 37,500,000 shares; issued		
and outstanding 8,013,894 and 7,871,234, respectively	80	79
Additional paid-in capital	49,839	48,240
Accumulated other comprehensive (deficit)	(1,770)	(2,596)
Retained earnings	31,575	35,534
Total shareholders' equity	79,724	81,257
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 198,435	\$ 219,361

# SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	7	Three Months End 2008	ed S	eptember 30, 2007	Nine Months Engage	ded	September 30, 2007
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Revenue:				,	,		
Gross premiums written	\$	15,851	\$	16,064	\$ 70,695	9	109,716
Gross premiums ceded		(25,699)		(30,736)	(33,931)		(46,545)
Net premiums (ceded) written		(9,848)		(14,673)	36,764		63,171
Increase in prepaid reinsurance							
premiums		15,351		19,322	1,831		1,504
Decrease in unearned premiums		10,746		22,532	11,719		9,693
Net change in prepaid reinsurance premiums and unearned premiums		26,097		41,854	13,550		11,197
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Net premiums earned		16,249		27,181	50,314		74,368
Commission income		133		431	1,160		6,922
Finance revenue		91		116	268		463
Managing general agent fees		346		178	1,376		1,600
Net investment income		1,541		2,329	5,317		6,029
Net realized investment (losses)		(2,995)		(1,441)	(9,309)		(1,489)
Regulatory assessments		( ) /		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	( ) ,		( ) /
recovered		384		579	1,619		1,260
Other income		216		199	690		496
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Total revenue		15,966		29,571	51,435		89,649
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Expenses:		0.000		14.050	20.255		20.610
LAE		9,888		14,850	30,255		38,610
Operating and underwriting		1.671		2.004	4.600		10.040
expenses		1,671		3,884	4,699		10,949
Salaries and wages		2,086		1,775	5,608		5,065
Interest expense		-		28	-		173
Policy acquisition costs, net of							
amortization		4,170		5,379	11,794		14,896
Total expenses		17,815		25,916	52,356		69,693
(Loss) Income before provision for income tax (benefit) expense		(1,849)		3,656	(921)		19,956
Provision for income tax							
(benefit) expense		(336)		1,787	(1,216)		6,766
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,513)	\$	1,869	\$ 295	5	13,190

Basic net (loss) income per share	\$ (0.19)	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.66
Fully diluted net (loss) income				
per share	\$ (0.19)	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.64
Weighted average number of				
common shares outstanding	8,013,894	7,891,650	7,967,087	7,927,366
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding				
(assuming dilution)	8,013,894	7,948,385	7,978,178	8,050,983
Dividends paid per share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.54

### SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 2007 (Dollars in Thousands)

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Cash flow from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 295	\$	13,190
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used) provided by			
operating activities:	(4.55)		(2.7.2)
Amortization of investment (discount), net	(177)		(272)
Depreciation and amortization of property plant and equipment, net	235		232
Net realized investment (losses)	(9,309)		(352)
Common Stock issued for interest on Notes	-		109
Provision (Recovery) for credit losses, net	2		(48)
Provision for uncollectible premiums receivable	95		320
Non-cash compensation	292		309
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Premiums receivable	235		3,762
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	7,189		(456)
Reinsurance recoverable, net	8,611		3,432
Income taxes recoverable	(3,144)		(413)
Deferred income tax expense	(1,948)		(1,203)
Policy acquisition costs, net of amortization	2,133		686
Premium finance contracts receivable	219		1,049
Other assets	360		1,635
Unpaid losses and LAE	(482)		10,704
Unearned premiums	(11,719)		(9,693)
Premium deposits and customer credit balances	(1,154)		(1,744)
Income taxes payable	(4,226)		-
Bank overdraft	217		1,773
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,646)		973
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	(13,921)		23,995
Cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale	99,453		159,573
Purchases of investment securities available for sale	(35,562)		(181,182)
Purchases of property and equipment	(83)		(47)
Net cash provided by (used) in investing activities	63,808		(21,657)
Cash flow (used in) financing activities:			
Subordinated Debt	-		(2,083)
Exercised stock options	1,337		103
Dividends paid	(4,254)		(4,316)
Exercised warrants, net	-		2,035
Acquisition of Common Stock	(144)		(2,000)
Tax benefit related to non-cash compensation	115		159
Revolving credit outstanding	-		-
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(2,946)		(6,104)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and short term investments	46,941		(3,766)
Cash and short term investments at beginning of period	22,524		17,917

Cash and short term investments at end of period \$ 69,465 \$ 14,151

# SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Nine	Months End	ed Septe	mber 30,
(continued)	2	008		2007
		(Dollars in	Thousan	ds)
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the period for:				
Interest	\$	-	\$	44
Income taxes	\$	8,500	\$	7,300
Non-cash investing and finance activities:				
Accrued dividends payable	\$	1,443	\$	1,473
Retirement of subordinated debt by Common Stock issuance	\$	-	\$	2,083
Stock issued to pay interest on subordinated debt	\$	_	\$	109

#### SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### (1) Organization and Business

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of 21st Century Holding Company ("21t Century," "Company," "we," "us") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") fo interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. These financial statements do not include all information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The December 31, 2007 year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The financial information furnished reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be achieved in the future.

21st Century is an insurance holding company, which, through our subsidiaries and our contractual relationships with our independent agents and general agents, controls substantially all aspects of the insurance underwriting, distribution and claims processes. We are authorized to underwrite homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance, personal automobile insurance and commercial automobile insurance in various states with various lines of authority through our wholly owned subsidiaries, Federated National Insurance Company ("Federated National") and American Vehicle Insurance Company ("American Vehicle"). We market and distribute our own and third-party insurers' products and our other services primarily in Florida, through contractual relationships with a network of approximately 1,500 independent agents and a select number of general agents.

Federated National is authorized to underwrite homeowners' property and casualty insurance in Florida as an admitted carrier. American Vehicle is authorized in several states to underwrite commercial general liability coverage as either an admitted or non-admitted carrier. An admitted carrier is an insurance company that has received a license from the state department of insurance giving the company the authority to write specific lines of insurance in that state. These companies are also bound by rate and form regulations, and are strictly regulated to protect policyholders from a variety of illegal and unethical practices, including fraud. Admitted carriers are also required to financially contribute to the state guarantee fund, which is used to pay for losses if an insurance carrier becomes insolvent or unable to pay the losses due their policyholders. A non-admitted carrier is not licensed by the state, but is allowed to do business in that state and is strictly regulated to protect policyholders from a variety of illegal and unethical practices, including fraud. Sometimes, non-admitted carriers are referred to as "excess and surplus" lines carriers. Non-admitted carriers are subject to considerably less regulation with respect to policy rates and forms. Additionally, both Federated National and American Vehicle are authorized to underwrite personal and commercial automobile insurance in Florida as an admitted carrier.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 72.1%, 27.4% and 0.5% of the premiums we underwrote were for homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance and personal automobile insurance, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, 75.2%, 23.3% and 1.5% of the premiums we underwrote were for homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance and personal automobile insurance, respectively. Our business, results of operations and financial condition are subject to fluctuations due to a variety of factors. Abnormally high severity or frequency of claims in any period could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, if our estimated liabilities for unpaid losses and LAE are less than actual losses and LAE, we will be required to increase reserves with a corresponding reduction in our net income in the period in which the deficiency is identified.

#### 21st Century Holding Company Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

The table below denotes American Vehicle's authority, by state.

In January 2008, the Florida OIR granted American Vehicle licenses to underwrite commercial multiple peril, inland marine and surety lines of business as an admitted carrier.

Assurance Managing General Agents, Inc. ("Assurance MGA"), a wholly owned subsidiary, acts as Federated National's and American Vehicle's exclusive managing general agent in the state of Florida. As American Vehicle continues its expansion into other states, we intend to retain other general agents to market our commercial general liability insurance product. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Assurance MGA became licensed in the states of Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Assurance MGA currently provides underwriting policy administration, marketing, accounting and financial services to Federated National and American Vehicle, and participates in the negotiation of reinsurance contracts. For the above-mentioned services, Assurance MGA generates revenue through a 6% commission fee from the insurance companies' gross written premium, policy fee income of \$25 per policy and other administrative fees. The 6% commission fee from Federated National and American Vehicle became effective January 1, 2005. Assurance MGA plans to establish relationships with additional carriers and servicing additional insurance products in the future.

Insure-Link, Inc. ("Insure-Link") was formed in March 2008. Insure-Link was created to serve as an independent insurance agency. The insurance agency markets to the general public to serve all of their insurance needs. Insure-Link will acquire new business through marketing and acquisition.

#### (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices

#### (A) Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty. Therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results inevitably will differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to the financial statements.

#### 21st Century Holding Company Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

The most significant accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of our financial statements include estimates associated with management's evaluation of the determination of liability for unpaid losses and LAE and the amount and recoverability of amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs ("DPAC"). In addition, significant estimates form the basis for our reserves with respect to finance contracts, premiums receivable and deferred income taxes. Various assumptions and other factors underlie the determination of these significant estimates, which are described in greater detail in Footnote 2 of the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 filed on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 17, 2008.

Except as described below, we believe that during the first nine months of fiscal 2008 there were no significant changes in those critical accounting policies and estimates. Senior management has reviewed the development and selection of our critical accounting policies and estimates and their disclosure in this Form 10-Q with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

The process of determining significant estimates is fact specific and takes into account factors such as historical experience, current and expected economic conditions, and in the case of unpaid losses and LAE, an actuarial valuation. Management regularly reevaluates these significant factors and makes adjustments where facts and circumstances dictate. In selecting the best estimate, we utilize various actuarial methodologies. Each of these methodologies is designed to forecast the number of claims we will be called upon to pay and the amounts we will pay on average to settle those claims. In arriving at our best estimate, our actuaries consider the likely predictive value of the various loss development methodologies employed in light of underwriting practices, premium rate changes and claim settlement practices that may have occurred, and weight the credibility of each methodology. Our actuarial methodologies take into account various factors, including, but not limited to, paid losses, liability estimates for reported losses, paid allocated LAE, salvage and other recoveries received, reported claim counts, open claim counts and counts for claims closed with and without payment of loss.

Accounting for loss contingencies pursuant to Statements of Financial Accounting Standards Number 5, Accounting for Contingencies ("SFAS No. 5") involves the existence of a condition, situation or set of circumstances involving uncertainty as to possible loss that will ultimately be resolved when one or more future event(s) occur or fail to occur. Additionally, accounting for a loss contingency requires management to assess each event as probable, reasonably possible or remote. Probable is defined as the future event or events are likely to occur. Reasonably possible is defined as the chance of the future event or events occurring is more than remote but less than probable, while remote is defined as the chance of the future event or events occurring is slight. An estimated loss in connection with a loss contingency shall be recorded by a charge to current operations if both of the following conditions are met: First, the amount can be reasonably estimated, and second, the information available prior to issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements. It is implicit in this condition that it is probable that one or more future events will occur confirming the fact of the loss or incurrence of a liability.

We are required to review the contractual terms of all our reinsurance purchases to ensure compliance with SFAS No. 113, Accounting and Reporting for Reinsurance of Short-Duration and Long-Duration Contracts (SFAS No. 113"). The statement establishes the conditions required for a contract with a reinsurer to be accounted for as reinsurance and prescribes accounting and reporting standards for those contracts. Contracts that do not result in the reasonable possibility that the reinsurer may realize a significant loss from the insurance risk assumed generally do not meet the conditions for reinsurance accounting and must be accounted for as deposits. SFAS No. 113 also requires us to disclose the nature, purpose and effect of reinsurance transactions, including the premium amounts associated with reinsurance assumed and ceded. It also requires disclosure of concentrations of credit risk associated with reinsurance receivables and prepaid reinsurance premiums.

#### (B) Impact of New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ("SFAS No. 157"), which enhances existing guidance for measuring assets and liabilities using fair value and requires additional disclosure about the use of fair value for measurement. SFAS No. 157 was originally effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years.

In February 2008, FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FASB 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB No. 157* ("FSP FASB 157-2"). FSP FASB 157-2, which was effective upon issuance and delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except for items recognized or disclosed at fair value at least once a year, to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. FSP FASB No. 157-2 also covers interim periods within the fiscal years for items within the scope of this FSP. We adopted SFAS No. 157 effective with the first interim period beginning after January 1, 2008.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, "Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active" ("FSP FAS 157-3"). The purpose of FSP FAS 157-3 was to clarify the application of SFAS No. 157 in a market that is not active. It also allows for the use of management's internal assumptions about future cash flows with appropriately risk-adjusted discount rates when relevant observable market data does not exist. FSP FAS 157-3 did not change the objective of SFAS No. 157 which is the determination of the price that would be received in an orderly transaction that is not a forced liquidation or distressed sale at the measurement date. FSP FAS 157-3 was effective upon issuance, including prior periods for which financial statements had not been issued. Our adoption of FSP FAS 157-3 for the period ended September 30, 2008 did not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or disclosures.

The adoption of SFAS No. 157 has not had a material impact, to date, on our financial position or results of operations.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159 *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*— *Including an Amendment of SFAS No. 115* ("SFAS No. 159"), which permits an entity to measure many financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. Entities that elect the fair value option will report unrealized gains and losses in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option may be elected on an instrument-by-instrument basis, with a few exceptions. SFAS No. 159 amends previous guidance to extend the use of the fair value option to available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities. The Statement also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements to help financial statement users understand the effect of the election. We adopted SFAS No. 159 on its effective date, January 1, 2008. The adoption of SFAS No. 159 has not had a material impact, to date, on our financial position or results of operations.

In June 2006, FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. ("FIN") 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("FIN 48") that clarifies the accounting for income tax reserves and contingencies recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This Interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company has adopted and concluded that the impact of FIN 48 will be minimal and includes a policy of classifying interest and penalties related to income tax as elements of income tax expense in the consolidated financial statements. As required by FIN 48, this change was done prospectively. Previously, penalties and interest were classified as operating and underwriting expenses.

#### (C) Stock Options

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company had two stock-based employee compensation plans and one stock-based franchise compensation plan, which are described later in Footnote 8, Stock Compensation Plans.

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123R using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under that transition method, compensation cost recognized during the nine

months ended September 30, 2008 includes compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair-value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we have granted 64,156 qualified stock options and 53,844 non-qualified stock options to employees, executive officers and directors with an average option price of \$10.71 per share. Like all other outstanding stock options, these stock options contain service conditions and do not contain any performance conditions. For a further discussion regarding the provisions of SFAS No. 123R and its effect on our operations, please refer to Footnote 6, Stock Compensation Plans.

#### (D) Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share ("Basic EPS") is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period presented. Diluted earnings per share ("Diluted EPS") is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and common stock equivalents outstanding during the period presented; outstanding warrants and stock options are considered common stock equivalents and are included in the calculation using the treasury stock method. Additionally, when applicable, we include in our computation of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding all common stock issued in connection with the repayment of our Subordinated note.

#### (E) Reclassifications

Certain amounts in 2007 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 presentation.

#### (3) Commitments and Contingencies

Management has a responsibility to continually measure and monitor its commitments and its contingencies. The nature of the Company's commitments and contingencies can be grouped into three major categories; insured claim activity, assessment related activities and operational matters.

We are involved in claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Revisions to our estimates are based on our analysis of subsequent information that we receive regarding various factors, including: (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation. Management revises its estimates based on the results of its analysis. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for estimating the ultimate settlement of all claims. There is no precise method for subsequently evaluating the impact of any specific factor on the adequacy of the reserves, because the eventual redundancy or deficiency is affected by multiple factors. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

The Company's subsidiaries are, from time to time, named as defendants in various lawsuits incidental to their insurance operations. Legal actions relating to claims made in the ordinary course of seeking indemnification for a loss covered by the insurance policy are considered by the Company in establishing loss and LAE reserves.

The Company also faces in the ordinary course of business lawsuits that seek damages beyond policy limits, commonly known as bad faith claims. The Company continually evaluates potential liabilities and reserves for litigation of these types using the criteria established by SFAS No. 5. Under this guidance, reserves for a loss are recorded if the likelihood of occurrence is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If a loss, while not probable, is judged to be reasonably possible, management will disclose, if it can be estimated, a possible range of loss or state that an estimate cannot be made. Management considers each legal action using this guidance and records reserves for losses as warranted. Certain claims and legal actions have been brought against the Company for which no loss has been accrued, and for which an estimate of a possible range of loss cannot be made under the rules described above. While it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of these claims or lawsuits, management does not believe they are likely to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or liquidity. Losses incurred as a result of these cases could, however, have a material adverse impact on net earnings.

We operate in a regulatory environment where certain entities and organizations have the authority to require us to participate in assessments. Currently these entities and organizations include, but are not limited to, the Florida Insurance Guarantee Association ("FIGA"), Citizens Property Insurance Corporation ("Citizens") the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund ("FHCF") and the Florida Joint Underwriters Association ("JUA").

As a direct premium writer in the state of Florida, we are required to participate in certain insurer solvency associations under Florida Statutes 631.57(3) (a). Participation in these pools is based on our written premiums by line of business compared to total premiums written statewide by all insurers. Participation may result in assessments against us as it did in 2006. On October 11, 2007, FIGA's Board certified the need to assess each member an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the member's Florida net direct written premiums for the calendar year 2006. Both American Vehicle and Federated National are considered members of FIGA. Florida's Insurance Commissioner approved FIGA's certification on October 29, 2007. Our participation with this assessment totaled approximately \$2.8 million and was paid November 30, 2007. During 2006, we were assessed \$3.9 million in connection with the FIGA. For statutory accounting purposes, these assessments are not charged to operations, in contrast GAAP treatment is to charge current operations for the assessments. Through policyholder surcharges, as approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation ("OIR"), during the twelve months ended December 31, 2007, we recouped approximately \$1.8 million. FIGA's October 11, 2007 assessment was charged to operations during the period ended September 30, 2007. Future assessments by this association are undeterminable at this time. There were no assessments made for the years ended December 31, 2007 or 2005.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2005, the Board of Governors of Citizens determined a 2004 plan year deficit existed in the High Risk Account. Citizens decided that a \$515 million Regular Assessment was in the best interest of Citizens and consistent with Florida Statutes. On this basis, Citizens certified for a Regular Assessment. Federated National's participation in this assessment totaled \$2.0 million.

During a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting on or about December 18, 2006, Citizens' Board determined an additional 2004 plan year deficit existed in the High Risk Account. Citizens decided that an additional \$515 million Regular Assessment was in the best interest of Citizens and consistent with Florida Statutes. On this basis, Citizens was certified for a Regular Assessment. Federated National's participation in this assessment totaled \$0.3 million. Future assessments by this association are undeterminable at this time.

Pursuant to Section 627.3512, Florida Statutes, insurers are permitted to recoup the assessment by adding a surcharge to policies in an amount not to exceed the amount paid by the insurer to Citizens. Federated National is currently underwriting the recoupment in connection with these assessments and has recouped less than \$0.1 million during 2008, \$0.4 million during 2007 and \$1.3 million during 2006. Pursuant to provisions contained in our excess of loss reinsurance contracts, Federated National has subrogated \$0.6 million to our reinsurers as of September 30, 2008.

The OIR issued Information Memorandum OIR-06-008M, titled *Notice of Anticipated Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Assessment*, dated May 4, 2006, to all property and casualty insurers, surplus lines insurers, and surplus lines agents in the state of Florida placing them on notice of an anticipated FHCF assessment. Sighting the unprecedented hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, the FHCF exhausted nearly all of the \$6 billion in reserves it had accumulated since its inception in 1993. The Florida State Board of Administration, the body that oversees the FHCF, issued its directive to levy an emergency assessment upon all property and casualty business in the state of Florida. There is no statutory requirement that policyholders be notified of the FHCF assessment. The FHCF and OIR are, however, recommending that insurers include the FHCF assessment in a line item on the declaration page for two reasons: (1) this is a multi-year assessment and (2) there may be concurrent assessments and the insureds should know what amount is for which assessment. The assessment became effective on all policies effective after January 1, 2007 and will be remitted to the administrator of the assessment as collected.

In addition to the assessments noted above, the OIR has also issued Information Memorandum OIR -07-02M, titled *Information Regarding Emergency Assessment by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation*, dated January 11, 2007, to all property and casualty insurers in the state of Florida placing them on notice that an order had been approved for

an emergency assessment by Citizens for its High Risk Account. This order requires insurers to begin collecting the emergency assessment for policies issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2007. Similar to the FHCF assessment discussed above, the Citizens emergency assessment will be remitted to the administrator of the assessment as collected and therefore accounted for in a manner such that amounts collected or receivable are not recorded as revenues and amounts due or paid are not expensed.

Federated National and American Vehicle are also required to participate in an insurance apportionment plan under Florida Statutes Section 627.351, which is referred to as a JUA Plan. The JUA Plan provides for the equitable apportionment of any profits realized, or losses and expenses incurred, among participating motor vehicle insurers. In the event of an underwriting deficit incurred by the JUA Plan, which is not recovered through the policyholders in the JUA Plan, such deficit shall be recovered from the companies participating in the JUA Plan in the proportion that the net direct written premiums of each such member during the preceding calendar year bear to the aggregate net direct premiums written in this state by all members of the JUA Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2007, Federated National was assessed \$7,470 and American Vehicle recovered \$842, by and from the JUA Plan based on its December 2007 Cash Activity Report. During the year ended December 31, 2006 Federated National and American Vehicle were assessed \$221,765 and \$1,579, respectively. These charges are contained in Operating and Underwriting Expenses in the Statement of Operations. Future assessments by this association are undeterminable at this time.

Bonds totaling \$3.5 million secure a \$3.0 million irrevocable letter of credit, which was reduced from \$10.0 million in February 2008, in order to facilitate business opportunities in connection with our commercial general liability program agreement with Republic Underwriters Insurance Company ("Republic"). Our agreement with Republic was terminated effective as of June 30, 2007. See Footnote 6 in our unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, which are included in Item I, Part 1 hereof.

The 2004, 2003 and 2002 consolidated Federal Income Tax Returns filed by the Company have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") during 2006 and 2005. We have concurred with certain IRS conclusions and have appealed other conclusions. Irrespective of the ongoing appellate process, we do not believe that a material adjustment will occur. Income taxes receivable are net of \$160,000 valuation allowance established during the year ended December 31, 2007 in conjunction with this process. The Company records valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. When assessing the need for valuation allowances, the Company considers future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the realizability of deferred tax assets in future years, the Company would adjust related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to net income. The resolution of tax reserves and changes in valuation allowances could be material to the Company's results of operations for any period, but is not expected to be material to the Company's financial position.

Relative to the Company's commitments stemming from operational matters, effective on or about March 1, 2006, 2 It Century sold its interest in the Lauderdale Lakes property to an unrelated party. As part of this transaction, 21 st Century has agreed to lease the same facilities for a five-year term. Our lease for this office space expires in December 2011.

The expected future lease payouts in connection with this lease are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Lea	ase payments
2008	\$	153,729
2009		625,165
2010		637,668
2011		650,421
Total	\$	2,066,983

We are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. These proceedings are set forth below as either resolved or ongoing.

# **Resolved legal proceeding:**

None

#### **Ongoing legal proceedings:**

From July 27, 2007 to August 7, 2007, several securities class action lawsuits were filed against the Company and certain of its executive officers in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (the "Court") on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased the Company's securities during the various class periods specified in the complaints. A consolidated amended complaint was filed on behalf of the class on January 22, 2008. The complaint alleges that the Defendants made false and misleading statements and failed to accurately project the Company's business and financial performance during the putative class period. The complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages and claim violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5. The Defendants filed their motion to dismiss the consolidated amended complaint on February 25, 2008. The Plaintiff's response to Defendant's motion to dismiss was filed April 22, 2008. The Court heard oral arguments on the Motion to Dismiss on August 20, 2008. To date, the Court has not issued an Opinion.

On March 18, 2008, a verified shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed against certain current or former officers and directors of the Company in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida by Anthony Neil Sellers, derivatively on behalf of nominal Defendant 21<sup>st</sup> Century Holding Company. The complaint alleges breaches of fiduciary duties, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and unjust enrichment occurring form October 3, 2006 through the present. The complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages. On July 29, 2008, the Court dismissed the Plaintiff's complaint, but provided the Plaintiff with 30 days to amend the complaint. Plaintiff filed its Amended Complaint on August 28, 2008. The Defendants filed their Motion to Dismiss and Motion to Stay on September 25, 2008. The Court, on October 10, 2008, granted the Defendant's Motion to Stay in part pending ruling on Defendant's Motion to Dismiss the Class Action Complaint.

While the Company believes that the allegations in these complaints are without merit, an unfavorable resolution of pending litigation could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. Litigation may result in substantial costs and expenses and significantly divert the attention of the Company's management regardless of the outcome. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to achieve a favorable settlement of pending litigation or obtain a favorable resolution of this litigation if it is not settled. In addition, current litigation could lead to increased costs or interruptions of normal business operations of the Company.

#### (4) Fair Value Disclosure

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3. The purpose of FSP FAS 157-3 was to clarify the application of SFAS No. 157 in a market that is not active. FSP FAS 157-3 did not change the objective of SFAS No. 157. FSP FAS 157-3 was effective upon issuance, including prior periods for which financial statements had not been issued. Our adoption of FSP FAS 157-3 for the period ended September 30, 2008 did not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or disclosures.

In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. SFAS No. 157 categorizes assets and liabilities at fair value into one of three different levels depending on the observability of the inputs employed in the measurement, as follows:

Level 1 — inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. A quoted price for an identical asset or liability in an active market provides the most reliable fair value measurement because it is directly observable to the market.

Level 2 — inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 — inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement

**Securities available for sale**: The fair value of securities available for sale is determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized security exchanges.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, for which the Company has elected the fair value option, are summarized below:

	(Dollars in thousands)										
	I	evel 1	I	Level 2		Level 3			alance at tember 30, 2008		
US government obligations and											
agencies	\$	21,786	\$	-	\$		-	\$	21,786		
Corporate securities and other		45,453		-			-		45,453		
	\$	67,239	\$	-	\$		-	\$	67,239		
Equity securities		6,240		-			-		6,240		
	\$	6,240	\$	_	\$		-	\$	6,240		

#### (5) Comprehensive Income

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, comprehensive income consisted of the following:

	For the three months ended September 3D or the nine months ended September 30.									
		2008	2007			2008	2007			
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,513,139)	\$	1,868,802	\$	295,419	\$	13,190,036		
Change in net unrealized gains on										
investments available for sale		(406,865)		1,444,212		1,268,218		241,086		
Comprehensive (loss) income, before	e									
tax		(1,920,004)		3,313,014		1,563,637		13,431,122		
Income tax benefit (expense) related										
to items of other comprehensive										
income		146,345		(620,872)		(442,462)		(90,721)		
Comprehensive income	\$	(1,773,659)	\$	2,692,142	\$	1,121,175	\$	13,340,401		

#### (6) Reinsurance Agreements

We follow industry practice of reinsuring a portion of our risks and paying for that protection based primarily upon total insured values of all policies in effect and subject to such reinsurance. Reinsurance involves an insurance company transferring or "ceding" all or a portion of its exposure on insurance underwritten by it to another insurer, known as a "reinsurer." The ceding of insurance does not legally discharge the insurer from its primary liability for the full amount of the policies. If the reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance agreement, the ceding company is still required to pay the insured for the loss. Our reinsurance agreements are designed to coincide with the June through November Florida hurricane season.

The availability and costs associated with the acquisition of reinsurance will vary year to year. These fluctuations, which can be significant, are not subject to our control and may limit our ability to purchase adequate coverage. The recovery of increased reinsurance costs through rate action is not immediate and can not be presumed, as it is subject to OIR approval.

For the 2008-2009 hurricane season, the excess of loss and FHCF treaties will insure us for approximately \$310.0 million of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE with a maximum single event coverage totaling approximately \$245.0 million, with the Company retaining the first \$3.0 million of losses and LAE. Our reinsurance program included coverage purchased from the private market, which afforded optional Reinstatement Premium Protection that provides coverage beyond the first event, along with coverage from the FHCF. Coverage afforded by the FHCF totals approximately \$167.0 million or 56% of the \$310.0 million of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE. The FHCF affords coverage for the entire season, subject to maximum payouts, without regard to any particular insurable event.

For the 2007-2008 hurricane season, the excess of loss and FHCF treaties insured us for approximately \$403.0 million of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE with a maximum single event coverage totaling approximately \$320.0 million, with the Company retaining the first \$3.0 million of losses and LAE. Our reinsurance program included coverage purchased from the private market, which afforded optional Reinstatement Premium Protection that provided coverage beyond the first event, along with coverage from the FHCF. Coverage afforded by the FHCF totaled approximately \$261.0 million or 65% of the \$403.0 million of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE. The FHCF afforded coverage for the entire season, subject to maximum payouts, without regard to any particular insurable event.

The cost to the Company for these reinsurance products for the 2008–2009 and 2007–2008 hurricane seasons, including the prepaid automatic premium reinstatement protection totals approximately \$31.3 million and \$44.6 million, respectively.

Our reinsurance structure has significant risks, including the fact that the FHCF may not be able to raise sufficient money to pay their claims or impair their ability to pay their claims in a timely manner. This could result in significant financial, legal and operational challenges to all companies, including ours. It is our understanding, based upon a memo from The Florida House of Representatives, Committee on Insurance, to House Speaker Marco Rubio, dated April 2, 2008, that it is probable, under the current FHCF structure, that hundreds of millions of dollars of FHCF claims in Florida will go unpaid for some time. The FHCF currently has limited cash available to pay claims in connection with a catastrophic event. The FHCF has the authority to raise additional cash to pay claims through the issuance of FHCF bonds. The retirement of these bonds would be funded by imposing additional assessments on future insurance premiums written in the state.

The private reinsurance companies and their respective A. M. Best rating are listed in the table as follows:

Reinsurer	A.M. Best Rating						
UNITED STATES			Ū				
Everest Reinsurance Company	A+						
GMAC Re/Motors Insurance Corporation	A-						
Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	A+						
QBE Reinsurance Corporation	A	*					
BERMUDA							
Actua Re Limited	NR	*	(1)				
Ariel Reinsurance Company Limited	A-	*					
DaVinci Reinsurance Limited	A	*					
Flagstone Reinsurance Limited	A-						
Hiscox Insurance Company Limited	A-						
Max Bermuda Limited	A-						
New Castle Reinsurance Company Limited	A-	*					
Renaissance Reinsurance Limited	A+	*					
Amlin Bermuda Limited	A						
EUROPE							
Lansforsakringar Sak Forsakringsaktiebolag	NR		(2)				
SCOR Switzerland AG	A-						

- \* 2008 Reinstatement Premium Protection Program Participants
- (1) Participant has fully funded a trust agreement for their proportionate limit of risk for two events with approximately \$10.0 million of cash, U.S. Government obligations, obligations of American institutions and preferred or guaranteed shares of American institutions at fair market value.
- (2) Standard & Poor's rated "A" (investment grade economic situation can affect finance)

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To date, there have been no claims asserted against the reinsurers in connection with the 2007-2008 excess of loss and FHCF treaties.

We are selective in choosing reinsurers and consider numerous factors, the most important of which are the financial stability of the reinsurer, their history of responding to claims and their overall reputation. In an effort to minimize our exposure to the insolvency of a reinsurer, we evaluate the acceptability and review the financial condition of the reinsurer at least annually.

In order to expand our commercial general liability business, we entered into a 100% quota-share reinsurance treaty with Republic on March 28, 2006. This agreement was in place for approximately one year until March 31, 2007, when it was cancelled at the request of Republic. Republic is domiciled in the State of Texas and licensed both directly and on a surplus lines basis in approximately 32 states. This arrangement would have facilitated the policyholder who requires their commercial general liability insurance policy to come from an insurance company with a satisfactory A.M. Best rating. We are currently in the process of replacing this arrangement with another "A" rated A.M. Best carrier.

Our arrangement with Republic allowed for a 4.75% commission on net written premium and reimbursement for all other costs in connection with the treaty such as premium taxes and assessments. We also remitted a 1% commission to the intermediary broker on the same net written premium. Under this agreement, the Company assumed approximately \$325,000 and \$23,000 in premiums in connection with its operations in the State of Texas during the years ending December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Our operations in Texas began in December 2006. During the three months ended March 31, 2007, this 100% quota-sharing reinsurance treaty with Republic was cancelled, on a run-off basis, at their request, effective June 30, 2007. All premiums in connection with this program have been fully earned, and \$0.2 million of Loss and LAE remain unpaid.

Our automobile quota-share reinsurance treaties for 2003 included loss corridors with varying layers of coverage based on ultimate incurred loss ratio results whereby the two insurance companies will retain 100% of the losses between incurred loss ratios of 66% and 86% for policies with an effective date of 2003. Despite the loss corridor, the reinsurer assumes significant insurance risk under the reinsured portions of the underlying insurance contracts and it is reasonably possible that the reinsurer will realize a significant loss from the transaction. Our ultimate incurred loss ratios for these treaties as of September 30, 2008 are estimated to be 67.9% and 79.3% for Federated National and American Vehicle, respectively.

#### (7) Stock Compensation Plans

We implemented a stock option plan in September 1998, which expired in September 2008, and provided for the granting of stock options to officers, key employees and consultants. The objectives of this plan included attracting and retaining the best personnel, providing for additional performance incentives, and promoting our success by providing employees the opportunity to acquire common stock. Options outstanding under this plan were granted at prices either equal to or above the market value of the stock on the date of grant, typically vest over a four-year or five-year period and expire six or ten years after the grant date. Under this plan, we were authorized to grant options to purchase up to 900,000 common shares, and, as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we had outstanding exercisable options to purchase 133,599 and 152,599 shares, respectively.

In 2001, we implemented a franchisee stock option plan that was terminated during September 2008, and provided for the granting of stock options to individuals purchasing Company owned agencies that were then converted to franchised agencies. The purpose of the plan was to advance our interests by providing an additional incentive to

encourage managers of Company owned agencies to purchase the agencies and convert them to franchises. Options outstanding under the plan were granted at prices, which were above the market value of the stock on the date of grant, vested over a ten-year period, and expired ten years after the grant date. Under this plan, we were authorized to grant options to purchase up to 988,500 common shares, and, as of September 30, 2008, we had no outstanding exercisable options to purchase shares.

In 2002, we implemented the 2002 Stock Option Plan. The purpose of this plan is to advance our interests by providing an additional incentive to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified and competent persons who are key to the Company, including key employees, consultants, independent contractors, Officers and Directors. Our success is largely dependent upon their efforts and judgment therefore, by authorizing the grant of options to purchase common stock we encourage stock ownership. Options outstanding under the plan were granted at prices that are above the market value of the stock on the date of grant, vest over a five-year period, and expire six years after the grant date. Under this plan, we are authorized to grant options to purchase up to 1,800,000 common shares, and, as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we had outstanding exercisable options to purchase 614,151 and 660,309 shares, respectively.

Activity in the Company's stock option plans for the period from January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2008, is summarized below:

	1998 Plan			2001 Franc	hise	e Plan	2002 Plan			
		Weighted			V	Veighted		W	eighted	
			Average		A	Average		A	verage	
	Number of		Option	Number of		Option	Number of	(	Option	
	Shares	Ex	ercise Price	Shares	Exe	ercise Price	Shares	Exe	rcise Price	
Outstanding at January 1,										
2006	97,650	\$	6.67	15,000	\$	9.17	823,608	\$	12.35	
Granted	25,000	\$	27.79	-	\$	-	86,000	\$	16.44	
Exercised	(77,900)	\$	6.67	(15,000)	\$	9.17	(212,350)	\$	8.98	
Cancelled	-			-	\$	-	(59,900)	\$	14.98	
Outstanding at January 1,										
2007	44,750	\$	18.47	-	\$	-	637,358	\$	13.80	
Granted	109,849	\$	13.32	-	\$	-	57,151	\$	13.18	
Exercised	(2,000)	\$	6.67	-	\$	-	(16,300)	\$	10.02	
Cancelled	-	\$	-	-	\$	-	(17,900)	\$	15.82	
Outstanding at January 1,										
2008	152,599	\$	14.92	-	\$	-	660,309	\$	13.78	
Granted	4,500	\$	8.67	-	\$	-	113,500	\$	10.79	
Exercised	(13,500)	\$	6.67	-	\$	-	(141,458)	\$	8.81	
Cancelled	(10,000)	\$	11.11	-	\$	-	(18,200)	\$	13.27	
Outstanding at September 30,										
2008	133,599	\$	15.83	-	\$	-	614,151	\$	14.39	

Options outstanding as of September 30, 2008 are exercisable as follows:

	1998 Plan		2001 Fran	anchisee Plan		<b>2002 Plan</b>			
		We	ighted		Weig	hted		W	eighted
		Av	erage		Ave	rage		A	verage
	Number of	Oı	otion	Number of	Opt	ion	Number of	(	Option
Options Exercisable at:	Shares	Exerc	ise Price	Shares	Exercis	e Price	Shares	Exer	cise Price
September 30, 2008	39,250	\$	15.83	-	\$	-	259,299	\$	14.39
December 31, 2008	9,969	\$	15.83	-	\$	-	53,630	\$	14.39
December 31, 2009	20,870	\$	15.83	-	\$	-	112,154	\$	14.39
December 31, 2010	20,870	\$	15.83	-	\$	-	89,856	\$	14.39

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December 31, 2011	20,870	\$ 15.83	- \$	-	45,756	\$ 14.39
December 31, 2012	20,870	\$ 15.83	- \$	-	32,556	\$ 14.39
Thereafter	900	\$ 15.83	- \$	-	20,900	\$ 14.39
Total options exercisible	133,599		-		614,151	

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company had two stock-based employee compensation plans and one stock-based franchise compensation plan, which are described above. Prior to January 1, 2006, we accounted for those plans under the recognition and measurement provisions of stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related Interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Under these provisions, no stock-based employee compensation cost was recognized in the Statement of Operations as all options granted under those plans had an exercise price equal to or less than the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant.

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Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognitions provisions of SFAS No. 123R using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under that transition method, compensation cost recognized during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 includes:

- •Compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of Statement 123, and
- •Compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair-value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R. Results for prior periods have not been restated, as not required to by the pronouncement.

As a result of adopting SFAS No. 123R on January 1, 2006, the Company's income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes and net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, are lower by approximately \$361,200 and \$246,000, and \$468,000 and \$309,000, respectively, than if it had continued to account for share-base compensation under ABP Opinion No. 25.

Both basic and diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 would have been \$0.07 if the Company had not adopted SFAS No. 123R, compared to reported \$0.04.

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 would have been \$1.70 and \$1.68, respectively, if the Company had not adopted SFAS No. 123R, compared to reported basic and diluted earnings per share of \$1.66 and \$1.64, respectively.

Both basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2008 would have been (\$0.18) if the Company had not adopted SFAS No. 123R, compared to reported (\$0.19).

Both basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2007 would have been \$0.25, respectively, if the Company had not adopted SFAS No. 123R, compared to reported \$0.24.

Because the change in income taxes payable includes the effect of excess tax benefits, those excess tax benefits also must be shown as a separate operating cash outflow so that operating cash flows exclude the effect of excess tax benefits. SFAS No. 123R requires the cash flows resulting from the tax benefits resulting from tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized for those options (excess tax benefits) to be classified as financing cash flows.

The weighted average fair value for the 54,500 new options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2008, the 17,500 new options granted during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and the 46,000 new options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2008, all estimated on the dates of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model were \$1.95, \$3.09 and \$3.45 per option, respectively.

The weighted average fair value for the 20,000 new options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2007, the 35,000 new options granted during the three months ended June 30, 2007 and the 5,000 new options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2007, all estimated on the dates of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model were \$3.27, \$2.92 and \$5.36 per option, respectively.

The fair value of options granted is estimated on the date of grant using the following assumptions:

	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2007
		3.20% -
Dividend yield	5.50% - 13.00%	6.70%
		42.87% -
Expected volatility	54.65% - 58.20%	54.77%
·		4.79% -
Risk-free interest rate	1.60% - 2.95%	4.86%
Expected life (in years)	2.69 - 3.19	2.58 - 2.63

Volatility of a share price is the standard deviation of the continuously compounded rates of return on the share over a specified period. The higher the volatility, the more returns on the shares can be expected to vary – up or down. The expected volatility is a measure of the amount by which a financial variable such as a share price has fluctuated (historical volatility) or is expected to fluctuate (expected volatility) during a period. Our volatility as reflected above contemplates only historical volatility.

Summary information about the Company's stock options outstanding as of September 30, 2008:

	W	eighted Averag	ge Weighted	
Range of	Outstanding at	Contractual	Average	Exercisable at
<b>Exercise Price</b>	September 30, 200	&riods in Years	Exercise Pric	September 30, 2008

	\$6.67 -				
1998 Plan	\$27.79	133,599	4.51 \$	15.83	39,250
2001 Franchise Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	\$8.32 -				
2002 Plan	\$18.21	614,151	3.32 \$	14.39	259,299

#### (8) Subordinated Debt

On September 30, 2004, we completed a private placement of 6% Senior Subordinated Notes due September 30, 2007 (the "September 2004 Notes"). These notes were offered and sold to accredited investors as units consisting of one September 2004 Note with a principal amount of \$1,000 and warrants to purchase shares of our Common Stock (the "2004 Warrants"). We sold an aggregate of \$12.5 million of units in this placement, which resulted in proceeds (net of placement agent fees of \$700,000 and offering expenses of \$32,500) to us of \$11,767,500.

On September 30, 2007, we made the final principal payment of \$1,041,667 on the September 2004 notes and the September 2004 warrants expired. Of the 1,019,608 shares that could have been issued in connection with the September 2004 warrants, 911,270 were exercised and 108,338 were unexercised. The unexercised warrants were cancelled as of September 30, 2007.

During 2007, we paid, pursuant to the terms of the September 2004 Notes and in accordance with the contractual computations, our first and second quarterly regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due in shares of our common stock. Common stock issued in connection with the first and second quarter of 2007 payments totaled 54,211 and 63,114 shares, respectively. Our third and fourth regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest

during 2007 were paid in cash and totaled \$1.1 million per payment. The last installment was paid on September 30, 2007.

#### (9) Stockholder's Equity

#### **Capital Stock**

The Company's authorized capital consists of 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 37,500,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of September 30, 2008, there were no preferred shares issued or outstanding and there were 8,013,894 shares of common stock outstanding. We do not reserve for common stock shares in connection with the exercise of issued and unissued common stock options.

#### (10) Subsequent Event

None

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General information about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Holding Company can be found at <u>www.21stcenturyholding.com</u> however, the information that can be accessed through our web site is not part of our report. We make our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 available free of charge on our web site, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with the SEC.

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 ("Form 10-Q") or in documents that are incorporated by reference that are not historical fact are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those discussed herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipat "intend," "could," "would," "estimate," or "continue" or the negative other variations thereof or comparable terminology intended to identify forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, uncertainties related to estimates, assumptions and projections relating to unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses and other accounting policies, losses from the nine hurricanes that occurred in fiscal years 2005 and 2004 and in other estimates, assumptions and projections contained in this Form 10-Q; inflation and other changes in economic conditions (including changes in interest rates and financial markets); the impact of new regulations adopted in Florida which affect the property and casualty insurance market; the costs of reinsurance, assessments charged by various governmental agencies; pricing competition and other initiatives by competitors; our ability to obtain regulatory approval for requested rate changes and the timing thereof; legislative and regulatory developments; the outcome of litigation pending against us, including the terms of any settlements; risks related to the nature of our business; dependence on investment income and the composition of our investment portfolio; the adequacy of our liability for loss and loss adjustment expense; insurance agents; claims experience; ratings by industry services; catastrophe losses; reliance on key personnel; weather conditions (including the severity and frequency of storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and hail); changes in driving patterns and loss trends; acts of war and terrorist activities; court decisions and trends in litigation and health care and auto repair costs; and other matters described from time to time by us in this report, and our other filings with the SEC, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

You are cautioned not to place reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are valid only as of the date they were made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events or otherwise. In addition, readers should be aware that GAAP prescribes when a company may reserve for particular risks, including litigation exposures. Accordingly, results for a given reporting period could be significantly affected if and when a reserve is established for a major contingency. Reported results may therefore appear to be volatile in certain accounting periods.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of 21st Century Holding Company have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. These financial statements do not include all information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The December 31, 2007 year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures

required by GAAP. The financial information furnished reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be achieved in the future.

#### Overview

We are an insurance holding company, which, through our subsidiaries and our contractual relationships with our independent agents and general agents, control substantially all aspects of the insurance underwriting, distribution and claims processes. We are authorized to underwrite homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance, and personal automobile insurance and commercial automobile insurance in various states with various lines of authority through our wholly owned subsidiaries, Federated National and American Vehicle. We internally process claims made by our own and third-party insureds through our wholly owned claims adjusting company, Superior Adjusting, Inc. ("Superior"). We also offer premium financing to our own and third-party insureds through our wholly owned subsidiary, Federated Premium Finance, Inc. ("Federated Premium"). We market and distribute our own and third-party insurers' products and our other services primarily in Florida, through contractual relationships with a network of approximately 1,500 independent agents and a select number of general agents.

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Federated National is authorized to underwrite homeowners' property and casualty insurance in Florida as an admitted carrier. American Vehicle is authorized in several states to underwrite commercial general liability coverage as either an admitted or non-admitted carrier. An admitted carrier is an insurance company that has received a license from the state department of insurance giving the company the authority to write specific lines of insurance in that state. These companies are also bound by rate and form regulations, and are strictly regulated to protect policyholders from a variety of illegal and unethical practices, including fraud. Admitted carriers are also required to financially contribute to the state guarantee fund, which is used to pay for losses if an insurance carrier becomes insolvent or unable to pay the losses due their policyholders. A non-admitted carrier is not licensed by the state, but is allowed to do business in that state and is strictly regulated to protect policyholders from a variety of illegal and unethical practices, including fraud. Sometimes, non-admitted carriers are referred to as "excess and surplus" lines carriers. Non-admitted carriers are subject to considerably less regulation with respect to policy rates and forms. Additionally, both Federated National and American Vehicle are authorized to underwrite personal and commercial automobile insurance in Florida as an admitted carrier.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 72.1%, 27.4% and 0.5% of the premiums we underwrote were for homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance and personal automobile insurance, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, 75.2%, 23.3% and 1.5% of the premiums we underwrote were for homeowners' property and casualty insurance, commercial general liability insurance and personal automobile insurance, respectively. Our business, results of operations and financial condition are subject to fluctuations due to a variety of factors. Abnormally high severity or frequency of claims in any period could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, if our estimated liabilities for unpaid losses and LAE are less than actual losses and LAE, we will be required to increase reserves with a corresponding reduction in our net income in the period in which the deficiency is identified.

We operate in highly competitive markets and face competition from national, regional and residual market insurance companies in the property and casualty, commercial general liability and automobile markets, many of whom are larger and have greater financial and other resources, have better ratings and offer more diversified insurance coverage. Our competitors include companies that market their products through agents, as well as companies that sell insurance directly to their customers. Large national writers may have certain competitive advantages over agency writers, including increased name recognition, increased loyalty of their customer base and reduced policy acquisition costs. Competition is having a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Significant competition has emerged as a result of the January 2007 emergency Florida legislation session wherein it passed, and the Governor signed into law, a bill known as "CS/HB-1A.". This law made fundamental changes to the property and casualty insurance business in Florida and undertook a multi-pronged approach to address the cost of residential property insurance in Florida. First, the law increased the capacity of reinsurance that stabilized the reinsurance market to the benefit of the insurance companies writing properties lines in the state of Florida. Secondly, the law provided for rate relief to all policyholders.

The law also authorized the state-owned insurance company, Citizens, which is free of many of the restraints on private carriers such as surplus, ratios, income taxes and reinsurance expense, to reduce its premium rates and begin competing against private insurers in the residential property insurance market and expands the authority of Citizens to write commercial insurance.

Additionally, in an effort to foster competition in the Florida homeowners' property insurance market, the State of Florida created a Capital Build-Up incentive program in response to the catastrophic events that occurred during 2004 and 2005. This program provides matching statutory capital to any new or existing carrier licensed to write

homeowners insurance in the state of Florida. This Capital Build-Up incentive program has certain default covenants that require participating carriers to maintain minimum net written premium ratios.

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Finally, during 2007 and 2008, approximately one dozen new homeowner insurance companies have received authority by the Florida OIR to commence business as admitted carriers in the state of Florida.

We believe that these aggressive marketplace changes have forced some carriers to pursue market share based on "best case" pricing models that may ultimately prove unprofitable from an underwriting perspective.

We have not participated in the Capital Build-Up incentive program and therefore have been able to remain committed to the discipline of writing business that is profitable from an underwriting perspective. This commitment has resulted in a significant erosion of our homeowners' property insurance market share. Although our pricing is inevitably influenced to some degree by that of our competitors, we believe that it is generally not in our shareholders' best interest to compete solely on price. We compete on the basis of underwriting criteria, our distribution network and superior service to our agents and insureds.

In Florida, more than 200 companies are authorized to underwrite homeowners' insurance. National and regional companies that compete with us in the homeowners' market include Allstate Insurance Company, State Farm Insurance Company and First Floridian Insurance Company. In addition to these nationally recognized names, we also compete with several Florida domestic property and casualty companies such as Universal Insurance Company of North America, Universal Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Royal Palm Insurance Company, Coral Insurance Company, Edison Insurance Company, Olympus Insurance Company, St. Johns Insurance Company, Cypress Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Tower Hill Insurance Company, Florida Family Insurance Company and American Strategic Insurance Company.

The table below denotes American Vehicle's authority, by state.

In January 2008, the Florida OIR granted American Vehicle licenses to underwrite commercial multiple peril, inland marine and surety lines of business as an admitted carrier.

Comparable companies which compete with us in the commercial general liability insurance market include Century Surety Insurance Company, Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company, Colony Insurance Company and Burlington/First Financial Insurance Companies. We also face new competition in Florida from such companies as Seminole Property and Casualty Insurance Company and U.S. Security Insurance Company.

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Assurance MGA, a wholly owned subsidiary, acts as Federated National's and American Vehicle's exclusive managing general agent in the state of Florida. As American Vehicle continues its expansion into other states, we intend to retain other general agents to market our commercial general liability insurance products. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Assurance MGA became licensed in the states of Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Assurance MGA currently provides underwriting policy administration, marketing, accounting and financial services to Federated National and American Vehicle, and participates in the negotiation of reinsurance contracts. For the above-mentioned services, Assurance MGA generates revenue through a 6% commission fee from the insurance companies' gross written premium, policy fee income of \$25 per policy and other administrative fees. The 6% commission fee from Federated National and American Vehicle was made effective January 1, 2005. Assurance MGA plans to establish relationships with additional carriers and add additional insurance products in the future.

Insure-Link was formed in March 2008. Insure-Link was created to serve as an independent insurance agency. The insurance agency markets to the general public to serve all of their insurance needs. Insure-Link will acquire new business through marketing and acquisition.

With respect to automobile insurance in Florida, we intentionally market only to our existing policyholders by offering to renew the existing policy. Temporarily, we have chosen not to compete with the more than 100 companies, which underwrite personal automobile insurance in Florida. Comparable companies in the personal automobile insurance market include Affirmative Insurance Holdings, Inc., which acquired our non-standard automobile agency business in Florida in December 2004, U.S. Security Insurance Company, United Automobile Insurance Company, Direct General Insurance Company and Security National Insurance Company, as well as major insurers such as Progressive Casualty Insurance Company.

Our executive offices are located at 3661 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 300, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, 33311 and our telephone number is (954) 581-9993.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

See Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in the Notes to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 included in Item I of this Report on 10-Q for a discussion of the Company's critical accounting policies.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in the Notes to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 included in Item I of this Report on 10-Q for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements and their effect, if any, on the Company.

Analysis of Financial Condition As of September 30, 2008 Compared to December 31, 2007

#### **Total Investments**

SFAS No. 115 addresses accounting and reporting for (a) investments in equity securities that have readily determinable fair values and (b) all investments in debt securities. SFAS No. 115 requires that these securities be classified into one of three categories: (i) held-to-maturity, (ii) trading securities or (iii) available-for-sale.

Investments classified as held-to-maturity include debt securities wherein the Company's intent and ability are to hold the investment until maturity. The accounting treatment for held-to-maturity investments is to carry them at amortized cost without consideration to unrealized gains or losses. Investments classified as trading securities include debt and equity securities bought and held primarily for the sale in the near term. The accounting treatment for trading securities is to carry them at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses included in current period operations. Investments classified as available-for-sale include debt and equity securities that are not classified as held-to-maturity or as trading security investments. The accounting treatment for available-for-sale securities is to carry them at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity, namely "Other Comprehensive Income".

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Total Investments decreased \$48.2 million, or 35.4%, to \$88.0 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$136.2 million as of December 31, 2007. Our fixed income portfolio contained callable features exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The proceeds from these called securities are currently in cash and short-term investments. We are currently evaluating long and short-term investment options for best yields that match our liquidity needs.

The fixed maturities and the equity securities that are available for sale and carried at fair value represent 83% of total investments as of September 30, 2008, compared to 85% as of December 31, 2007.

We did not hold any non-trading investment securities during 2008 or 2007.

Below is a summary of net unrealized gains and (losses) at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 by category.

	Unrealized Gains and (Losses)					
	Septe	mber 30, 2008	Dec	ember 31, 2007		
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. government obligations	\$	20,485	\$	(68,974)		
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		(85,746)		(1,706)		
		(65,261)		(70,680)		
Corporate securities:						
Communications		(150,222)		(3,481)		
Financial		(58,799)		(16,984)		
Other		(1,286,877)		(25,852)		
		(1,495,898)		(46,317)		
Equity securities:						
Common stocks		(1,276,937)		(3,989,319)		
Total fixed, corporate and equity securities	\$	(2,838,096)	\$	(4,106,316)		

Pursuant to FASB SFAS No. 115, the Company records the unrealized losses, net of estimated income taxes that are associated with that part of our portfolio classified as available for sale through the shareholders' equity account titled "Other Comprehensive Income". Management periodically reviews the individual investments that comprise our portfolio in order to determine whether a decline in fair value below our cost either is other than temporary or permanently impaired. Factors used in such consideration include, but are not limited to, the extent and length of time over which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and our ability and intent to keep the investment for a period sufficient to allow for an anticipated recovery in market value.

In reaching a conclusion that a security is either other than temporary or permanently impaired we consider such factors as the timeliness and completeness of expected dividends, principal and interest payments, ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations such as Standard and Poor's and Moody's, as well as information released via the general media channels. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, in connection with this process, we have charged to operations a net realized investment loss totaling approximately \$9.2 million with an estimated provisional tax effect of approximately \$3.0 million. The charge relates to short-term investments in connection with the common stocks of financial and pharmaceutical industries.

The investments held at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 were comprised mainly of United States government and agency bonds, as well as municipal bonds which are viewed by the Company as conservative and less risky holdings, though sensitive to interest rate changes. There is a smaller concentration of corporate bonds, predominantly held in the financial and conglomerate industries. At September 30, 2008, approximately 70% of the equity holdings are in mutual funds and 30% are in equities related to the financial industry and insurance industry.

All of our securities, except as noted above, are in good standing and are not impaired as defined by FASB SFAS No. 115.

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During the three months ended June 30, 2008, we reclassified \$7.2 million of our bond portfolio as held-to-maturity because we decided that we had the ability to hold them until maturity.

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, we reclassified \$7.5 million to available-for-sale because a collateralized requirement was reduced.

#### **Cash and Short Term Investments**

Cash and short-term investments, which include cash, certificates of deposits, and money market accounts, increased \$46.9 million, or 208.4%, to \$69.5 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$22.5 million as of December 31, 2007. Our excess cash and cash equivalents are invested in accordance with our long-term liquidity requirements.

Our fixed income portfolio contained callable features exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The proceeds from these called securities are currently in cash and short-term investments. We are currently evaluating long and short-term investment options for best yields that match our liquidity needs.

#### **Receivable for Investments Sold**

Receivable for investments sold decreased \$5.4 million, or 83.8%, to \$1.0 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$6.4 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease is a result of investment trading activity that occurred in late December and settled during early January 2008.

#### Finance Contracts Receivable, Net of Allowance for Credit Losses

Finance contracts receivable, net of allowance for credit losses, decreased \$0.2 million, or 52.6%, to \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease is primarily due to our sale in December 2004 of our assets related to our non-standard automobile insurance agency business in Florida and the associated financed contracts. We anticipate a continued decline in the financed contracts receivable, net over the future short term and its related conversion to cash, cash equivalents and investments.

## **Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums**

Prepaid reinsurance premiums decreased \$7.2 million, or 84.9%, to \$1.3 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$8.5 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease is due to our payments and amortization of prepaid reinsurance premiums associated with our homeowners' book of business.

#### **Premiums Receivable, Net of Allowance for Credit Losses**

Premiums receivable, net of allowance for credit losses, decreased \$0.3 million, or 8.7%, to \$3.5 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$3.8 million as of December 31, 2007. Our homeowners' insurance premiums receivable increased \$0.6 million, or 52.0%, to \$1.8 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.2 million as of December 31, 2007. Our commercial general liability insurance premiums receivable decreased \$0.8 million, or 30.9%, to \$1.8 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.6 million as of December 31, 2007. Premiums receivable in connection with our automobile line of business decreased \$0.3 million, or 72.0%, to \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2007. These changes are attributed to the seasonality of the purchasing patterns of our policyholders and our insurance policy marketing efforts.

## Reinsurance Recoverable, net

Reinsurance recoverable, net, decreased \$8.6 million, or 37.5%, to \$14.3 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$22.9 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease is due to payment patterns by our reinsurers. All amounts are current and deemed collectable. We have not recorded a valuation allowance in connection with our reinsurance recoverable, net.

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## **Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs**

Deferred policy acquisition costs decreased \$2.1 million, or 23.8%, to \$6.8 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$9.0 million as of December 31, 2007. The recent decreased production volume for both the homeowners' and commercial general liability product lines is the reason for the decrease in this asset.

#### **Deferred Income Taxes, net**

Deferred income taxes, net, increased \$1.9 million, or 34.5%, to \$7.6 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$5.6 million as of December 31, 2007. Deferred income taxes, net is comprised of approximately \$10.0 million and \$8.9 million of deferred tax assets, net of approximately \$2.4 million and \$3.2 million of deferred tax liabilities as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

#### **Income Taxes Receivable**

Income taxes receivable increased \$3.1 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to nothing as of December 31, 2007. The change is due to tax payment patterns in connection with our tax liabilities. See income taxes payable, below.

## Property, Plant and Equipment, net

Property, plant and equipment, net, decreased \$0.2 million, or 14.5%, to less than \$1.0 million as of September 30, 2008 compared to more than \$1.0 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease is primarily due to depreciation and amortization of our existing property, plant and equipment.

#### **Other Assets**

Other assets decreased \$0.7 million, or 25.4%, to \$2.2 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.9 million as of December 31, 2007. Major components of other assets are as follows:

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Accrued interest income receivable	\$ 617,860	\$ 1,429,844
Notes receivable	694,671	807,275
Prepaid expenses	677,085	547,542
Insurance receivables	141,000	-
Other	45,483	133,639
Total	\$ 2,176,099	\$ 2,918,300

#### **Unpaid Losses and LAE**

Unpaid losses and LAE decreased \$0.5 million, or 0.8%, to \$59.2 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$59.7 million as of December 31, 2007. The composition of unpaid losses and LAE by product line is as follows:

	September 30, 2008			December 31, 2007			
	Case	Bulk	Total	Case	Bulk	Total	
Homeowners'	\$ 9,477,761	\$ 17,712,459	\$ 27,190,220 \$	7,775,769	\$ 24,599,143	\$ 32,374,912	
	7,305,147	21,994,966	29,300,113	5,414,633	17,870,404	23,285,037	

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Commercial General Liability

Automobile 633,718 2,078,247 2,711,965 530,308 3,494,533 4,024,841 \$ 17,416,626 \$ 41,785,672 \$ 59,202,298 \$ 13,720,710 \$ 45,964,080 \$ 59,684,790

Factors that affect unpaid losses and LAE include the estimates made on a claim-by-claim basis known as "case reserves" coupled with bulk estimates known as incurred but not yet reported ("IBNR"). Periodic estimates by management of the ultimate costs required to settle all claim files are based on the Company's analysis of historical data and estimations of the impact of numerous factors such as (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and changes in political attitudes; and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation.

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Management revises its estimates based on the results of its analysis. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for estimating the ultimate settlement of all claims. There is no precise method for subsequently evaluating the impact of any specific factor on the adequacy of the reserves, because the eventual redundancy or deficiency is affected by multiple factors. Because of our process, reserves were decreased by approximately \$0.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

#### **Unearned Premium**

Unearned premiums decreased \$11.7 million, or 20.8%, to \$44.7 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$56.4 million as of December 31, 2007. The decrease was due to a \$9.2 million decrease in unearned homeowners' insurance premiums, a \$2.1 million decrease in unearned commercial general liability premiums, and a \$0.4 million decrease in unearned automobile premiums. Generally, as is in this case, a decrease in unearned premium directly relates to a decrease in written premium on a rolling twelve-month basis. Competition could continue to negatively affect our unearned premium.

## **Premium Deposits and Customer Credit Balances**

Premium deposits and customer credit balances decreased \$1.2 million, or 41.8%, to \$1.6 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.8 million as of December 31, 2007. Premium deposits are monies received on policies not yet in force as of September 30, 2008.

## **Bank Overdraft**

Bank overdraft increased \$0.2 million, or 2.5%, to \$8.9 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$8.7 million as of December 31, 2007. The bank overdraft relates primarily to losses and LAE disbursements paid but not yet presented for payment by the policyholder or vendor. The increase relates to our payment patterns in relationship to the rate at which those cash disbursements are presented to the bank for payment.

#### **Income Taxes Payable**

Income taxes payable was nothing as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$4.2 million as of December 31, 2007. The change is due to tax payment patterns in connection with our tax liabilities. See income taxes receivable, above.

#### **Deferred Gain from Sale of Property**

Deferred gain from sale of property decreased \$0.4 million, or 19.2%, to \$1.6 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.0 million as of December 31, 2007. In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 13, we are amortizing the deferred gain over the term of the leaseback, which is scheduled to end in December 2011.

#### **Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses decreased \$1.6 million, or 37.9%, to \$2.7 million as of September 30, 2008, compared to \$4.3 million as of December 31, 2007. This decrease is due to our cash management efforts and timing of payments with our trade vendors.

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#### **Results of Operations**

Automobile

Gross written premiums

Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2007

#### **Gross Premiums Written**

Gross premiums written decreased \$0.2 million, or 1.3%, to \$15.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$16.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The following table denotes gross premiums written by major product line:

Three months ended September 30.

	Times menung snasa septement co,					
	2008			200	7	
	Amount	Percentage		Amount	Percentage	
Homeowners'	\$ 8,399,503	52.99%	\$	8,512,741	53.00%	
Federal Flood	2,614,590	16.50%		-	-	
Commercial General						
Liability	4,795,336	30.25%		7,376,856	45.92%	

41,136

15,850,565

The Company's sale of homeowners' policies decreased \$0.1 million, or 1.3%, to \$8.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$8.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

0.26%

100.00% \$

174,036

16,063,633

1.08%

100.00%

Pursuant to the Florida OIR regulations, we are required to report write-your-own-flood premiums on a direct and ceded basis for 2008 and forward. Prior to 2008, we reported only the commissions income associated with this program.

Federated National and American Vehicle are currently rated by Demotech as "A" ("Exceptional"), which is the third of seven ratings, and defined as "Regardless of the severity of a general economic downturn or deterioration in the insurance cycle, insurers earning a Financial Stability Rating of "A" possess "Exceptional" financial stability related to maintaining surplus as regards to policyholders". Demotech's ratings are based upon factors of concern to agents, reinsurers and policyholders and are not primarily directed toward the protection of investors.

The Company's sale of commercial general liability policies decreased by \$2.6 million to \$4.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$7.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. This decrease is due to increased competition in the commercial general liability market. The following table sets forth the amounts and percentages of our gross premiums written in connection with our commercial general liability program by state:

	Three Months Ended September				
	2008	2007			
Amount	t Percentage	Amount			

	Α	mount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
<u>State</u>					
Alabama	\$	27	0.55%	\$ -	-
Arkansas		-	-	-	-
California		51	1.06%	-	-
Florida		3,497	72.94%	4,563	61.85%

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Georgia	141	2.94%	208	2.82%
Kentucky	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	986	20.57%	1,365	18.50%
Maryland	2	0.05%	-	-
South				
Carolina	7	0.14%	47	0.64%
Texas	84	1.76%	1,194	16.19%
Virginia	-	-	-	-0.01%
Total	\$ 4,795	100.0% \$	7,377	100.0%

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The Company's sale of auto insurance policies decreased by \$0.1 million, or 76.4%, to nearly nothing for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. With respect to automobile insurance in Florida, we intentionally market only to our existing policyholders by offering to renew the existing policy. Temporarily, we have chosen not to compete with the more than 100 companies, which underwrite personal automobile insurance in Florida.

#### **Gross Premiums Ceded**

Gross premiums ceded decreased \$5.0 million, or 16.4%, to \$25.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$30.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

## **Increase in Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums**

The increase in prepaid reinsurance premiums was \$15.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$19.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The decreased charge to written premium is primarily associated with the timing of our reinsurance payments measured against the term of the underlying reinsurance policies.

#### **Decrease in Unearned Premiums**

The decrease in unearned premiums was \$10.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$22.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The change was due to an \$8.4 million decrease in unearned homeowners' insurance premiums, a \$2.2 million decrease in unearned commercial general liability premiums and a \$0.1 million decrease in unearned automobile premiums. These changes are a result of our decreased premium volume during this period. See Gross Premiums Written.

#### **Net Premiums Earned**

Net premiums earned decreased \$10.9 million, or 40.2%, to \$16.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$27.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. These changes are a result of our decreased premium volume. The following table denotes net premiums earned by product line:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 2007 Amount Percentage Percentage Amount Homeowners' 9,116,342 56.10% \$ 18,325,278 67.42% Commercial General Liability 7,063,622 43.47% 8,595,979 31.62% Automobile 0.43% 259,995 0.96% 69,362 100.00% Net premiums earned 16,249,326 100.00% \$ 27,181,252

#### **Commission Income**

Commission income decreased \$0.3 million, or 69.0%, to \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The 2008 commission income is in connection with our reinsurance treaties. The primary component of our 2007 commission income was from our

participation in a Citizens take out program in May through July 2004, wherein the commissions were earned upon the successful retention of the policyholders for thirty-six months.

## **Finance Revenue**

Finance revenue remained unchanged at \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2007. This is primarily due to the Company's decreased emphasis on automobile insurance and the finance revenue derived there-from.

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## **Managing General Agent Fees**

Managing general agent fees increased nearly \$0.2 million, or 94.4%, to more than \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to less than \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, which was net of a \$0.2 million adjustment.

#### **Net Investment Income**

Net investment income decreased \$0.8 million, or 33.8%, to \$1.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Net investment income on corporate bonds, which generally provide a higher yield than U.S. government bonds, increased \$0.6 million, to \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to less than \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. Net investment income on U.S. government bonds decreased \$1.1 million, to less than \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Affecting our net investment income was a decrease in funds available for investment and a decrease in the overall yield to 3.79% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 compared to a yield of 5.62% for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

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

Net realized investment losses were \$3.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The table below depicts the net realized investment losses by investment category for the three months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the same period during 2007. During the quarter ended September 30, 2008, we marked certain equity investments to market value pursuant to guidelines prescribed in SFAS no. 115. In reaching a conclusion that a security is either other than temporary or permanently impaired we consider such factors as the timeliness and completeness of expected dividends, principal and interest payments, ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations such as Standard and Poor's and Moody's, as well as information released via the general media channels. The pretax charge to operations was approximately \$2.7 million in connection with our estimates of the net realizable value of these investments.

Net Realized (Losses) Gains

	Three Months Ended September 30,				
		2008		2007	
Fixed maturities:					
U.S. government obligations and agencies	\$	-	\$	17,588	
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		-		(437,184)	
Corporate		(523,444)		-	
Equity securities:					
Common stocks		(2,471,907)		(1,021,586)	
Total net realized (losses)	\$	(2,995,351)	\$	(1,441,182)	

## **Regulatory Assessments Recovered**

Regulatory assessments recovered decreased \$0.2 million, or 33.6%, to \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

#### **Other Income**

Other income remained unchanged at \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2007.

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Major components of other income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 included approximately \$0.1 million in partial recognition of our gain on the sale of our Lauderdale Lakes property and \$0.1 million in connection with rental income, interest income and miscellaneous income.

#### Losses and LAE

Losses and LAE, our most significant expense, represent actual payments made and changes in estimated future payments to be made to or on behalf of our policyholders, including expenses required to settle claims and losses. We revise our estimates based on the results of analysis of estimated future payments to be made. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for predicting future events.

Losses and LAE decreased by \$5.0 million, or 33.4%, to \$9.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$14.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The overall change includes a \$3.1 million increase in our homeowners' program, a \$4.2 million decrease in our commercial general liability program and a \$3.9 million decrease in connection with our automobile program.

We continue to revise our estimates of the ultimate financial impact of past storms. The revisions to our estimates are based on our analysis of subsequent information that we receive regarding various factors, including: (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation.

The composition of unpaid losses and LAE by product line is as follows:

	Se	September 30, 2008			June 30, 2007			
	Case	Bulk	Total	Case	Bulk	Total		
Homeowners'	\$ 9,477,761	\$ 17,712,459	\$ 27,190,220 \$	7,923,980	\$ 19,608,725	\$ 27,532,705		
Commercial								
General								
Liability	7,305,147	21,994,966	29,300,113	6,346,703	21,818,145	28,164,848		
Automobile	633,718	2,078,247	2,711,965	269,341	2,380,451	2,649,792		
	\$ 17,416,626	\$ 41,785,672	\$ 59,202,298 \$	5 14,540,024	\$ 43,807,321	\$ 58,347,345		

Factors that affect unpaid losses and LAE include the estimates made on a claim-by-claim basis known as "case reserves" coupled with bulk estimates known as incurred but not yet reported ("IBNR"). Periodic estimates by management of the ultimate costs required to settle all claim files are based on the Company's analysis of historical data and estimations of the impact of numerous factors such as (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and changes in political attitudes; and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation.

Management revises its estimates based on the results of its analysis. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for estimating the ultimate settlement of all claims. There is no precise method for subsequently evaluating the impact of any specific factor on the adequacy of the reserves, because the eventual redundancy or deficiency is affected by multiple factors. Because of our process, reserves were increased by approximately \$0.9 million during the quarter ended September

30, 2008.

In accordance with GAAP, our loss ratio is computed as losses and LAE divided by net premiums earned. A lower loss ratio generally results in higher operating income. Our loss ratio for the three-month period ended September 30, 2008 was 60.9% compared with 54.7% for the same period in 2007. The table below reflects the loss ratios by product line.

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Three Months Ended September 30,

	2008	2007
Homeowners'	65.1%	28.7%
Commercial General		
Liability	51.2%	95.5%
Automobile	210.9%	262.1%
All lines	60.9%	54.7%

#### **Operating and Underwriting Expenses**

Operating and underwriting expenses decreased \$2.2 million, or 57.0%, to \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$3.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The change is primarily due to a \$2.8 million decrease in Boards, Bureaus and Association expense resulting from decreased assessments.

## Salaries and Wages

Salaries and wages increased \$0.3 million, or 17.5%, to \$2.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The three months ended September 30, 2008 included a \$0.3 million severance payment. The charge to operations for stock based compensation, in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R, was approximately \$100,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2008 compared to approximately \$262,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

#### **Policy Acquisition Costs, Net of Amortization**

Policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, decreased \$1.2 million, or 22.5%, to \$4.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$5.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. Policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, consists of the actual policy acquisition costs, including commissions, payroll and premium taxes, less commissions earned on reinsurance ceded and policy fees earned. The recent decreased production volume for both the homeowners' and commercial general liability product lines is the reason for the decrease in this asset.

## Provision for Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

The provision for income tax benefit was \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to an income tax expense of \$1.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The effective rate for income taxes was 18.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to 48.9% for the same three-month period in 2007. The unusual provision for the three months ended September 30, 2008 is due to a \$2.7 million investment impairment adjustment and the related deferred tax asset.

#### Net (Loss) Income

As a result of the foregoing, the Company's net loss income for the three months ended September 30, 2008, was \$1.5 million compared to net income of \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

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#### **Results of Operations**

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

#### **Gross Premiums Written**

Gross premiums written decreased \$39.0 million, or 35.6%, to \$70.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$109.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The following table denotes gross premiums written by major product line:

Nine months ended September 30,

	2008			200	) /
	Amount	Percentage		Amount	Percentage
Homeowners'	\$ 48,319,949	68.35%	\$	82,471,900	75.17%
Federal Flood	2,614,590	3.70%		-	-
Commercial General					
Liability	19,385,265	27.42%		25,601,473	23.33%
Automobile	375,070	0.53%		1,642,493	1.50%
Gross written premiums	\$ 70,694,874	100.00%	\$	109,715,866	100.00%

The Company's sale of homeowners' policies decreased \$34.2 million, or 41.4% to \$48.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$82.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The significant erosion is primarily due to the soft market conditions prevailing in the state of Florida. The soft market conditions are lead by Citizens, the state run insurance company. We believe that these marketplace conditions have forced some carriers to pursue market share based on "best case" pricing models that may ultimately prove unprofitable from an underwriting perspective. We do not intend to compete with others solely based on pricing mechanisms. We will continue to market our property insurance product in territories in Florida where our rates are competitive.

Pursuant to the Florida OIR regulations, we are required to report write-your-own-flood premiums on a direct and ceded basis for 2008 and forward. Prior to 2008, we reported only the commissions income associated with this program.

Federated National and American Vehicle are currently rated by Demotech as "A" ("Exceptional"), which is the third of seven ratings, and defined as "Regardless of the severity of a general economic downturn or deterioration in the insurance cycle, insurers earning a Financial Stability Rating of "A" possess "Exceptional" financial stability related to maintaining surplus as regards to policyholders". Demotech's ratings are based upon factors of concern to agents, reinsurers and policyholders and are not primarily directed toward the protection of investors.

The Company's sale of commercial general liability policies decreased by \$6.6 million to \$19.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$25.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. This decrease is due to increased competition in the commercial general liability market. The following table sets forth the amounts and percentages of our gross premiums written in connection with our commercial general liability program by state:

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2008 2007

Int Percentage Amount Percent

	Amount	Percentage (Dollars in T	Amount Thousands)		Percentage
<u>State</u>					
Alabama	\$ 98	0.51%	\$	-	-
Arkansas	12	0.06%		-	-
California	251	1.29%		-	-
Florida	12,891	66.51%		17,067	66.69%
Georgia	471	2.43%		800	3.12%
Kentucky	1	-		5	0.02%
Louisiana	3,501	18.06%		4,047	15.80%
Maryland	2	0.01%		-	-
South					
Carolina	66	0.34%		134	0.52%
Texas	2,084	10.75%		3,516	13.73%
Virginia	8	0.04%		32	0.12%
Total	\$ 19,385	100.0%	\$	25,601	100.0%

The Company's sale of auto insurance policies decreased by \$1.3 million, or 77.2%, to \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. With respect to automobile insurance in Florida, we intentionally market only to our existing policyholders by offering to renew the existing policy. Temporarily, we have chosen not to compete with the more than 100 companies, which underwrite personal automobile insurance in Florida.

#### **Gross Premiums Ceded**

Gross premiums ceded decreased \$12.6 million, or 27.1%, to \$33.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$46.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

#### **Increase in Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums**

The increase in prepaid reinsurance premiums was \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increased charge to written premium is primarily associated with the timing of our reinsurance payments measured against the term of the underlying reinsurance policies.

#### **Decrease in Unearned Premiums**

The decrease in unearned premiums was \$11.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$9.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The 2008 amount was due to a \$9.2 million decrease in unearned homeowners' insurance premiums, a \$2.1 million decrease in unearned commercial general liability premiums and a \$0.4 million decrease in unearned automobile premiums. These changes are a result of our decreased premium volume during this period. See Gross Premiums Written.

#### **Net Premiums Earned**

Net premiums earned decreased \$24.1 million, or 32.3%, to \$50.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$74.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The following table denotes net premiums earned by product line:

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Nine Months Ended September 30,

	2008		20	07
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Homeowners'	\$ 28,063,006	55.77%	\$ 46,677,098	62.77%
Commercial General				
Liability	21,795,548	43.32%	25,845,914	34.75%
Automobile	455,348	0.91%	1,844,971	2.48%
Net premiums earned	\$ 50,313,902	100.00%	\$ 74,367,983	100.00%

#### **Commission Income**

Commission income decreased \$5.8 million, or 83.2%, to \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$6.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The 2008 commission income is in connection with our reinsurance treaties. The primary components of our 2007 commission income were non-reoccurring operating events stemming from two separate events. First and pursuant to provisions contained in our three-year reinsurance treaties, we were afforded the right to cancel the remaining two years and be entitled to receive a no loss experience commission. In connection with this treaty, we reported approximately \$2.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The second non-reoccurring operating event was in connection with commission income totaling approximately \$2.8 million in connection with our participation in a Citizens take out program in 2004, wherein the commission was earned by us upon the successful retention of the policyholder for thirty-six months.

#### **Finance Revenue**

Finance revenue decreased \$0.2 million, or 42.0%, to \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The change is primarily due to the Company's decreased emphasis on automobile insurance and the finance revenue derived there-from.

#### **Managing General Agent Fees**

Managing general agent fees decreased \$0.2 million, or 14.0%, to \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, which was net of a \$0.2 million adjustment. The recent decreased production volume for both the homeowners' and commercial general liability product lines is the reason for the decrease in this account.

#### **Net Investment Income**

Net investment income decreased \$0.7 million, or 11.8%, to \$5.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$6.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Net investment income on corporate bonds, which generally provide a higher yield than U.S. government bonds, increased \$2.2 million, to \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Net investment income on U.S. government bonds decreased \$2.9 million, to \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$3.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Affecting our net investment income was a decrease in funds available for investment and a decrease in the overall yield to 4.47% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to a yield of 5.27% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

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

Net realized investment losses were \$9.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The table below depicts the net realized investment (losses) gains by investment category for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the same period during 2007. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we marked certain equity investments to market value pursuant to guidelines prescribed in SFAS No. 115. In reaching a conclusion that a security is either other than temporary or permanently impaired we consider such factors as the timeliness and completeness of expected dividends, principal and interest payments, ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations such as Standard and Poor's and Moody's, as well as information released via the general media channels. The pretax charge to operations was approximately \$9.2 million in connection with our estimates of the net realizable value of these investments.

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## **Regulatory Assessments Recovered**

Regulatory assessments recovered increased \$0.4 million, or 28.4%, to \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

#### **Other Income**

Other income increased \$0.2 million, or 39.0%, to \$0.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Major components of other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 included approximately \$0.4 million in partial recognition of our gain on the sale of our Lauderdale Lakes property and \$0.3 million in connection with rental income, interest income and miscellaneous income.

#### Losses and LAE

Losses and LAE, our most significant expense, represent actual payments made and changes in estimated future payments to be made to or on behalf of our policyholders, including expenses required to settle claims and losses. We revise our estimates based on the results of analysis of estimated future payments to be made. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for predicting future events.

Losses and LAE decreased by \$8.4 million, or 21.6%, to \$30.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$38.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The overall change includes a \$1.3 million decrease in our homeowners' program and a \$7.1 million decrease in connection with our automobile program.

We continue to revise our estimates of the ultimate financial impact of past storms. The revisions to our estimates are based on our analysis of subsequent information that we receive regarding various factors, including: (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation.

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The composition of unpaid losses and LAE by product line is as follows:

	September 30, 2008			December 31, 2007			
	Case	Bulk	Total	Case	Bulk	Total	
Homeowners'	\$ 9,477,761	\$ 17,712,459	\$ 27,190,220 \$	7,775,769	\$ 24,599,143	\$ 32,374,912	
Commercial							
General							
Liability	7,305,147	21,994,966	29,300,113	5,414,633	17,870,404	23,285,037	
Automobile	633,718	2,078,247	2,711,965	530,308	3,494,533	4,024,841	
	\$ 17,416,626	\$ 41,785,672	\$ 59,202,298 \$	13,720,710	\$ 45,964,080	\$ 59,684,790	

Factors that affect unpaid losses and LAE include the estimates made on a claim-by-claim basis known as "case reserves" coupled with bulk estimates known as incurred but not yet reported ("IBNR"). Periodic estimates by management of the ultimate costs required to settle all claim files are based on the Company's analysis of historical data and estimations of the impact of numerous factors such as (i) per claim information; (ii) company and industry historical loss experience; (iii) legislative enactments, judicial decisions, legal developments in the awarding of damages, and changes in political attitudes; and (iv) trends in general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation.

Management revises its estimates based on the results of its analysis. This process assumes that past experience, adjusted for the effects of current developments and anticipated trends, is an appropriate basis for estimating the ultimate settlement of all claims. There is no precise method for subsequently evaluating the impact of any specific factor on the adequacy of the reserves, because the eventual redundancy or deficiency is affected by multiple factors. Because of our process, reserves were decreased by approximately \$0.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

In accordance with GAAP, our loss ratio is computed as losses and LAE divided by net premiums earned. A lower loss ratio generally results in higher operating income. Our loss ratio for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 was 60.1% compared with 52.0% for the same period in 2007. The table below reflects the loss ratios by product line.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2008	2007	
Homeowners'	58.3%	43.0%	
Commercial			
General			
Liability	64.2%	55.7%	
Automobile	16.0%	166.2%	
All lines	60.1%	52.0%	

#### **Operating and Underwriting Expenses**

Operating and underwriting expenses decreased \$6.2 million, or 57.1%, to \$4.74 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$10.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The change is primarily due to a \$2.8 million decrease in Boards, Bureaus and Association expense resulting from decreased assessments and a \$2.3 million decrease in premium tax expense, a result of decreased written premium. Also contributing to the change is a \$1.0 million decrease in bad debts expense and a \$0.1 million decrease in licenses and

fees.

## Salaries and Wages

Salaries and wages increased \$0.5 million, or 10.7%, to \$5.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$5.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The nine months ended September 30, 2008 included a \$0.3 million severance payment. The charge to operations for stock-based compensation, in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R, was approximately \$0.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to approximately \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

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#### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense decreased to nothing for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease is in correlation to our subordinated debt that was satisfied during 2007.

#### **Policy Acquisition Costs, Net of Amortization**

Policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, decreased \$3.1 million, or 20.8%, to \$11.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$14.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, consists of the actual policy acquisition costs, including commissions, payroll and premium taxes, less commissions earned on reinsurance ceded and policy fees earned. The recent decreased production volume for both the homeowners' and commercial general liability product lines is the reason for the decrease in this asset.

#### Provision for Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

The provision for income tax benefit was \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to an expense of \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The effective rate for income taxes was 132.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to 33.9% for the same –nine month period in 2007. The unusual provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is due to a \$9.2 million investment impairment adjustment and the related deferred tax asset. Also affecting the 2008 rate was a one-time \$1.0 million benefit in connection with the estimation of the previous years' income taxes.

A summary of the provision for income tax benefit for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

# Nine Month Ended September 30, 2008

Federal:	
Current	\$ 1,808,893
Deferred	(2,001,635)
Provision for Federal income	
tax expense	(192,742)
State:	
Current	275,920
Deferred	(333,948)
Provision for state income tax	
expense	(58,028)
Subtotal	(250,770)
Prior year credit to provision	(965,555)
Provision for income tax	
(benefit)	\$ (1,216,325)

The actual provision for income tax (benefit) differs from the "expected" provision for income tax expense (computed by applying the combined applicable effective federal and state tax rates to income before provision for income tax expense) as follows:

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Computed expected provision for income tax	
(benefit), at federal rate	\$ (313,108)
State tax, net of federal deduction benefit	(33,429)
Tax-exempt interest	(165,279)
Dividend received deduction	(167,160)
Stock option expense and other permanent	
differences	106,232
Rate differential	313,282
Subtotal	\$ (259,462)
Prior year credit to provision	(956,863)
Provision for income tax (benefit)	\$ (1,216,325)

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of our net deferred tax asset are as follows:

Deferred tax assets:	
Unpaid losses and	
LAE	\$ 1,990,953
Unearned premiums	1,611,511
Unrealized loss on	
investment	
securities	1,067,976
Allowance for credit	
losses	78,841
Allowance for	
impairments	2,138,773
Regulatory	
assessments	1,495,141
Capital loss	
carryback	961,644
Discount on	
advance premiums	(52,251)
Deferred gain on	
sale and leaseback	497,981
Stock option	
expense per FASB	
123R	219,455
Total deferred tax	
assets	10,010,024
Deferred tax	
liabilities:	
Deferred acquisition	
costs, net	(2,568,187)

Depreciation	146,192
Total deferred tax	
liabilities	(2,421,995)
Net deferred tax	
asset	\$ 7,588,029

#### **Net Income**

As a result of the foregoing, the Company's net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, was \$.03 million compared to net income of \$13.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, our primary sources of capital were revenues generated from operations, including decreased reinsurance recoverable, net, decreased prepaid reinsurance premiums, decreased policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, decreased other assets, non-cash compensation, decreased premiums receivable, depreciation and amortization, decreased finance contracts receivable, increased bank overdraft, and an increase in the provision for uncollectible premiums receivable. Also contributing to our liquidity were proceeds from the sale of investments, exercised stock options and the tax benefit related to non-cash compensation. Because we are a holding company, we are largely dependent upon fees and commissions from our subsidiaries for cash flow.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, operations used net operating cash flow of \$13.9 million, compared to provided \$24.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, operations generated \$19.9 million of gross cash flow due to an \$8.6 million decrease in reinsurance recoverable, net, a \$7.2 million decrease in prepaid reinsurance premiums, a \$2.1 million decrease in policy acquisition costs, net of amortization, a \$0.4 million decrease in other assets, \$0.3 million in non-cash compensation. To a much less significant extent, operations generated additional sources of cash via a \$0.2 million increase in bank overdraft, a \$0.2 million decrease in finance contracts receivable, \$0.2 million in depreciation and amortization, a \$0.2 million decrease in premiums receivable and a \$0.1 million increase in the provision for uncollectible premiums receivable, all in conjunction with net income of \$0.3 million.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, operations used \$33.8 million of gross cash flow primarily due to a \$11.7 million decrease in unearned premiums, \$9.3 million in net realized investment losses, a \$4.2 million decrease in income taxes payable, a \$3.1 million increase in income taxes recoverable, a \$1.9 million increase in deferred income tax expense, a \$1.6 million decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses, a \$1.2 million decrease in premium deposits and customer credit balances, a \$0.5 million decrease in unpaid losses and LAE and \$0.2 million in amortization of investment discount, net.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, net investing activities provided \$63.8 million, compared to having used \$21.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Our available for sale investment portfolio is highly liquid as it consists entirely of readily marketable securities.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, investing activities generated \$99.5 million and used \$35.6 million from the maturity several times over of our very short municipal portfolio. Our fixed income portfolio contained callable features exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The proceeds from these called securities are currently in cash and short-term investments. We are currently evaluating long and short-term investment options for best yields that match our liquidity needs.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, net financing activities used \$2.9 million, compared to used \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the sources of cash in connection with financing activities included \$1.3 million from the exercise of stock options and \$0.1 million in connection with the tax benefit related to non-cash compensation. The uses of cash in connection with financing activities included \$4.3 million in dividends paid and \$0.1 million for the acquisition of treasury stock.

We offer direct billing in connection with our automobile and homeowner programs. Direct billing is an agreement in which the insurance company accepts from the insured, as a receivable, a promise to pay the premium, as opposed to requiring the full amount of the policy at policy inception, either directly from the insured or from a premium finance company. The advantage of direct billing a policyholder by the insurance company is that we are not reliant on a credit facility, but remain able to charge and collect interest from the policyholder.

We believe that our current capital resources will be sufficient to meet currently anticipated working capital requirements. There can be no assurances, however, that such will be the case.

As of September 30, 2008, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as "structured finance" or "special purpose" entities, which were established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance-sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, management believes that we currently are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risks that could arise if we had engaged in transactions of that type requiring disclosure herein.

# **Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices**

The consolidated financial statements and related data presented herein have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, which requires the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. Our primary assets and liabilities are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on performance than the effects of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or with the same magnitude as the inflationary effect on the cost of paying losses and LAE.

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Insurance premiums are established before we know the amount of losses and LAE and the extent to which inflation may affect such expenses. Consequently, we attempt to anticipate the future impact of inflation when establishing rate levels. While we attempt to charge adequate premiums, we may be limited in raising premium levels for competitive and regulatory reasons. Inflation also affects the market value of our investment portfolio and the investment rate of return. Any future economic changes that result in prolonged and increasing levels of inflation could cause increases in the dollar amount of incurred losses and LAE and thereby materially adversely affect future liability requirements.

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# Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Information related to quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk was included under Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk", in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. No material changes have occurred in market risk since this information was disclosed except as discussed below.

Our investment portfolio is available for sale and carried at fair value, except for that portion deemed as held to maturity. Gains that represent securities with a fair value in excess of amortized cost, and losses (amortized cost is in excess of fair value) that are deemed temporary by management are recorded in shareholders' equity in accumulated other comprehensive income. Losses deemed other than temporary by management are recorded as net realized losses in the consolidated statement of operations. A summary of the investment portfolio as of September 30, 2008 follows:

		Book Value		Fair / Amortiz	ed Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. government obligations						
and agencies available for						
sale	\$	5,786,412	6.37% \$	5,806,896	6.60% \$	20,484
U.S. government obligations						
and agencies held to maturity		8,605,696	9.47%	8,605,696	9.78%	-
Obligations of states and						
political subdivisions						
available for sale		16,064,747	17.68%	15,979,001	18.14%	(85,746)
		30,456,855	33.52%	30,391,593	34.52%	(65,262)
Corporate securities:						
Communications available						
for sale		741,282	0.82%	591,060	0.67%	(150,222)
Financial available for sale		2,637,637	2.90%	2,578,839	2.93%	(58,798)
Other available for sale		43,570,362	47.95%	42,283,485	48.03%	(1,286,877)
Other held to maturity		5,941,665	6.55%	5,941,664	6.75%	(1)
		52,890,946	58.22%	51,395,048	58.38%	(1,495,898)
Equity securities:						
Common stocks available for						
sale		7,517,367	8.26%	6,240,431	7.10%	(1,276,936)
Total fixed cornerate and						
Total fixed, corporate and equity securities	\$	90,865,168	100.00% \$	88,027,072	100.00% \$	(2,838,096)
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For our held to maturity portfolio as of September 30, 2008, the unrealized gain totaled approximately \$118,000 and was almost entirely in connection with our U.S. government obligations and agencies.

As of September 30, 2008, there were no concentrations greater than 5% of total investments in any single investment other than United States government and agency obligations and obligations of states and political subdivisions.

#### Item 4

#### **Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities and Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Our management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of September 30, 2008. Based upon their evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as of September 30, 2008, were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Except for our ongoing efforts, there were no changes during the quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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#### **Part II: OTHER INFORMATION**

# Item 1

### **Legal Proceedings**

See Item 1 of Part I, "Financial Statements – Note 3 – Commitments and Contingencies."

#### Item 1A

#### **Risk Factors**

Except as disclosed below, there have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1, Risk Factors, in the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

We have filed for a petition for hearing in connection with a notice from the OIR stating that on a preliminary basis excessive profits of \$1.8 million have been realized for private passenger automobile business during prior periods. We face the possible risk of having to restate our audited financial statements for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 if we are unsuccessful in our petition for hearing.

On April 22, 2008, Federated received a notice from the OIR stating that on a preliminary basis excessive profits of \$1.8 million have been realized for private passenger automobile business for the statutory review period covering calendar / accident years 2004, 2005 and 2006, valued at March 31, 2007 pursuant to Section 627.066 of the Florida Statutes. We are disputing the preliminary findings and have filed for a petition for hearing in connection with this matter. Specifically, Section 627.066 of the Florida Statutes calls for the consolidation of the individual insurers of the group. Federated and its affiliate American Vehicle form an insurer group. Both Federated and American Vehicle incorrectly filed unconsolidated reports last year. The examination of a consolidated filing of the same data for the same periods clearly demonstrates that the group did not realize excess profit during the period in question and accordingly we have requested that the agency rescind and/or vacate its notice.

If we are unsuccessful in our petition for hearing, we face the possible risk of having to restate our audited financial statements for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 and filing amended Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for these periods.

We are named as a Defendant in a securities class action lawsuit and a derivative lawsuit and it may have an adverse impact on our business.

We are named as a Defendant in a securities class action lawsuit and a shareholder's derivative lawsuit. For more information about the status of these lawsuits, see "Part II, Item 1. Legal Proceedings." An unfavorable resolution of this pending litigation could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. Litigation may result in substantial costs and expenses and significantly divert the attention of the Company's management regardless of the outcome. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to achieve a favorable settlement of pending litigation or obtain a favorable resolution of litigation if it is not settled. In addition, current litigation could lead to increased costs or interruptions of normal business operations of the Company.

We face a risk of non-collectibility of reinsurance, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and/or financial condition.

As is common practice within the insurance industry, we transfer a portion of the risks insured under our policies to other companies through the purchase of reinsurance. This reinsurance is maintained to protect our insurance subsidiary against the severity of losses on individual claims, unusually serious occurrences in which a number of claims produce an aggregate extraordinary loss and catastrophic events. Although reinsurance does not discharge our insurance subsidiary from its primary obligation to pay for losses insured under the policies it issues, reinsurance does make the assuming reinsurer liable to the insurance subsidiary for the reinsured portion of the risk. A credit exposure exists with respect to ceded losses to the extent that any reinsurer is unable or unwilling to meet the obligations assumed under the reinsurance contracts. The collectibility of reinsurance is subject to the solvency of the reinsurers, interpretation of contract language and other factors. A reinsurer's insolvency or inability to make payments under the terms of a reinsurance contract could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

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We also obtain a significant portion of our reinsurance through the FHCF program. For the 2008-2009 hurricane season, coverage afforded by FHCF totals approximately \$167.0 million, or 56% of the \$310.0 million of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE. For the 2007-2008 hurricane season, coverage afforded by the FHCF totaled approximately \$261.0 million or 65% of the \$403.0 of aggregate catastrophic losses and LAE.

Therefore, in the event of a catastrophic loss, we may become dependent upon the FHCF's ability to pay, which may, in turn, be dependent upon the FHCF's ability to issue bonds in amounts that would be required to meet its reinsurance obligations in the event of such a catastrophic loss. There is no assurance that the FHCF will be able to do this. The Florida Senate Banking and Insurance Committee recently published an insurance-related Interim Report entitled *Status of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.* Notable findings in the report include:

- The total liability of the FHCF could be up to \$28.0 billion for a single season storm
- •The FHCF has approximately \$10.3 billion in liquidity, which includes the \$4.0 billion "put" option. The "putt" option is the guarantee arrangement with Berkshire Hathaway approved by the State Board of Administration this summer
- •The FHCF has "potential obligations that it can not pay of approximately \$14.5 billion in the event of a major storm"

Additionally, the FHCF treaty contains an exclusion that specifically states "Losses in excess of the sum of the Balance of the Fund as of December 31 of the Contract Year and the amount the SBA is able to raise through the issuance of revenue bonds or by the use of other financing mechanisms, up to the limit pursuant to Section 215.555(4)(c), Florida Statutes."

#### **Additional Risk Factors**

The risks described in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

#### Item 2

#### (a) Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, we have issued an aggregate of 54,500 options to certain executive and non-executive employees of the Company under our 2002 and 1998 stock option plans. The options have an exercise price between \$8.32 and \$8.67 per share, vest over five years at 20% per year and expire six years from the grant date.

#### (b) None

# (c) Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On May 14, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$5.0 million of its common stock (the "Plan"). During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company did not repurchase any shares of it common stock under the Plan.

During the period between May 14, 2007 and March 31, 2008, the Company has repurchased an aggregate of \$3.9 million of its common stock under the Plan. In November 2008, the Company terminated the Plan.

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Defaults upon Senior Securities
None
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Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders
None
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Other Information
None
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Exhibits
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10.2 Interests and Liabilities Agreement of Actua Re Ltd with respect to Excess Catastrophe Reinsurance Contract, effective as of July 1, 2008 issued to Federated national Insurance Company*
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10.6 Reinstatement Premium Protection Additional Layer Reinsurance Contract, effective August 29, 2008 issued to Federated National Insurance Company *
10.7 Additional Layer Excess Catastrophe Reinsurance Contract, effective August 29, 2008 issued to Federated National Insurance Company*
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\*Filed herewith

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# **Signatures**

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

# 21st CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael H. Braun

Michael H. Braun, Chief Executive

Officer

/s/ Peter J. Prygelski, III

Peter J. Prygelski, III, Chief Financial

Officer

Date: November 10, 2008

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