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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as established by the Auditing Standards Board (United States) and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) and our report dated March 3, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Ernst + Young LLP

March 3, 2016



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Management's Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors
Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.

Management of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. (the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the framework established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) (COSO).

Based on its assessment, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2015.

Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has issued its report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which follows this report.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Effectiveness of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.

We have audited Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) (the COSO criteria). Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.



Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as established by the Auditing Standards Board (United States) and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. and our report dated March 3, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Ernst + Young LLP

March 3, 2016

Consolidated Statements of Income

(dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31	,
5	2014	4

2013

2015

Revenues				
Premiums earned	\$	33,884	\$ 33,448	\$ 32,165
Net investment income		2,650	3,099	3,015
Fee and other revenues		1,107	1,274	1,128
Net realized (losses) gains		(24)	(100)	248
Total revenues		37,617	37,721	36,556
Claims, Benefits and Expenses				
Benefits, claims and claim adjustment expenses		23,201	23,036	22,828
Operating costs and expenses		7,070	6,742	6,265
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs		4,675	4, 660	4,468
Interest expense		438	419	420
Interest credited to policyholders		265	261	256
Total claims, benefits and expenses		35,649	35,118	34,237
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(1)	(34)	(211)
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense and non-controlling interest		1,967	2,569	2,108
Income tax expense		524	744	510
Consolidated net income from continuing operations		1,443	1,825	1,598
Discontinued operations (net of income tax expense of \$16, \$79 and \$77 in 2015, 2014 and 2013 respectively)		(909)	(35)	170
Consolidated net income		534	1,790	1,768
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest		20	(24)	17
Net income attributable to Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.	\$	514	\$ 1,814	\$ 1,751
Net Realized (Losses) Gains				
Other-than-temporary impairment losses:		2015	2014	2013
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses	\$	(410)	\$ (251)	\$ (101)
Change in portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	"	-	(1)	(1)
Other-than-temporary impairment losses	-	(410)	(252)	(102)
Other net realized gains		386	152	350
Net realized (losses) gains	\$	(24)	\$ (100)	\$ 248

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income

(dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 3				er 31,	31,	
		2015		2014		2013	
Consolidated net income	\$	534	\$	1,790	\$	1,768	
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes:							
Unrealized (losses) gains on securities		(1,278)		808		(1,699)	
Change in pension and post retirement plans funded status		154		(974)		697	
Foreign currency translation and other adjustments		(459)		(422)		(91)	
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes		(1,583)		(588)		(1,093)	
Consolidated comprehensive (loss) income		(1,049)		1,202		675	
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest		15		(29)		16	
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc.	\$	(1,064)	\$	1,231	\$	659	

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(dollars in millions)

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets:		
Investments		
Fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value (amortized cost of \$61,393 and \$59,951)	\$ 62,794 \$	63,176
Equity securities, available for sale, at fair value (cost of \$2,571 and \$2,603)	2,909	3,145
Short-term investments	272	626
Commercial mortgage loans	2,317	1,808
Other investments	5,691	5,373
Total investments	73,983	74,128
Cash and cash equivalents	4,227	4,003
Premium and other receivables	10,137	9,919
Reinsurance recoverables	13,575	13,979
Deferred income taxes	795	575
Deferred acquisition costs	3,164	3,001
Goodwill	4,758	4,834
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	1,098	1,192
Other assets	9,970	10,206
Assets held for sale	-	2,456
Total assets	\$ 121,707 \$	124,293
Liabilities:		
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses and future policy benefits:		
Property and casualty	\$ 49,323 \$	49,970
Life	9,262	9,030
Other policyholder funds and benefits payable	6,601	5,870
Unearned premiums	16,951	16,855
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	205	210
Current maturities of long-term debt	249	-
Long-term debt	6,982	7,232
Other liabilities	12,893	13,242
Liabilities held for sale	-	1,593
Total liabilities	 102,466	104,002
Equity:		
Unassigned equity	20,664	20,150
Accumulated other comprehensive income	 (1,521)	57
Total policyholders' equity	 19,143	20,207
Non-controlling interest	 98	84
Total equity	 19,241	20,291
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 121,707 \$	124,293

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Total Equity

(dollars in millions)

		Accumulated			
		Other	Total		
	Unassigned	Comprehensive	Policyholders'	Non-Controlling	Total
	Equity	Income (Loss)	Equity	Interest	Equity
Balance, January 1, 2013	16,610	\$ \$	18,317	\$ 208	\$ 18,525
Comprehensive income (loss)					
Consolidated net income	1,751	-	1,751	17	1,768
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes		(1,092)	(1,092)	(1)	(1,093)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	1,751	(1,092)	659	16	675
Capital contributions from non-controlling interest	-	-	-	1	1
Dividends to non-controlling interest	-	-	-	(30)	(30)
Purchase of subsidiary shares from non-controlling interest	(25)	25		(151)	(151)
Balance, December 31, 2013	18,336	\$ 640 \$	18,976	\$ 44	\$ 19,020
Comprehensive income (loss)				·	
Consolidated net income	1,814	-	1,814	(24)	1,790
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	=	(583)	(583)	(5)	(588)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	1,814	(583)	1,231	(29)	1,202
Capital contributions from non-controlling interest	-	-		69	69
Balance, December 31, 2014	20,150	\$ 57 \$	20,207	\$ 84	\$ 20,291
Comprehensive income (loss)					
Consolidated net income	514	-	514	20	534
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes:	<u> </u>	(1,578)	(1,578)	(5)	(1,583)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	514	(1,578)	(1,064)	15	(1,049)
Capital contributions from non-controlling interest	-	-	-	1	1
Dividends to non-controlling interest	-	<u> </u>		(2)	(2)
Balance, December 31, 2015	20,664	\$ (1,521) \$	19,143	<u>98</u>	19,241

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,		s Ended December 31,	1,	
		2015	2014	2013	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Consolidated net income	\$	534 \$	1,790 \$	1,768	
Less - (loss) income from Venezuela discontinued operations, net of tax expense	_	(909)	46	137	
Income from operations excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		1,443	1,744	1,631	
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash					
provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		889	794	709	
Realized losses (gains) (including loss on sale of discontinued operations)		24	175	(248)	
Undistributed private equity investment gains		(86)	(572)	(567)	
Premium, other receivables, and reinsurance recoverables		(509)	(2,937)	(738)	
Deferred acquisition costs		(197)	(177)	(273)	
Liabilities for insurance reserves		1,959	1,184	2,981	
Taxes payable, net of deferred		275	756	396	
Other, net		(255)	(337)	(280)	
Total adjustments		2,100	(1,114)	1,980	
Net cash provided by operating activities - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		3,543	630	3,611	
Net cash provided by operating activities - Venezuela discontinued operations		696	607	546	
Net cash provided by operating activities		4,239	1,237	4,157	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of investments		(18,497)	(14,442)	(18,160)	
Sales and maturities of investments		15,591	14,330	14,427	
Property and equipment purchased, net		(905)	(863)	(1,062)	
Cash paid for disposals and acquisitions, net of cash on hand		-	(1,045)	(1)	
Other investing activities		(16)	19	(268)	
Net cash used in investing activities - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		(3,827)	(2,001)	(5,064)	
Net cash used in investing activities - Venezuela discontinued operations		(70)	(105)	(133)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,897)	(2,106)	(5,197)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Net activity in policyholder accounts		578	573	356	
Debt financing, net		1	564	140	
Net security lending activity and other financing activities		(72)	(49)	134	
Net cash provided by financing activities - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		507	1,088	630	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities - Venezuela discontinued operations		1	1,000	(179)	
Net cash provided by financing activities Net cash provided by financing activities	_	508	1,088	451	
Net cash provided by infancing activities		308	1,000	431	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		1	20	(5)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash - Venezuela discontinued operations		(69)	(301)	(112)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(68)	(281)	(117)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations		224	(263)	(828)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents - Venezuela discontinued operations		558	201	122	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		782	(62)	(706)	
Cosh and each acquired acts beginning of year, excluding Venezuela discontinued appraisa		4.002	4 266	5,094	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations	s —	4,003 4,227 \$	4,266	4,266	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year - excluding Venezuela discontinued operations	·	4,22/ \$	4,005	4,200	
Supplemental disclosure of each flow information:					
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:	\$	140 *	85 \$	155	
Income taxes paid	à	148 \$	90. \$	155	

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc., entities over which the Company exercises control including majority and wholly owned subsidiaries, and variable interest entities when the Company is deemed the primary beneficiary (collectively "LMHC", the "Company" or "we"). The minority ownership of consolidated affiliates is represented in equity as non-controlling interest. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2014 consolidated financial statements to conform with the 2015 presentation.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The Company's principal estimates include (1) unpaid claims and claim adjustment expense reserves, including asbestos and environmental liability reserves and loss sensitive premium attributable to prior years, (2) reinsurance recoverables and associated uncollectible allowance, (3) fair value determination and other-than-temporary impairments of the investment portfolio and direct working interests in oil and gas properties, (4) recoverability of deferred acquisition costs, (5) valuation of goodwill and intangible assets, (6) deferred income tax valuation allowance, and (7) pension and postretirement benefit obligations. While the amounts included in the consolidated financial statements reflect management's best estimates and assumptions, these amounts ultimately could vary.

Effective September 30, 2015, the Company determined it was appropriate to deconsolidate the Venezuelan operations and recognized an impairment charge of \$690. Concurrent with this decision, the Company has classified the Venezuelan operations (a net loss of \$219 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015) and the related impairment charge as discontinued operations. Subsequent to deconsolidation, the Company accounts for its ongoing investment in the Venezuela operation on the cost basis.

Nature of Operations

The Company conducts substantially all of its business through four Strategic Business Units ("SBUs"): Personal Insurance, Commercial Insurance, Global Specialty, and Liberty International. A summary of each SBU follows:

The Company's Personal Insurance business unit, with \$17,036 of revenues in 2015, sells automobile, homeowners and other types of property and casualty insurance coverage to individuals in the United States. Personal Insurance comprises two market segments: Personal Lines and Safeco. Personal Lines products are distributed through approximately 2,200 licensed captive sales representatives, more than 600 licensed telesales counselors, third-party producers and the Internet. Personal Lines' largest source of new business is through its more than 20,000 sponsored affinity groups (including employers, professional and alumni associations, credit unions, and other partnerships). Safeco products are distributed nationally through independent agents.

The Company's Commercial Insurance business unit, with \$11,187 of revenues in 2015, offers a wide array of property-casualty, group benefits, and life insurance coverages and structured settlement annuities through independent agents, brokers, benefit consultants, captive agents, and bank partners throughout the United States. Commercial Insurance is organized into the following four market segments: Business Insurance; National Insurance; Liberty Mutual Benefits; and Other Commercial Insurance. Business Insurance serves small and middle market customers through a regional operating model that combines local underwriting, market knowledge and service with the scale advantages of a national company. National Insurance provides commercial lines products and services, including third-party administration, to large businesses. Liberty Mutual Benefits provides short and long-term disability, accident, health and group life insurance to mid-sized and large businesses, as well as life and annuity products to individuals in the United States. Other Commercial Insurance primarily consists of internal reinsurance and assumed business from state-based workers compensation involuntary market pools. The Company is also a servicing carrier for state-based workers compensation involuntary market pools.

The Company's Global Specialty business unit, with \$5,227 of revenues in 2015, comprises a wide array of products and services offered through three market segments: Liberty Specialty Markets ("LSM"), Liberty International Underwriters ("LIU"), and Liberty Mutual Surety ("LM Surety"). LSM provides a wide range of product capabilities and capacity for specialty markets worldwide and is organized into three business segments: Specialty, Commercial, and Reinsurance. LIU sells inland marine and specialty commercial insurance worldwide through offices in Asia, Australia, the Middle East, North America and Latin America. LM Surety is a leading provider of global contract and commercial surety bonds to businesses of all sizes. Other primarily consists of internal reinsurance.

The Company's Liberty International business unit, with \$3,801 of revenues in 2015, sells property, casualty, health and life insurance products and services to individuals and businesses in four market segments: Latin America and Iberia, including Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Spain and Portugal; Emerging Europe, including Turkey, Poland, and Ireland; Asia, including Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Malaysia; and Large Emerging Markets, including Russia, China and India. Other includes internal reinsurance. Private passenger automobile insurance is the single largest line of business.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Effective January 1, 2015, the Company elected to adopt the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2013-11, Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists ("ASU 2013-11"), which provides accounting guidance regarding the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit. ASU 2013-11 requires that an

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unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, be presented in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward. However, to the extent tax carryforwards are not available at the reporting date under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction to settle any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position or the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction does not require, and the entity does not intend to use the deferred tax asset for such purpose, the unrecognized tax benefit will be presented in the financial statements as a liability and will not be combined with the related deferred tax asset. There was no material impact on the Company's financial statements as a result of this accounting guidance.

Effective January 1, 2015, the Company elected to adopt the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, (Topic 205 and Topic 360) Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity ("ASU 2014-08"). ASU 2014-08 modifies the definition of discontinued operations by limiting discontinued operations reporting to disposals of components of an entity that represent strategic shifts that have (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. Also, ASU 2014-08 requires additional financial statement disclosures about discontinued operations, as well as disposals of individually significant components of an entity that do not qualify for discontinued operations presentation. ASU 2014-08 was effective for all disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity that occurred within annual and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014 and for all businesses that, on acquisition, were classified as held for sale that also occurred within interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014. (See Note 2 for further discussion.)

No other accounting standards were adopted in 2015 by the Company.

Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The Company will adopt the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 was issued to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue, however, insurance contracts and financial instrument transactions are not within the scope of this guidance. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. Accordingly, ASU 2014-09 is effective for public business entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. For all other entities, ASU 2014-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-09 is expected to have on the Company's financial statements.

The Company will adopt the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis ("ASU 2015-02") which amends the guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity ("VIE"). ASU 2015-02 eliminates the separate consolidation guidance for limited partnerships and with it, the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership. In addition, ASU 2015-02 changes the guidance for determining if fee arrangements qualify as variable interests and the effect fee arrangements have on the determination of the primary beneficiary. ASU 2015-02 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. For all other entities, ASU 2015-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2016, and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 is not expected to have an effect on the Company's results of operations and financial position, but changes to the Company's disclosures on variable interest entities will likely be required.

The Company will adopt the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Interest – Imputation of Interest – Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs* ("ASU 2015-03"). ASU 2015-03 requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. Prior to the issuance of this standard, debt issuance costs were required to be presented in the balance sheet as an asset. ASU 2015-03 should be applied on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect period-specific effects of applying the new guidance, ASU 2015-03 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. For all other entities, ASU 2015-03 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2015, and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2016. The adoption of ASU 2015-03 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Company will adopt the FASB issued ASU 2015-09, *Disclosures about Short-Duration Contracts* ("ASU 2015-09"). The amendments apply to all insurance entities that issue short-duration contracts as defined in ASC 944, *Financial Services – Insurance*. The disclosures required by ASU 2015-09 are aimed at providing the users of the financial statements with more transparent information about initial claim estimates and subsequent adjustments to those estimates, methodologies and judgments in estimating claims, and the timing, frequency and severity of claims. The new disclosures will require the accumulation and reporting of new and different groupings of data by insurers for U.S. GAAP reporting from what is currently captured for U.S. statutory and other reporting purposes. For public business entities, the amendments in ASU 2015-09 are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. For all other entities, the amendments of ASU 2015-09 are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of ASU 2015-09 is not expected to have an effect on the Company's results of operations and financial position, but changes to the Company's disclosures will likely be required.

The Company will adopt the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ("ASU 2016-01"). ASU 2016-01 requires equity investments (excluding those accounted for under the equity method or those that result in consolidation) to be measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in net income. ASU 2016-01 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. For all other entities, ASU 2016-01 is effective for fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The adoption of ASU 2016-01 is expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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The Company will adopt FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842): Section A - Leases, Section B - Conforming Amendments Related to Leases and Section C - Background Information and Basis for Conclusions ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 intends to improve financial reporting about leasing transactions. The new standard affects all entities that lease assets such as real estate, airplanes and manufacturing equipment. ASU 2016-02 will require entities that lease assets, referred to as "lessees", to recognize on the balance sheet the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases. ASU 2016-02 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. For all other entities, ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019 and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2016-02 is expected to have on the Company's financial statements.

There are no other accounting standards not yet adopted by the Company that are expected to have a material impact.

Investments

Fixed maturity securities classified as available for sale are debt securities that have principal payment schedules, are held for indefinite periods of time, and are used as a part of the Company's capital strategy or sold in response to risk and reward characteristics, liquidity needs or similar economic factors. These securities are reported at fair value with changes in fair values, net of deferred income taxes, reported in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Equity securities classified as available for sale include common equities and non-redeemable preferred stocks and are reported at quoted fair values. Changes in fair values, net of deferred income taxes, are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are recognized in income using the specific identification method. The Company reviews fixed maturity securities, equity securities, and other investments for impairment on a quarterly basis. Securities are reviewed for both quantitative and qualitative considerations including, but not limited to, (1) the extent of the decline in fair value below book value, (2) the duration of the decline, (3) significant adverse changes in the financial condition or near term prospects for the investment or issuer, (4) significant changes in the business climate or credit ratings of the issuer, (5) general market conditions and volatility, (6) industry factors, (7) the past impairment of the security holding or the issuer, and (8) changes in foreign exchange.

For fixed maturity securities that the Company does not intend to sell or for which it is more likely than not that the Company would not be required to sell before an anticipated recovery in value, the Company separates impairments into credit loss and non-credit loss components. The determination of the credit loss component of the impairment charge is based on the Company's best estimate of the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected from the fixed maturity security compared to its amortized cost and is reported as part of net realized gains. The non-credit component, the residual difference between the credit impairment component and the fair value, is recognized in other comprehensive income. The factors considered in making an evaluation of credit versus non-credit other-than-temporary impairments include: (1) failure of the issuer of the security to make scheduled interest or principal payments (including the payment structure of the fixed maturity security and the likelihood the issuer will be able to make payments that increase in the future), (2) performance indicators of the underlying assets in the security (including default and delinquency rates), (3) vintage, (4) geographic concentration, (5) impact of foreign exchange rates on foreign currency denominated securities, and (6) industry analyst reports, sector credit ratings and volatility of the security's fair value.

For equity securities the Company does not have the intent and ability to hold to recovery, and for fixed maturity securities the Company intends to sell or for which it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell before an anticipated recovery in value, the full amount (fair value less amortized cost) of the impairment is included in net realized (losses) gains.

Upon recognizing an other-than-temporary impairment, the new cost basis of the investment is the previous amortized cost basis less the other-than-temporary impairment recognized in net realized gains. The new cost basis is not adjusted for any subsequent recoveries in fair value; however, for fixed maturity securities the difference between the new cost basis and the expected cash flows is accreted to net investment income over the remaining expected life of the investment.

For mortgage-backed fixed maturity securities, the Company recognizes income using a constant effective yield based on anticipated prepayments over the economic life of the security. The mortgage-backed portfolio is accounted for under the retrospective method and prepayment assumptions are based on market expectations. When actual prepayments differ significantly from anticipated prepayments, the effective yield is recalculated to reflect actual payments to date and anticipated future payments and any resulting adjustment is included in net investment income.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible into known amounts of cash and so near to maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value due to changing interest rates. The Company's cash equivalents include debt securities purchased with maturities of three months or less at acquisition and are carried at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Short-term investments are debt securities with maturities at acquisition between three months and one year, are considered available for sale, and are reported at fair value with changes in fair values, net of deferred income taxes, reported in accumulated other comprehensive income.

All VIEs for which the Company is the primary beneficiary are consolidated into the Company's financial statements.

Other investments are primarily comprised of limited partnerships and certain other alternative investments, which are reported using the equity method of accounting and, accordingly, the Company's share of earnings are included in net investment income. Due to the availability of financial

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statements, other alternative investments and limited partnership investment income is generally recorded on a three-month lag. The Company elects the fair value option on certain other investments and these investments are carried at fair value. Accordingly, changes in fair value are included in net investment income or net realized gains in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. Also included in other investments are equity investments in privately held businesses that are carried at fair value with changes in fair value reported in other comprehensive income.

Commercial mortgage loans are held for investment and stated at amortized cost less an allowance for loan loss for potentially uncollectible amounts.

Derivatives

All derivatives are recognized on the balance sheet at fair value and reported as other assets and other liabilities. At the inception of the contract, the Company designates the derivative as (1) a hedge of a fair value of a recognized asset ("fair value hedge"), (2) an economic hedge ("non-designated derivative"), or (3) a cash flow hedge.

The Company entered into oil commodity swaps in 2015 that are classified as economic hedges. Hedge accounting was not applied and changes in fair value were recorded in net realized gains on the consolidated statements of income. These derivatives were not material to the Company's financial statements.

The Company entered into Euro forward transactions in 2015 that are classified as economic hedges. Hedge accounting was not applied and changes in fair value were recorded in net realized gains on the consolidated statements of income. These derivatives were not material to the Company's financial statements.

The Company entered into interest rate-lock and swap agreements that are classified as cash flow hedges. The effective portion of the gain or loss on these instruments is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedged items affect earnings. The Company's cash flow hedges are 100% effective and are not material to the financial statements.

The Company owns fixed maturity securities that may have call, put or conversion options embedded. These derivatives are not related to hedging and are not material to the Company's financial statements.

Securities Lending

The Company participates in a securities lending program to generate additional income, whereby certain domestic fixed maturity securities and equity securities are loaned for a short period of time from the Company's portfolio to qualifying third parties via a lending agent. Terms of the agreement are for borrowers of these securities to provide collateral of at least 102% of the market value of the loaned securities. Acceptable collateral may be in the form of cash or permitted securities as outlined in the securities lending agreement. The market value of the loaned securities is monitored and additional collateral is obtained if the market value of the collateral falls below 102% of the market value of the loaned securities. Under the terms of the securities lending program, the lending agent indemnifies the Company against borrower defaults. The loaned securities remain a recorded asset of the Company; however, the Company records a liability for the amount of cash collateral held, representing its obligation to return the collateral related to the loaned securities.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually using either a qualitative or a quantitative process. Election of the approach can be made at the reporting unit level. The Company has determined that each of its SBUs is a reporting unit. The reporting unit has the option to skip the qualitative test and move directly to completion of the quantitative process. The qualitative approach can be used to evaluate if there are any indicators of impairment. Through this process, the reporting unit must determine if there is indication that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, including goodwill. If it is determined that there is an indication of potential impairment, the reporting unit must complete the quantitative process. The quantitative approach is a two-step process. The first step is performed to identify potential impairment and, if necessary, the second step is performed for the purpose of measuring the amount of impairment, if any. Impairment is recognized only if the carrying amount is not recoverable from the discounted cash flows using a "market" rate and is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the implied fair value. Other changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are primarily caused by acquisitions, dispositions, and foreign currency translation adjustments. In 2015, goodwill decreased by \$76 driven primarily by foreign currency translation adjustments.

In 2015, the Company utilized a qualitative test in accordance with its accounting policy for all reporting units except for Liberty International, for which a quantitative test was utilized due to the Venezuela deconsolidation recognized during the year. There were no goodwill impairments recognized in 2015 or 2014.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets held by the Company are reviewed for impairment on at least an annual basis using a qualitative process. The classification of the asset as indefinite-lived is reassessed, and an impairment is recognized if the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value.

Intangible assets that have finite useful lives are amortized over their useful lives. The carrying amounts of intangible assets with finite useful lives are reviewed regularly for indicators of impairment in value. Impairment is recognized only if the carrying amount of the intangible asset is not recoverable from its undiscounted cash flows and is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of the asset.

The Company has intangible assets included in other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets related to the Safeco and Ohio Casualty Corporation ("Ohio Casualty") acquisitions that occurred in 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, intangible assets related to these acquisitions were as follows: Safeco agency relationship of \$316, Ohio Casualty agency relationship of \$87, trademarks of \$229, state licenses of \$82,

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and other intangibles of \$4. As of December 31, 2014, intangible assets related to these acquisitions were as follows: Safeco agency relationship of \$358, Ohio Casualty agency relationship of \$95, trademarks of \$229, state licenses of \$82, and other intangibles of \$6. The amortization applied to the Safeco agency relationship, Ohio Casualty agency relationship, and other intangible assets is 15 years on the straight-line method, 20 years on the straight-line method, and 10 years using the present value mid-year convention, respectively. The intangible assets above are net of accumulated amortization of \$375 and \$323 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. All other intangible assets are not subject to amortization.

The Company recognized \$52, \$52 and \$52 of amortization expense on intangible assets related to these acquisitions for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Amortization expense is reflected in operating costs and expenses on the accompanying consolidated statements of income. The Company recognized \$0, \$0 and \$3 impairments on intangible assets related to these acquisitions for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Impairment expense is reflected in realignment expense on the accompanying consolidated statements of income. Estimated amortization expense is expected to be \$52, \$50, \$50, \$49 and \$49 for the years ended December 31, 2016 through 2020, respectively.

Deferred Acquisition Costs

Costs that are directly related to the successful acquisition or renewal of insurance contracts are deferred and amortized over the respective policy terms. All other acquisition related costs, including market research, training, administration, unsuccessful acquisition or renewal efforts, and product development are charged to expense as incurred. For short-duration contracts, acquisition costs include commissions, underwriting expenses and premium taxes. For long-duration insurance contracts, these costs include first year commissions in excess of annual renewal commissions and variable sales and underwriting expenses. Deferred acquisition costs are reviewed annually for recoverability. Investment income is considered in the recoverability assessment.

For short-duration contracts, acquisition costs are amortized in proportion to earned premiums. For traditional long-duration contracts, acquisition costs are amortized over the premium paying period of the related policies using assumptions consistent with those used in computing policy benefit reserves. For universal life insurance and investment products, acquisition costs are amortized in relation to expected gross profits.

For long-duration contracts, to the extent unrealized gains or losses on fixed income securities carried at fair value would result in an adjustment of estimated gross profits had those gains or losses actually been realized, the related impact on unamortized deferred acquisition costs is recorded net of tax as a change in unrealized gains or losses and included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Real Estate and Other Fixed Assets

The costs of buildings, furniture, and equipment are depreciated, principally on a straight-line basis, over their estimated useful lives (a maximum of 39.5 years for buildings, 10 years for furniture, and 3-5 years for equipment). Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to income as incurred while expenditures for improvements are capitalized and depreciated.

Oil and Gas Properties

Oil and gas properties are accounted for using the successful efforts method whereby only costs (including lease acquisition and intangible drilling costs) associated with exploration efforts that result in the discovery of proved reserves are capitalized. Costs of acquiring and exploring unproved oil and gas leases are initially capitalized pending the results of exploration activities. Capitalized costs of producing oil and gas properties are depreciated and depleted on a field-by-field basis. The Company uses the unit-of-production method to deplete its properties and the calculation is based on units of proved developed reserves as estimated by independent petroleum engineers. Significant processing and pipeline assets are depreciated over a fixed period using the straight line method.

The Company records impairment losses on proved oil and gas properties when events and circumstances indicate the properties are impaired and the estimated undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by those properties are less than the carrying amounts of those assets. Unproved properties are assessed at least annually to determine whether impairment has occurred. Appropriate adjustments to the costs of unproved properties are made when necessary and are charged to impairment expense. Impairment is assessed on a field-by-field basis. (See Note 10 for further discussion.)

Separate Account Assets and Liabilities

Separate accounts represent funds for which investment income and investment gains and losses accrue directly to the policyholders who bear the investment risk. Each account has specific investment objectives and the assets are carried at fair value. The assets of each account are legally segregated and are not subject to claims that arise out of any other business of the Company. The liabilities of these accounts are equal to the account assets. Investment income, realized investment gains (losses), and policyholder account deposits and withdrawals related to separate accounts are excluded from the accompanying consolidated statements of income. The fees earned for administrative and contract holder maintenance services performed for these separate accounts are included in fee and other revenues.

Insurance Liabilities and Reserves

For short-duration contracts, the Company establishes reserves for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses covering events that occurred in 2015 and prior years. These reserves reflect estimates of the total cost of claims reported but not yet paid and the cost of claims not yet reported, as well as the estimated expenses necessary to settle the claims. Reserve estimates are based on past loss experience modified for current claim trends, as well as prevailing social, economic and legal conditions. Final claim payments, however, may ultimately differ from the established reserves, since these payments might not occur for several years. Reserve estimates are continually reviewed and updated, and any resulting adjustments are reflected in current operating results. The Company does not discount reserves other than discounting on the long-term indemnity portion of workers

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compensation settled claims, the long-term disability portion of group accident and health claims as permitted by insurance regulations in certain states, the long-term portion of certain workers compensation claims of foreign subsidiaries, and specific asbestos structured settlements. Reserves are reduced for estimated amounts of salvage and subrogation and deductibles recoverable from policyholders. The Company discounts the long-term indemnity portion of workers compensation claims at risk-free discount rates determined by reference to the U.S. Treasury yield curve. The weighted average discount rates were 5.2%, 5.4% and 5.2% for 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The held discounted reserves on these unpaid workers compensation claims, net of all reinsurance, as of December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$1,763, \$1,842 and \$2,277, respectively. The discounting of disability claims is based on the 1987 Commissioners Group Disability Table at annual discount rates varying from 2.5% to 7.0% in 2015 and 2014. Unpaid disability claims and claim adjustment expenses as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 include liabilities at discounted values of \$1,765 and \$1,587, respectively.

For long-duration contracts, measurement of liabilities is based on generally accepted actuarial techniques and requires assumptions about mortality, lapse rates, and assumptions about future returns on related investments. Annuity and structured settlement contracts without significant mortality or morbidity risk are accounted for as investment contracts, whereby the premium received plus interest credited less policyholder withdrawals represents the investment contract liability. The average implied credited interest rates for domestic structured settlement contracts in force were 4.8%, 5.0% and 5.2% for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Implied credited interest rates for foreign structured settlement contracts in force were between 2.5% and 6.0% for each of the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014. Credited rates for domestic universal life contracts in force were between 3.0% and 5.0% in 2015 and 2014. Credited rates for foreign universal life contracts in force were between 0.3% and 6.0% in 2015 and 2014. Liabilities for future policy benefits for traditional life policies have been computed using the net level premium method based upon estimated future investment yields (between 2.5% and 10.3% in 2015 and 2014), mortality assumptions (based on the Company's experience relative to standard industry mortality tables) and withdrawal assumptions (based on the Company's experience).

Policyholder Dividends

Policyholder dividends are accrued using an estimate of the ultimate amount to be paid in relation to premiums earned based on the related insurance policies.

For domestic property-casualty insurance, certain insurance contracts, primarily workers compensation policies, are issued with dividend plans to be paid subject to approval by the insurer's board of directors. The premium related to such policies approximated 0.4%, 0.4%, and 1% of domestic property-casualty insurance premiums written for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Additionally, certain jurisdictions impose excess profits taxes, which limit the profitability of particular lines of business, and any excess is returned to the policyholder in the form of a dividend.

For life insurance, dividends to participating policyholders are calculated as the sum of the difference between the assumed mortality, interest and loading, and the actual experience of the Company. As a result of statutory regulations, the major portion of earnings from participating policies inures to the benefit of the participating policyholders and is excluded from consolidated net income and total equity.

Long-Term Incentive and Performance Based Incentive Plans

The Company maintains short-term and long-term incentive compensation plans. Long-term plans that vest over the requisite service period and are based upon notional units are accounted for under ASC 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation, using the intrinsic value method. Additionally, the Company provides performance based incentive compensation to the majority of employees meeting the participation requirements of the respective plans. Compensation cost related to these plans is determined in accordance with plan formulas and recorded over the years the employee service is provided.

Revenue Recognition

For short-duration insurance contracts, premiums are reported as earned income generally on a pro-rata basis over the terms of the related policies. For retrospectively rated policies and contracts, premium estimates are continually reviewed and updated and any resulting adjustments are reflected in current operating results. For traditional long-duration insurance contracts (including term and whole life contracts and annuities), premiums are earned when due. For loss portfolio transfers, premiums are fully recognized as written and earned at contract inception. For annuities and structured settlements without significant mortality or morbidity risk (investment contracts) and universal life contracts (long-duration contracts with terms that are not fixed or guaranteed), revenues represent investment income earned on the related assets. Universal life and annuity contract revenues also include mortality, surrender, and administrative fees charged to policyholders.

Reinsurance

All assets and liabilities related to ceded reinsurance contracts are reported on a gross basis in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Prospective reinsurance premiums, claims, and claim adjustment expenses are accounted for on a basis consistent with the terms of the reinsured contracts. The accompanying consolidated statements of income reflect premiums, benefits, and settlement expenses net of reinsurance ceded.

Transactions that do not transfer risk are included in other assets or other liabilities. Ceded transactions that transfer risk but are retroactive are included in reinsurance recoverables. The excess of estimated liabilities for claims and claim costs over the consideration paid net of experience adjustments is established as a deferred credit at inception. The deferred amounts are subsequently amortized using the effective interest method over the expected settlement period. The periodic amortization is reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of income through benefits, claims and claim adjustment expenses. In transactions where the consideration paid exceeds the estimated liabilities for claims and claim costs a loss is recognized. If the adverse development net of experience adjustments exceeds the original loss, deferred gains are recorded. The deferred gains are subsequently recognized into earnings over the expected settlement period of the reserves.

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Amounts recoverable from reinsurers include unpaid losses estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liabilities associated with the reinsured business. The Company evaluates reinsurance collectability, and a provision for uncollectible reinsurance is recorded.

Translation of Foreign Currencies

The Company translates the financial statements of its foreign operations into U.S. dollars from the functional currency designated for each foreign unit, generally the currency of the primary economic environment in which that operation does its business. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates, while income and expenses are translated using average rates for the period. Translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, to the extent applicable. Foreign currency amounts are re-measured to the functional currency, and the resulting foreign exchange gains or losses are reflected in earnings.

The net foreign exchange gains (losses) included in income from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$5, \$3, and \$(5), respectively.

Income Taxes

The income tax provision is calculated under the liability method. The Company recognizes deferred income tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax effects attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement and tax return basis of assets and liabilities based on enacted tax rates and other provisions of the tax law. The effect of a change in tax laws or rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period in which such change is enacted. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that all or some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax positions are not established for adjustments arising from foreign operations whose earnings are considered to be permanently reinvested.

Fee and Other Revenues

Fee and other revenues primarily consist of revenues from the Company's energy production operations, universal life cost of insurance and administrative fees, group life administrative service contract fees, and service fees generated from processing business for involuntary assigned risk pools, self-insured customers, and risk retention groups. Service fees are earned on a pro-rata basis over the term of the related policies. The Company accounts for oil and gas sales from its interests in producing wells under the sales method. The sales method requires that the Company recognize revenue based on the amount of natural gas and oil sold to purchasers on its behalf, which may be different from the Company's entitled production based on its interest in the properties.

Discontinued Operations

The Company's accounting policies listed above apply to both continuing and discontinued operations.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income consists principally of unrealized gains and losses on certain investments in debt and equity securities, foreign currency translation adjustments, and pension and postretirement liability adjustments.

The components of accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of related deferred acquisition costs and taxes, for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

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	rears r	rears Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013			
Unrealized gains on securities	\$ 819	\$2,097	\$1,289			
Foreign currency translation and other adjustments	(825)	(371)	46			
Pension and post retirement liability funded status ⁽¹⁾	(1,515)	(1,669)	(695)			
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	\$(1,521)	\$57	\$640			

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$60 for each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, due to the recognition of deferred taxes related to the Medicare Part D subsidy.

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The following table presents the consolidated other comprehensive (loss) income reclassification adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Year ended December 31, 2015	Unrealized (losses) gains on securities	Change in pension and post retirement plans funded status	Foreign currency translation and other adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Total
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Unrealized change arising during the period	\$(1,634)	\$ (2)	\$(504)	\$(2,140)
Less: Reclassification adjustments included in consolidated net income	257	(224)	-	33
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, before income tax (benefit) expense	(1,891)	222	(504)	(2,173)
Less: Income tax (benefit) expense	(613)	68	(45)	(590)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income tax (benefit) expense	\$(1,278)	\$154	\$(459)	\$(1,583)
(1) Includes \$(5) of non-controlling interest.				

	Unrealized gains on	Change in pension and post retirement plans funded	Foreign currency translation and other	
Year ended December 31, 2014	securities	status	adjustments(1)	Total
Unrealized change arising during the period	\$1,352	\$(1,574)	\$(473)	\$(695)
Less: Reclassification adjustments included in consolidated net income	109	(78)	-	31
Total other comprehensive income (loss), before income tax expense (benefit)	1,243	(1,496)	(473)	(726)
Less: Income tax expense (benefit)	435	(522)	(51)	(138)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of income tax expense (benefit)	\$808	\$(974)	\$(422)	\$(588)
(1) Includes \$(5) of non-controlling interest.				

Year ended December 31, 2013 Unrealized change arising during the period	Unrealized (losses) gains on securities ⁽²⁾ \$(2,352)	Change in pension and post retirement plans funded status \$904	Foreign currency translation and other adjustments ⁽¹⁾ \$ (100)	Total \$ (1,548)
Less: Reclassification adjustments included in consolidated net income	294	(172)	-	122
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, before income tax (benefit) expense	(2,646)	1,076	(100)	(1,670)
Less: Income tax (benefit) expense	(947)	379	(9)	(577)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income tax (benefit) expense	\$ (1,699)	\$ 697	\$ (91)	\$ (1,093)

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Includes \$(1) of non-controlling interest.

(2) ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

ACQUISITIONS

Hughes Insurance

On July 1, 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of Hughes Insurance, an independent insurance broker in Northern Ireland. Hughes Insurance offers motor, van, household, small-to-medium-enterprise commercial insurance and travel insurance. Hughes Insurance has been reflected in the consolidated financial statements since the second quarter of 2014.

Uni. Asia General Insurance Berhad

On July 16, 2014, the Company purchased from Uni. Asia Capital Sdn Bhd its 68.09% stake in Uni. Asia General Insurance Berhad ("Uni. Asia"), a Malaysian property-casualty insurer, for approximately \$118. On September 8, 2014, the Company purchased 18,679,881 ordinary shares representing an additional 18.68% stake in Uni. Asia through a mandatory tender offer for approximately \$32. As a result of these actions, the Company now owns 86.77% of Uni. Asia.

Primero Fianzas

On July 8, 2014, the Company acquired a Mexico surety company Primero Fianzas, a wholly owned subsidiary, from Grupo Valores Operativos Monterrey, a private investor group.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$(25) of non-controlling interest.

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DISPOSITIONS

Liberty Ubezpieczenia

On December 18, 2015, the Company entered into an agreement to sell its Polish operations to a member of the AXA Group.

Venezuela Operations

Effective as of September 30, 2015, the Company determined to deconsolidate the Venezuelan subsidiaries and offer the Venezuelan operations for sale.

Since 2010 the Company's operations in Venezuela have been operating in a hyperinflationary economy with restrictive foreign exchange controls.

On February 10, 2015, the Venezuelan government published changes to its foreign exchange controls, which now maintains a three-tiered system. The new exchange controls retained the CENCOEX, or "official" rate; however, the new exchange controls merged SICAD II into SICAD I, now referred to as SICAD. Additionally, the new exchange controls established the Marginal Foreign Exchange System ("SIMADI"), which is intended to be a free floating rate. As of September 30, 2015, the exchange rate of bolivars per U.S. dollar for CENCOEX, SICAD and SIMADI was 6.3, 13.5, and 198, respectively. The Company used the SICAD rate, consistent with promulgated guidance, to remeasure its Venezuelan operations' financial statements.

These three mechanisms have become increasingly illiquid over time. The Company believes that significant uncertainty continues to exist regarding the foreign exchange mechanisms in Venezuela, including the nature of transactions that are eligible to flow through CENCOEX, SICAD or SIMADI, how any such mechanisms will operate in the future, as well as the availability of U.S. dollars under each mechanism.

The evolving conditions in Venezuela, including the increasingly restrictive exchange control regulations and other factors, significantly impact our control over the Venezuelan operations. As a result of these factors, which we believe to be other-than-temporary, we concluded that effective September 30, 2015, we do not meet the accounting criteria for control over the Venezuelan operations, and therefore have deconsolidated these operations in the accompanying financial statements. As a result of deconsolidating, the Company recognized an impairment charge of approximately \$690 which includes the write down of the investment in the previously consolidated Venezuelan operations to fair value and the write-off of related intercompany balances. The Company's Venezuelan operations are classified as discontinued operations in the consolidated financial statements. All prior periods were restated to reflect this change.

The following table details the major assets and liabilities related to Venezuela, classified as held for sale in the consolidated balance sheet:

	As of Decem	ber 31,
	2015	2014
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$713
Investments	-	924
Premium and other receivables	-	410
Reinsurance recoverables	-	7
Deferred acquisition costs	-	169
Other assets	-	233
Total assets held for sale	\$ -	\$2,456
Liabilities:		
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	\$ -	\$418
Unearned premiums	_	965
Other liabilities	-	210
Total liabilities held for sale	\$ -	\$1,593

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The following table summarizes the amounts related to discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income:

Years Ended December 31,				
2015	2014	2013		
\$1,949	\$1,946	\$1,884		
95	93	133		
-	85	84		
(211)	(317)	(237)		
\$1,833	\$1,8 07	\$1,864		
\$1,351	\$915	\$1,050		
373	505	380		
303	284	249		
\$2,027	\$1,704	\$1,679		
\$(194)	\$103	\$185		
25	57	48		
\$(219)	\$46	\$137		
\$(662)	\$ -	\$ -		
(28)	-	-		
\$(909)	\$46	\$137		
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Summit Holding Southeast, Inc.

On April 1, 2014, the Company sold Summit Holding Southeast, Inc., ("Summit"), a mono-line workers compensation company based in Florida, to American Financial Group resulting in a net loss of \$4. Accordingly, the results of Summit have been classified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income.

The table below shows the discontinued operating results related to Summit:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Total revenues	\$ -	\$148	\$624
Income from operations of Summit (net of income tax expense			
of \$0, \$22 and \$26 in 2015, 2014 and 2013)	\$ -	\$13	\$47

Liberty International Argentina Holdings S.A. and Liberty Risk Services Argentina S.A.

On February 21, 2014, Liberty International Argentina Holdings S.A. and Liberty Risk Services Argentina S.A. (together, the "Argentina operations") were sold by Liberty International Latin America Holdings LLC and Liberty UK to LAFO S LLC and LAFT S LLC resulting in a net loss of \$77. The results of the Argentina operations are presented as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income.

The table below shows the discontinued operating results related to Argentina operations:

	Years End	Years Ended December 3	
	2015	2014	2013
Total revenues	\$ -	\$17	\$111
Income (loss) from operations of Argentina (net of income tax			
expense of \$0, \$0 and \$3 in 2015, 2014 and 2013)	\$ -	\$7	\$(14)

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(3) INVESTMENTS

Components of Net Investment Income

_	Years Ended December 31,			
	2015	2014	2013	
Taxable interest income	\$2,080	\$2,109	\$2,148	
Tax-exempt interest income	374	399	443	
Dividends	65	74	65	
Limited partnerships, limited liability companies				
and other equity method investments	153	574	450	
Commercial mortgage loans	112	93	91	
Other investments	26	12	13	
Gross investment income	2,810	3,261	3,210	
Investment expenses (1)	(160)	(148)	(135)	
Net investment income ⁽²⁾	\$2,650	\$3,113	\$3,075	

- 1) Fees paid to external managers are included within the components of gross investment income.
- The above table contains net investment income attributable to discontinued operations related to Summit and Argentina operations of \$0, \$14, and \$60 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Components of Net Realized (Losses) Gains

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2015	2014	2013	
Fixed maturities				
Gross realized gains	\$180	\$153	\$185	
Gross realized losses	(135)	(95)	(149)	
Equities				
Gross realized gains	342	138	329	
Gross realized losses	(131)	(80)	(52)	
Other				
Gross realized gains	67	48	32	
Gross realized losses	(347)	(264)	(97)	
Net realized (losses) gains	\$(24)	\$(100)	\$248	

During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company recorded \$(410), \$(252), and \$(102) of impairment losses, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, other-than-temporary impairments recognized through accumulated other comprehensive income were \$31 and \$31, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, proceeds from sales of fixed maturities available for sale were \$4,466, \$4,550 and \$3,096, respectively. The gross realized gains (losses) on sales of fixed maturities available for sale totaled \$152 and \$(73) in 2015, \$123 and \$(45) in 2014 and \$118 and \$(26) in 2013. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, proceeds from sales of equities available for sale were \$1,396, \$1,310, and \$2,167, respectively. The gross realized gains (losses) on sales of equities available for sale totaled \$316 and \$(70) in 2015, \$110 and \$(54) in 2014, and \$326 and \$(39) in 2013.

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Components of Change in Net Unrealized Investment (Losses) Gains

	Tears Effect December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Fixed maturities	\$(1,861)	\$1,449	\$(2,923)
Equities	(238)	62	157
Other	(44)	71	4
Adjustments to deferred acquisition costs	252	(339)	116
Net change in unrealized investment (losses) gains	(1,891)	1,243	(2,646)
Deferred income tax benefit (expense)	613	(435)	947
Net change in unrealized investment (losses) gains, net of tax	\$(1,278)	\$808	\$(1,699)

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Available for Sale Investments

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair values of available for sale investments as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows:

December 31, 2015	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. government and agency securities	\$3,182	\$142	\$(12)	\$3,312
Residential MBS(1)	7,224	185	(29)	7,380
Commercial MBS	1,592	20	(16)	1,596
Other MBS and ABS(2)	3,051	57	(15)	3,093
U.S. state and municipal	13,553	666	(54)	14,165
Corporate and other	28,749	991	(694)	29,046
Foreign government securities	4,042	197	(37)	4,202
Total fixed maturities	61,393	2,258	(857)	62,794
Common stock	2,193	488	(110)	2,571
Preferred stock	378	14	(54)	338
Total equity securities	2,571	502	(164)	2,909
Total securities available for sale	\$63,964	\$2,760	\$(1,021)	\$65,703

⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ("MBS")

⁽²⁾ Asset-backed securities ("ABS")

December 31, 2014	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. government and agency securities	\$2,943	\$192	\$(10)	\$3,125
Residential MBS	7,921	281	(24)	8,178
Commercial MBS	1,483	36	(9)	1,510
Other MBS and ABS	2,855	76	(14)	2,917
U.S. state and municipal	13,020	962	(18)	13,964
Corporate and other	26,977	1,663	(146)	28,494
Foreign government securities	4,752	260	(24)	4,988
Total fixed maturities	59,951	3,470	(245)	63,176
Common stock	2,210	638	(58)	2,790
Preferred stock	393	20	(58)	355
Total equity securities	2,603	658	(116)	3,145
Total securities available for sale	\$62,554	\$4,128	\$(361)	\$66,321

Approximately 76% of the Company's securitized portfolio is explicitly backed by the U.S. government (Government National Mortgage Association "GNMA" and Small Business Association "SBA") or by government-sponsored entities (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation "FHLMC" and Federal National Mortgage Association "FNMA"). Approximately 94% of the mortgage and asset-backed holdings are rated AAA. The commercial MBS portfolio is well diversified and of high quality with approximately 94% rated AAA.

As of December 31, 2015, no single issuer, excluding U.S. Treasuries, agency securities and MBS, accounted for more than 0.6% of invested assets.

Of the \$2,571 and \$2,790 of common stock as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, \$483 and \$437, respectively, related to securities associated with non-guaranteed unit linked products where the policyholder bears the investment risk.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, securities carried at \$3,019 and \$3,214, respectively, were on deposit with state regulatory authorities as required by law.

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As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the fair values of fixed maturity securities and equity securities loaned were approximately \$1,495 and \$1,343, respectively. Cash and short-term investments received as collateral in connection with the loaned securities were approximately \$1,065 and \$996 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Investments other than cash and short-term investments received as collateral in connection with the loaned securities were approximately \$487 and \$384 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturities as of December 31, 2015, by contractual maturity are as follows:

	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value
Due to mature:		
One year or less	\$3,4 80	\$3,515
Over one year through five years	16,027	16,298
Over five years through ten years	17,134	17,255
Over ten years	12,885	13,657
MBS and ABS of government and corporate agencies	11,867	12,069
Total fixed maturities	\$61,393	\$62,794

Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities as borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

The following tables summarize the gross unrealized losses and fair value of fixed maturity securities and equity securities by the length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

December 31, 2015	Less Than 12	Months	12 Months or Longer		
·		Fair Value of		Fair Value of	
	I	nvestments with		Investments with	
	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	
	Losses	Losses	Losses	Losses	
U.S. government and agency securities	\$(8)	\$1,304	\$(4)	\$245	
Residential MBS	(21)	2,445	(8)	364	
Commercial MBS	(13)	737	(3)	122	
Other MBS and ABS	(11)	1,280	(4)	166	
U.S. state and municipal	(47)	1,647	(7)	142	
Corporate and other	(510)	10,543	(184)	1,027	
Foreign government securities	(22)	911	(15)	298	
Total fixed maturities	(632)	18,867	(225)	2,364	
Common stock	(98)	653	(12)	33	
Preferred stock	(1)	4	(53)	254	
Total equities	(99)	657	(65)	287	
Total	\$(731)	\$19,524	\$(290)	\$2,651	

December 31, 2014	Less Than 12 I	Months	12 Months or Longer		
		Fair Value of		Fair Value of	
	I	nvestments with		Investments with	
	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	
	Losses	Losses	Losses	Losses	
U.S. government and agency securities	\$(1)	\$259	\$(9)	\$558	
Residential MBS	(4)	755	(20)	1,229	
Commercial MBS	(1)	148	(8)	368	
Other MBS and ABS	(2)	253	(12)	821	
U.S. state and municipal	(1)	129	(17)	673	
Corporate and other	(90)	3,387	(56)	1,763	
Foreign government securities	(4)	372	(20)	617	
Total fixed maturities	(103)	5,303	(142)	6,029	
Common stock	(47)	443	(11)	52	
Preferred stock	-	4	(58)	251	
Total equities	(47)	447	(69)	303	
Total	\$(150)	\$5,750	\$(211)	\$6,332	

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Unrealized losses increased from \$361 as of December 31, 2014 to \$1,021 as of December 31, 2015 primarily related to the unfavorable impact of widening spreads and rising treasury rates. As of December 31, 2015, there were 922 securities that were in an unrealized loss position for 12 months or longer. The Company monitors the difference between the amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturity securities to ascertain whether declines in value are temporary in nature. In addition, the Company also monitors its intent and ability to hold certain equity securities for a period of time that is sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. The Company currently does not have the intent to sell and has determined it is not more likely than not that it would be required to sell these fixed maturity securities before recovery. For equity securities the Company has the intent and ability to hold these securities until recovery.

Variable Interest Entities

The Company invests in limited partnerships and other entities subject to VIE analysis under the VIE subsections of ASC 810, *Consolidation*. The Company analyzes each investment to determine whether it is a VIE, and if so, whether the Company is the primary beneficiary or a significant interest holder based on a qualitative and quantitative assessment. The Company evaluates the design of the entity, the risks to which the entity was designed to expose the variable interest holder and the extent of the Company's control of and variable interest in the VIE. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the Company has determined that it was the primary beneficiary of two VIEs in the low-income housing tax credit sector, and as such, these VIEs were consolidated in the Company's financial statements. The carrying value of assets and liabilities, and the Company's maximum exposure to loss of the consolidated VIEs are immaterial to the Company.

The Company has variable interests in VIEs for which it is not the primary beneficiary and accounts for these VIEs under the equity method in accordance with ASC 323, Investments – Equity Method and Joint Ventures. The VIEs are principally private equity limited partnerships in which the Company has invested as a passive limited partner. The partnerships were deemed to be VIEs because the equity holders as a group lack the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the respective entity's economic performance. The VIEs generate variability primarily from investment portfolio performance and that variability is passed to equity holders. The net carrying value of non-consolidated VIEs in which the Company has a variable interest was \$1.719 billion and \$1.826 billion as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively and the Company's maximum exposure to loss was \$2.487 billion and \$2.603 billion as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The assets are included in other investments in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Maximum exposure to loss includes the carrying value and unfunded commitment of the VIE. There is no recourse provision to the general credit of the Company for any VIE beyond the full amount of the Company's loss exposure.

LPs, LLCs and Other Equity Method Investments

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the carrying values of LP, LLC and other equity method investments were \$5,023 and \$4,752, respectively. These investments consist of traditional private equity partnerships, natural resources partnerships (primarily energy and metals and mining), real estate partnerships, and other partnership funds and equity method investments. The Company's investments in LPs, LLCs and other equity method investments are long-term in nature. The Company believes these investments offer the potential for superior long-term returns and are appropriate in the overall context of a diversified portfolio.

Investments in Commercial Mortgage Loans

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the carrying values of commercial mortgage loans were \$2,317 and \$1,808, respectively. The carrying values reflect allowances for loan losses of \$11 and \$14 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Additionally, the Company's participation in any one commercial mortgage loan acquired does not exceed 49% of the loan value. The number of loans in the portfolio increased from 4,509 as of December 31, 2014, to 4,763 as of December 31, 2015.

(4) DEFERRED ACQUISITION COSTS

The following reflects the policy acquisition costs deferred for amortization against future income and related amortization charged to income:

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2015	2014	2013	
Balance at beginning of year	\$3,001	\$2,978	\$2,605	
Balance attributable to dispositions	-	(17)	-	
Acquisition costs deferred and other	4,838	4,721	4,935	
Amortization charged to income ⁽¹⁾	(4,675)	(4,681)	(4,562)	
Balance at end of year	\$3,164	\$3,001	\$2,978	

⁽¹⁾ The above table contains amortization attributable to discontinued operations of \$0, \$21 and \$94 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively.

(5) REINSURANCE

In the ordinary course of business, the Company assumes reinsurance and also cedes reinsurance to other insurers to reduce overall risk, including exposure to large losses and catastrophic events. The Company is also a member of various involuntary pools and associations and serves as a servicing carrier for residual market organizations.

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A summary of reinsurance financial data reflected within the accompanying consolidated statements of income is presented below:

P&C	2015	;	201	14	201	13
	Written	Earned	Written	Earned	Written	Earned
Direct	\$35,719	\$35,151	\$35,920	\$35,175	\$35,101	\$34,356
Assumed	1,687	1,821	1,927	1,945	2,372	2,245
Ceded	4,619	4,827	5,129	5,308	5,836	5,952
Net premiums	\$32,787	\$32,145	\$32,718	\$31,812	\$ 31,637	\$30,649
Life & Annuity	2015	;	20	014	201	13
	Written	Earned	Written	Earned	Written	Earned

Life & Annuity	2015		20	14	2013		
	Written	Earned	Written	Earned	Written	Earned	
Direct	\$1,838	\$1,831	\$1,704	\$1,726	\$1,606	\$ 1,600	
Assumed	2	2	2	2	-	-	
Ceded	94	94	92	92	83	84	
Net premiums	\$1,746	\$1,739	\$1,614	\$1,636	\$1,523	\$1,516	

The Company reported reinsurance recoverables of \$13,575 and \$13,979 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$131 and \$149, respectively. The following table summarizes the Company's reinsurance recoverables by reinsurers' Standard & Poor's ("S&P") rating (or the rating of any guarantor) as of December 31, 2015.

	Reinsurance	Collateral	Net
S&P Rating	Recoverables	Held	Recoverables(1)
AAA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AA+, AA, AA-	5,354	3,327	2,405
A+, A, A-	3,365	312	3,095
BBB+, BBB, BBB-	3	-	3
BB+ or below	1	-	1
Involuntary pools	2,599	-	2,599
Voluntary pools	277	93	244
Other ⁽²⁾	2,107	2,181	635
Gross recoverables ⁽³⁾	\$13,706	\$5,913	\$8,982
Less: allowance	131		
Net recoverables	\$13,575		

- (1) Net recoverables represent gross recoverables less applicable collateral that can be specifically applied against recoverable balances.
- (2) Includes \$531 and \$1,576 of reinsurance recoverables from non-rated reinsurers and captive and program business, respectively.
- (3) Includes \$486 and \$13,220 of paid and unpaid reinsurance recoverables, respectively.

The Company remains contingently liable in the event reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations for paid and unpaid reinsurance recoverables and unearned premiums ceded under reinsurance agreements.

The reinsurance recoverables from state mandated involuntary pools and associations primarily represent the Company's servicing carrier business. As a servicing carrier, the Company retains no direct underwriting risk but instead cedes 100% of the involuntary market premium and losses back to the pool. Payment of losses is shared by the pool participants in proportion to their pool participation. Reinsurer credit risk with respect to any such involuntary pool or association is a function of the creditworthiness of all of the pool participants.

As part of its reinsurance security oversight, the Company has established a Credit Risk Committee ("the Committee") that meets quarterly to monitor and review the credit quality of the existing reinsurance portfolio, discuss emerging trends in the reinsurance marketplace, and ensure that the current portfolio of reinsurance is in compliance with the Committee's security standards. The Committee is directly responsible for establishing the rating, collateral, and diversification requirements governing the Company's purchase and use of reinsurance.

Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with the reinsured business. The Company evaluates and monitors the financial condition of its reinsurers under voluntary reinsurance arrangements to minimize its exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvencies. The Company reports its reinsurance recoverables net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible reinsurance recoverables. The allowance is based upon the Company's ongoing review of amounts outstanding, length of collection periods, changes in reinsurer credit standing and other relevant factors. Accordingly, the establishment of reinsurance recoverables and the related allowance for uncollectible reinsurance recoverables is also an inherently uncertain process involving estimates. Changes in these estimates could result in additional charges to the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

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On July 17, 2014, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ("LMIC") entered into a reinsurance agreement with National Indemnity Company ("NICO"), a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., on a combined aggregate excess of loss agreement for substantially all of the Company's U.S. workers compensation, asbestos and environmental liabilities (the "NICO Reinsurance Transaction"), attaching at \$12,522 of combined aggregate reserves, with an aggregate limit of \$6,500 and sublimits of \$3,100 for asbestos and environmental liabilities and \$4,507 for workers compensation liabilities. At the closing of the NICO Reinsurance Transaction, but effective as of January 1, 2014, the Company ceded \$3,320 of existing undiscounted liabilities under this retroactive reinsurance agreement. NICO will provide \$3,180 of additional aggregate adverse development cover. The Company paid NICO total consideration of \$3,046, and recorded a pre-tax loss of \$128 in the third quarter of 2014. With respect to the ceded asbestos and environmental business, NICO has been given authority to handle claims, subject to the Company's oversight and control. With respect to the ceded workers compensation business, the Company will continue to handle claims.

In general terms, the covered business includes post December 31, 2013 development on: (1) asbestos and environmental liabilities arising under policies of insurance and reinsurance with effective dates prior to January 1, 2005; and (2) workers compensation liabilities arising out of policies on the books of the Company's Commercial Insurance SBU as of December 31, 2013, as respects injuries or accidents occurring prior to January 1, 2014.

The following table displays the impact of the NICO Reinsurance Transaction subsequent to transaction date in the accompanying consolidated statements of income:

	Years Ended	December 31,
	2015	2014
Amounts ceded under NICO Reinsurance Transaction		
Unrecognized reinsurance benefit related to original transaction loss at the beginning of the year	\$43	\$128
Asbestos and environmental unfavorable loss development	5	111
Workers compensation favorable loss development	(21)	(26)
Total amounts ceded under NICO Reinsurance Transaction	(16)	85
Retroactive reinsurance reductions/(benefits) recognized into income	16	(85)
Pre-tax impact of unrecognized deferred retroactive reinsurance benefit	-	-
Unrecognized reinsurance benefit related to original transaction loss at the end		
of the year	\$59	\$43
Workers compensation favorable loss development Total amounts ceded under NICO Reinsurance Transaction Retroactive reinsurance reductions/(benefits) recognized into income Pre-tax impact of unrecognized deferred retroactive reinsurance benefit Unrecognized reinsurance benefit related to original transaction loss at the end	(16) 16 -	85 (85) -

Once the aggregate of workers compensation and asbestos and environmental development exceeds the original pre-tax loss of \$128, deferred gains will be recorded. Deferred gains are subsequently amortized into earnings over the period when underlying claims are settled.

In addition, the Company has an aggregate reinsurance recoverable from Nationwide Indemnity Company in the amount of \$1,590 and \$1,682 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The reinsurance recoverable is guaranteed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, which has a financial strength rating of A+ from S&P. Additionally, the Company has significant reinsurance recoverable concentrations with Swiss Re Group, Berkshire Hathaway Insurance Group, Munich Re Group, and Everest Re Group totaling \$966, \$501, \$382, and \$279, respectively, as of December 31, 2015, net of offsetting collateral under the contracts.

The Company has an aggregate stop loss program covering substantially all of Commercial Insurance's voluntary workers compensation business from the fourth quarter 2000 through the fourth quarter 2002 accident year periods. A significant portion of the consideration was retained on a "funds held" basis and interest is credited on the balance at an average rate of 8.5% annually. Under the contract, losses in excess of a specified loss ratio are reinsured up to a maximum loss ratio and were accounted for as prospective reinsurance at inception. However, due to a material contract change at the January 1, 2002 renewal, any premium and loss activity subsequent to December 31, 2001 is accounted for as retroactive reinsurance for coverage provided from the fourth quarter 2000 through the fourth quarter 2001 covered accident year periods. Deferred gains resulting from the program are amortized into income using the effective interest method over the estimated settlement period.

As of December 31, 2015, and 2014, deferred gains on in force retroactive reinsurance contracts were \$7 and \$8, respectively, and are included in other liabilities within the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Interest credited to the funds held balances for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$2, \$2, and \$72, respectively. Deferred gain amortization was \$2, \$1, and \$337 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Reinsurance recoverables related to these transactions, including experience related profit accruals, were \$55 and \$64 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Catastrophe Exposure

The Company writes insurance and reinsurance contracts that cover catastrophic events, both natural and man-made. Although the Company purchases reinsurance to mitigate its exposure to certain catastrophic events, claims from catastrophic events could cause substantial volatility in its financial results for any fiscal year and have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

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On November 26, 2002, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 ("the Terrorism Act") was enacted into Federal law and established the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program ("the Program"), a temporary Federal program in the Department of the Treasury, that provided for a system of shared public and private compensation for certain insured losses resulting from acts of terrorism or war committed by or on behalf of a foreign interest. The Program was scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2005. In December 2005, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 ("the Terrorism Extension Act") was enacted into Federal law, reauthorizing the Program through December 31, 2007, while reducing the Federal role under the Program. In December 2007, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 was enacted into Federal law, extending coverage to include domestic acts of terrorism and reauthorizing the Program through December 31, 2014. In January 2015, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 ("the 2015 Reauthorization") extends the effectiveness of the Terrorism Act through December 31, 2020, while further reducing the Federal role under the program. The four acts are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Acts."

For a loss to be covered under the Program (subject losses), the loss must meet certain aggregate industry loss minimums and must be the result of an event that is certified as an act of terrorism by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. The annual aggregate industry loss minimum is \$100 through 2015. The original Program excluded from participation certain of the following types of insurance: Federal crop insurance, private mortgage insurance, financial guaranty insurance, medical malpractice insurance, health or life insurance, flood insurance, and reinsurance. The Terrorism Extension Act exempted from coverage certain additional types of insurance, including commercial automobile, professional liability (other than directors and officers), surety, burglary and theft, and farm-owners multi-peril. In the case of a war declared by Congress, only workers compensation losses are covered by the Acts. The Acts generally require that all commercial property casualty insurers licensed in the United States participate in the Program. The 2015 Reauthorization increases the loss minimum by \$20 annually starting in 2016 until it reaches \$200 in 2020. Under the Program, a participating insurer was entitled through 2015 to be reimbursed by the Federal Government for 85% of subject losses, after an insurer deductible, subject to an annual cap. Under the 2015 Reauthorization, the Federal reimbursement percentage decreases by 1% a year starting in 2016 from the current 85% to 80% in 2020. The 2015 Reauthorization did not change the program cap of \$100,000 or the Company's deductible which remains at 20% of the Company's prior year earned premium for the covered lines.

The deductible for any calendar year is equal to 20% of the insurer's direct earned premiums for covered lines for the preceding calendar year. The Company's estimated deductible under the Program is \$1,509 for 2016. The annual cap limits the amount of aggregate subject losses for all participating insurers to \$100,000. Once subject losses have reached the \$100,000 aggregate during a program year, participating insurers will not be liable under the Program for additional covered terrorism losses for that program year. The Company has had no terrorism-related losses since the Program was established. Because the interpretation of the Acts is untested, there is substantial uncertainty as to how they will be applied to specific circumstances. It is also possible that future legislative action could change the Acts. Further, given the unpredictable frequency and severity of terrorism losses, as well as the limited terrorism coverage in the Company's own reinsurance program, future losses from acts of terrorism, particularly "unconventional" acts of terrorism involving nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological events, could be material to the Company's operating results, financial position and/or liquidity in future periods. The Company will continue to manage this type of catastrophic risk by monitoring and controlling terrorism risk aggregations to the best of its ability.

(6) UNPAID CLAIMS AND CLAIM ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES

The Company establishes reserves for payment of claims and claim adjustment expenses that arise from the policies issued. As required by applicable accounting rules, no reserves are established until a loss, including a loss from a catastrophe, occurs. The Company's reserves are segmented into three major categories: reserves for reported claims (estimates made by claims adjusters); incurred but not reported claims reserves ("IBNR") representing reserves for unreported claims and supplemental reserves for reported claims; and reserves for the costs to settle claims. The Company establishes its reserves net of salvage and subrogation by line of business or coverage and year in which losses occur.

Establishing loss reserves, including loss reserves for catastrophic events that have occurred, is an estimation process. Many factors can ultimately affect the final settlement of a claim and, therefore, the necessary reserve. Changes in the law, results of litigation, medical costs, the costs of repair materials, and labor rates can all affect ultimate claim costs. In addition, time can be a critical part of reserving determinations since the longer the span between the incidence of a loss and the payment or settlement of the claim, the more variable the ultimate settlement can be. Accordingly, "short-tail" claims, such as property damage claims, tend to be easier to estimate than "long-tail" claims, such as workers compensation or general liability claims.

As information develops that varies from past experience, provides additional data, or augments data that previously was not considered sufficient for use in determining reserves, changes in the Company's estimate of ultimate liabilities may be required. The effects of these changes are reflected in current operating results.

Catastrophes are an inherent risk of the property-casualty insurance business and have contributed to material period-to-period fluctuations in the Company's results of operations and financial position. Catastrophe losses are severe losses resulting from natural and man-made events, including risks such as fire, earthquake, windstorm, explosion, terrorism, and other similar events. The extent of losses from a catastrophe is a function of both the total amount of insured exposure in an area affected by the event and the severity of the event. The level of catastrophe losses experienced in any period cannot be predicted and can be material to the results of operations and financial position of the Company. Catastrophe losses incurred during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$1,820, \$1,609 and \$1,269, respectively.

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Activity in property and casualty unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses of the Company are summarized as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Balance as of January 1	\$49,970	\$52,207	\$51,318
Less: unpaid reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	10,256	10,957	11,113
Net balance as of January 1	39,714	41,250	40,205
Balance attributable to acquisitions and dispositions ⁽²⁾	(67)	(900)	-
Incurred attributable to:			
Current year	21,454	21,203	21,257
Prior years ⁽³⁾	(162)	47	399
Discount accretion attributable to prior years	79	109	117
Total incurred	21,371	21,359	21,773
Paid attributable to:			
Current year	11,559	11,491	10,617
Prior years	9,457	9,987	10,351
Total paid	21,016	21,478	20,968
Amortization of deferred retroactive reinsurance gain ⁽⁴⁾	3	4	339
Net adjustment due to foreign exchange	(573)	(521)	(99)
Add: unpaid reinsurance recoverables(1)	9,891	10,256	10,957
Balance as of December 31	\$49,323	\$49,970	\$52,207

⁽¹⁾ In addition to the unpaid reinsurance recoverable balances noted above, and as a result of retroactive reinsurance agreements, the Company has recorded retroactive reinsurance recoverable balances of \$3,000, \$3,015, and \$106 as of December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

In 2015, favorable incurred attributable to prior years, excluding asbestos and environmental and amortization of deferred retroactive gain, is primarily attributable to favorable development in the reinsurance line of business due to lower than expected loss development. In 2014, incurred attributable to prior years, excluding asbestos and environmental and amortization of deferred retroactive gain, is primarily attributable to favorable development across various lines of business, partially offset by unfavorable development on the surety line of business due to greater than expected severity in prior year claims. In 2013, incurred attributable to prior years, excluding asbestos and environmental and amortization of deferred retroactive gain, is primarily attributable to personal automobile and surety lines of business. The personal automobile unfavorable development is driven by worse than expected severity in bodily injury claims. Unfavorable development in surety is due to greater than expected severity in prior year claims.

For certain commercial lines of insurance, the Company offers experience-rated insurance contracts whereby the ultimate premium is dependent upon the claims incurred. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company held \$3,613 and \$3,632, respectively, of unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses related to experience-rated contracts. Premiums receivable included accrued retrospective and unbilled audit premiums of \$448 and \$514 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company recognized an increase (decrease) of premium income of \$40, \$(2) and \$216, respectively, relating to prior years.

Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses are recorded net of anticipated salvage and subrogation of \$1,286 and \$1,279 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the reserve for unpaid claim reserves was reduced by \$5,564 and \$5,535, respectively, for large dollar deductibles. Large dollar deductibles billed and recoverable were \$163 and \$190 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Asbestos and Environmental Reserves

The Company has exposure to asbestos and environmental claims that emanate principally from general liability policies written prior to the mid-1980s. In establishing the Company's asbestos and environmental reserves, the Company estimates case reserves for anticipated losses and bulk reserves for claim adjustment expenses and IBNR. The Company maintained casualty excess of loss reinsurance during the relevant periods. The reserves, including cessions reported by ceding reinsurers on assumed reinsurance contracts, are reported in unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses, and ceded reserves are included in reinsurance recoverables on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Upon their de-affiliation from the Nationwide Group and affiliation with the Company, Employers Insurance Company of Wausau ("EICOW"), Wausau Business Insurance Company ("WBIC"), Wausau General Insurance Company ("WGIC"), and Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company ("WUIC") entered into ceded reinsurance contracts whereby Nationwide Indemnity Company assumed full responsibility for obligations on certain policies with effective dates prior to January 1, 1986, including all asbestos and environmental exposures.

⁽²⁾ The balance attributable to acquisitions and dispositions primarily represents the dispositions of Argentina operations and Summit, partially offset by the Uni. Asia acquisition. (See Note 2 for further discussion.)

⁽³⁾ Does not include increases/(decreases) in allowance related to reinsurance recoverables due to prior year development of \$21, \$(9), and \$(98) as of December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ The increase in deferred gain amortization during the year ended December 31, 2013, was due to the commutation of four workers compensation excess of loss retroactive reinsurance agreements. (See Note 5 for further discussion.)

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The process of establishing reserves for asbestos and environmental claims is subject to greater uncertainty than the establishment of reserves for liabilities relating to other types of insurance claims. A number of factors contribute to this greater uncertainty surrounding the establishment of asbestos and environmental reserves, including, without limitation: (i) the lack of available and reliable historical claims data as an indicator of future loss development, (ii) the long waiting periods between exposure and manifestation of any bodily injury or property damage, (iii) the difficulty in identifying the source of asbestos or environmental contamination, (iv) the difficulty in properly allocating liability for asbestos or environmental damage, (v) the uncertainty as to the number and identity of insureds with potential exposure, (vi) the cost to resolve claims, and (vii) the collectability of reinsurance.

The uncertainties associated with establishing reserves for asbestos and environmental claims and claim adjustment expenses are compounded by the differing, and at times inconsistent, court rulings on environmental and asbestos coverage issues involving: (i) the differing interpretations of various insurance policy provisions and whether asbestos and environmental losses are or were ever intended to be covered, (ii) when the loss occurred and what policies provide coverage, (iii) whether there is an insured obligation to defend, (iv) whether a compensable loss or injury has occurred, (v) how policy limits are determined, (vi) how policy exclusions are applied and interpreted, (vii) the impact of entities seeking bankruptcy protection as a result of asbestos-related liabilities, (viii) whether clean-up costs are covered as insured property damage, and (ix) applicable coverage defenses or determinations, if any, including the determination as to whether or not an asbestos claim is a products/completed operation claim subject to an aggregate limit and the available coverage, if any, for that claim. The uncertainties cannot be reasonably estimated, but could have a material impact on the Company's future operating results and financial condition.

In the third quarter of 2015, the Company completed a review of asbestos, environmental and miscellaneous toxic tort unpaid loss and ALAE claim liabilities. The review resulted in no change to reserves as they make a reasonable provision for all unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses.

In the third quarter of 2014, the Company completed asbestos ground-up and aggregate environmental reserve studies. These studies were completed by a multi-disciplinary team of internal claims, legal, reinsurance and actuarial personnel, and included all major business segments of the Company's direct, assumed, and ceded asbestos and environmental unpaid claim liabilities. As part of the internal review, policyholders with the largest direct asbestos unpaid claim liabilities were individually evaluated using the Company's proprietary stochastic ground-up model, which is consistent with published actuarial methods of asbestos reserving. Among the factors reviewed in depth by the team of specialists were the type of business, level of exposure, coverage limits, geographic distribution of products, injury type, jurisdiction and legal defenses. Reinsurance recoveries for these policyholders were then separately evaluated by the Company's reinsurance and actuarial personnel. Asbestos and environmental unpaid claim liabilities for all other policyholders were evaluated using aggregate methods that utilized information and experience specific to these policyholders. The studies resulted in an increase to reserves of \$111 including: \$83 of asbestos reserves, primarily associated with increased defense costs, and \$28 of pollution reserves.

As a result of the significant uncertainty inherent in determining a company's asbestos and environmental liabilities and establishing related reserves, the amount of reserves required to adequately fund the Company's asbestos and environmental claims cannot be accurately estimated using conventional reserving methodologies based on historical data and trends. As a result, the use of conventional reserving methodologies frequently has to be supplemented by subjective considerations including managerial judgment. In that regard, the estimation of asbestos claims and associated liabilities and the analysis of environmental claims considered prevailing applicable law and certain inconsistencies of court decisions as to coverage, plaintiffs' expanded theories of liability, and the risks inherent in major litigation and other uncertainties, the Company believes that in future periods it is possible that the outcome of the continued uncertainties regarding asbestos and environmental related claims could result in an aggregate liability that differs from current reserves and would be covered under the NICO Reinsurance Transaction.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's unpaid claims and claim adjustment expense reserves, net of associated reinsurance recoverables, included \$952 and \$1,225 respectively, for asbestos and environmental-related claims before consideration of the NICO Reinsurance Transaction.

Net asbestos losses paid in 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$243, \$169, and \$128, respectively. The Company incurred \$7, \$89, and \$236 of asbestos reserves before consideration of the NICO Reinsurance Transaction, net of change in allowance for doubtful accounts during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Net environmental losses paid in 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$37, \$52, and \$47, respectively. The Company incurred \$0, \$28, and \$61 of environmental reserves before consideration of the NICO Reinsurance Transaction, net of change in allowance for doubtful accounts during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

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(7) DEBT OUTSTANDING

Debt outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 includes the following:

Current maturities of long-term debt:

	2015	2014
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 249	\$ -
Long-term debt:		
	2015	2014
6.70% Notes, due 2016	\$ -	\$249
7.00% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2067(1)	300	300
5.00% Notes, due 2021	600	600
4.95% Notes, due 2022	750	750
4.25% Notes, due 2023	1,000	1,000
8.50% Surplus Notes, due 2025	140	140
7.875% Surplus Notes, due 2026	227	227
7.625% Notes, due 2028	3	3
3.91% - 4.25% Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings due 2032	300	300
7.00% Notes, due 2034	231	231
6.50% Notes, due 2035	471	471
7.50% Notes, due 2036	19	19
7.80% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2087(2)	700	700
10.75% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2088(3)	193	196
6.50% Notes, due 2042	750	750
4.85% Notes, due 2044	1,050	1,050
7.697% Surplus Notes, due 2097	260	260
	6,994	7,246
Unamortized discount	(12)	(14)
Total long-term debt	\$6,982	\$7,232

⁽¹⁾ The par value call date and final fixed rate interest payment date is March 15, 2017, subject to certain requirements.

Debt Transactions and In-Force Credit Facilities

Effective December 21, 2015, LMIC renewed its \$1,000 repurchase agreement for a two-year period, which terminates December 21, 2017. To date, no funds have been borrowed under the facility.

In 2015, the Company repurchased \$3 of the 10.75% Junior Subordinated notes due 2088. Pre-tax loss of \$1 was recorded on this transaction and is included in loss on extinguishment of debt in the consolidated statements of income.

Effective July 2, 2015, LMIC renewed its \$1,000 repurchase agreement for a two-year period, which terminates July 3, 2017 unless extended. To date, no funds have been borrowed under the facility.

The Company places commercial paper through a program issued by Liberty Mutual Group Inc. ("LMGI") and guaranteed by LMIC. On April 8, 2015, LMGI increased its commercial paper program from \$750 to \$1,000. As of December 31, 2015, there was no commercial paper outstanding.

On March 5, 2015, LMGI amended and restated its unsecured revolving credit facility from \$750 to \$1,000 with an expiration date of March 5, 2020. This facility backs the Company's commercial paper program. To date, no funds have been borrowed under the facility.

On December 31, 2014, Berkeley/St. James Real Estate LLC paid off its five-year mortgage loan in the amount of \$47. The mortgage loan was originally \$50 with a maturity date of January 1, 2015.

On July 24, 2014 and October 31, 2014, LMGI issued \$750 and \$300 of Senior Notes due 2044 (the "2044 Notes"), respectively. Interest is payable semi-annually at a fixed rate of 4.85%. The 2044 Notes mature on August 1, 2044.

LMIC, Peerless Insurance Company ("PIC"), Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston ("LLAC"), Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company ("LMFIC"), and Employers Insurance Company of Wausau ("EICOW") are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank. On March 21, 2012, LMFIC borrowed \$150 at a rate of 3.91% with a maturity date of March 22, 2032. On March 23, 2012 and April 2, 2012, LMIC borrowed \$127 at a rate of 4.24% with a maturity date of March 23, 2032 and \$23 at a rate of 4.25% with a maturity date of April 2, 2032, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, all of the outstanding Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings are fully collateralized.

⁽²⁾ The par value call date and final fixed rate interest payment date is March 15, 2037, subject to certain requirements.

⁽³⁾ The par value call date and final fixed rate interest payment date is June 15, 2038, subject to certain requirements.

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On January 20, 2012, LMGI entered into two interest rate swap transactions having a notional amount of \$300 with respect to LMGI's \$300 7.00% Junior Subordinated Notes due 2067. Pursuant to the terms of the swap agreements, commencing on March 15, 2017 and effective through March 15, 2037, LMGI has agreed with the counterparties to pay a fixed rate of interest on the notional amount and the counterparties have agreed to pay a floating rate of interest on the notional amount.

Payments of interest and principal of the surplus notes are expressly subordinate to all policyholder claims and other obligations of LMIC. Accordingly, interest and principal payments are contingent upon prior approval of the Commissioner of Insurance of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Capital lease obligations as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$2 and \$28, respectively and are included in other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Amortization of the lease obligation was \$7 and \$28 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 the leaseback agreements entered into in 2010 have expired.

Interest

The Company paid \$434, \$400, \$431 of interest in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

(8) INCOME TAXES

The components of U.S. Federal, state and foreign income tax expense (benefit) are:

Years ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Current tax expense (benefit):			
U.S. Federal	\$374	\$320	\$71
U.S. Federal benefit of net			
operating losses	(385)	(401)	(84)
State	3	3	3
Foreign	167	112	131
Total current tax expense	159	34	121
Deferred tax expense (benefit):			<u> </u>
U.S. Federal	395	706	328
Foreign	(30)	4	61
Total deferred tax expense	365	710	389
Total U.S. Federal, state and foreign			
income tax expense	\$524	\$744	\$510

A reconciliation of the income tax expense attributable to continuing operations computed at U.S. Federal statutory tax rates to the income tax expense as included in the consolidated statements of income is as follows:

Years ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Expected U.S. Federal income tax expense	\$688	\$899	\$738
Tax effect of:			
Nontaxable investment income	(107)	(122)	(131)
Change in valuation allowance	(6)	(2)	3
Goodwill	-	-	(10)
Revision to estimates	(6)	7	(38)
General business credits	(18)	(5)	(33)
Audit Settlement	(40)	(60)	-
State	3	3	3
Foreign	20	22	9
Other	(10)	2	(31)
Actual income tax expense	\$524	\$744	\$510

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The significant components of the deferred income tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are summarized as follows:

	2015	2014
Deferred tax assets:		
Unpaid claims discount	\$302	\$361
Unearned premium reserves	979	942
Net operating losses	319	691
Employee benefits	775	887
Credits	439	349
Other accrued expenses	114	124
Other	479	421
	3,407	3,775
Less: valuation allowance	(106)	(138)
Total deferred tax assets	3,301	3,637
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Deferred acquisition costs	842	797
Net unrealized gains	653	1,236
Intangibles	364	356
Depreciation/amortization	343	405
Other	304	268
Total deferred tax liabilities	2,506	3,062
Net deferred tax assets	\$795	\$575

The overall decrease in the valuation allowance is primarily due to currency translation and revised income projections for certain foreign subsidiaries. Based on the assumption that future levels of income will be achieved, management believes it is more likely than not the remaining net deferred tax assets after valuation allowance will be realized.

The Company's subsidiaries have foreign tax credit carry forwards of \$184, general business credit carry forwards of \$102, alternative minimum tax credit carry forwards of \$153, and net operating loss carry forwards of \$1,031 as of December 31, 2015. The foreign tax credits will begin to expire, if not utilized, in 2019, the general business credits will begin to expire, if not utilized, in 2031, and the alternative minimum tax credits do not expire. The net operating losses available in the U.S. and various non-U.S. tax jurisdictions will begin to expire, if not utilized, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	33
2017	41
2018	48
2019	38
Thereafter	871
Total	\$1,031

The Company has not provided for deferred taxes on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries outside the U.S. where such earnings are permanently reinvested. As of December 31, 2015, unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries were \$2,434. If these earnings were distributed in the form of dividends or otherwise, the Company would be subject to U.S. income taxes less an adjustment for applicable foreign tax credits. The determination of the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to the undistributed earnings is not practicable.

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A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$298
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	7
Additions for tax positions of prior years	54
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(149)
Settlements	(24)
Translation	(4)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$182
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	42
Additions for tax positions of prior years	191
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(152)
Settlements	(3)
Translation	(11)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$249

Included in the tabular roll forward of unrecognized tax benefits are interest and penalties in the amount of \$34 and \$51 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Included in the balance at December 31, 2015 is \$62 related to tax positions that would impact the effective tax rate.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in U.S. Federal, state, and foreign income tax expense. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company recognized approximately \$(30), \$(36), and \$(11) in interest and penalties, respectively. The Company had approximately \$31 and \$59 of interest and penalties accrued as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The IRS has completed its review of the Company's U.S. Federal income tax returns through the 2007 tax year and is currently reviewing income tax returns for the 2008 through 2011 tax years. Any adjustments that may result from the IRS examinations of these income tax returns are not expected to have a material impact on the financial position, liquidity, or results of operations of the Company.

The Company believes that the range of reasonably possible changes to the balance of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by \$0 to \$210 within the next twelve months as a result of potential settlements with the IRS for prior years.

(9) BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors non-contributory defined benefit pension plans ("the Plans") covering substantially all U.S. and Canadian employees. The benefits and eligibility are based on age, years of service, and the employee's final average compensation, as more fully described in the Plans. Some foreign subsidiaries also sponsor defined benefit pension plans. In 2013, the Company approved changes to the U.S. pension plan that went into effect on January 1, 2014. Significant changes included the addition of a new cash balance benefit formula for all eligible U.S. employees and the freezing of credited service under the plan's final average pay formula.

The Company sponsors non-qualified supplemental pension plans for selected highly compensated employees to restore the pension benefits they would be entitled to under the Company's U.S. tax qualified, defined benefit pension plan had it not been for limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. The supplemental plans are unfunded.

The Company also provides certain healthcare and life insurance benefits ("Postretirement") covering substantially all U.S. and Canadian employees. In 2014, the Company's U.S. postretirement medical and dental cost sharing arrangement changed to a defined contribution model with an annual dollar contribution amount based on age and years of eligible credited service. Life insurance benefits are based on a participant's final compensation subject to the plan maximum. The postretirement plan is unfunded.

Assets of the U.S. tax-qualified, defined benefit pension plans consist primarily of investments held in a master trust with The Bank of New York Mellon. Assets of the plan are invested primarily in fixed income securities and in diversified public equities. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, no assets of the plans were held in separate accounts of the Company. During 2014, remaining assets formerly held in separate accounts of the Company were transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon.

The Company sponsors defined contribution plans for substantially all U.S. (a 401(k) plan) and Canadian (Retirement Savings Plan and Deferred Profit Sharing Plan) employees who meet eligibility requirements. During 2015, 2014, and 2013, employees could contribute a percentage of their annual compensation on a before and after-tax basis, subject to Federal limitations. Company contributions, a portion of which reflect Company performance, are based on the employee's contribution amount. In 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company incurred matching contributions of \$138, \$128 and \$109, respectively, including the supplemental defined contribution plans.

Compensation expense related to the Company's long-term and short-term incentive compensation plans was \$636, \$653, and \$656 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the assets, obligations, and assumptions associated with the various U.S., Canadian, and certain foreign subsidiary pension and postretirement benefits. The amounts are recognized in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and accompanying consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

	Pension		Supplemental Pension		Postretirement	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Change in benefit obligations:						
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$7,216	\$5,692	\$400	\$345	\$844	\$736
Service costs	133	104	4	3	19	17
Interest costs	341	312	19	19	39	40
Amendments	1	1	-	-	-	-
Settlement	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
Actuarial (gains) losses	(316)	1,374	9	72	(77)	85
Currency exchange rate change	(21)	(14)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Benefits paid	(262)	(253)	(38)	(38)	(33)	(33)
Employee contributions	1	1	1	-	-	-
Benefit obligations at end of year	\$7,093	\$7,216	\$394	\$400	\$791	\$844
Accumulated benefit obligations	\$6,713	\$6,735	\$344	\$338	\$791	\$844
Change in plan assets:						
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$6,091	\$5,555	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -
Actual return on plan assets	42	342	_	_	_	_
Currency exchange rate change	(17)	(12)	-	-	-	-
Employer contribution	313	459	-	-	-	-
Benefits paid	(262)	(253)	-	-	-	-
Settlement	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
Other	2	1	-	-	-	-
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$6,169	\$6,091	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -
Funded status of Plan	\$(924)	\$(1,125)	\$(394)	\$(400)	\$(791)	\$(844)

	Pension		Supplemental Pension		Postretirement	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Amounts recognized in the Balance						
Sheets:						
Assets	\$10	\$7	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -
Liabilities	(934)	(1,132)	(394)	(400)	(791)	(844)
Net liability at end of year	\$(924)	\$(1,125)	\$(394)	\$(400)	\$(791)	\$(844)
Amounts recognized in Accumulated						
Other Comprehensive Loss (Income):						
Net loss (gain)	\$2,375	\$2,509	\$213	\$228	\$(69)	\$12
Prior service costs	(11)	(14)	(11)	(13)	(77)	(87)
Net transition asset	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-
Total	\$2,363	\$2,494	\$202	\$215	\$(146)	\$(75)
Other changes in Plan assets and						
projected benefit obligation recognized						
in Other Comprehensive Loss (Income):						
Net actuarial loss (gain)	\$71	\$1,417	\$8	\$72	\$(77)	\$85
Currency exchange rate change	(5)	(3)	-	-	-	-
Amortization of net actuarial (loss) gain	(200)	(77)	(23)	(16)	(4)	1
Prior service costs	1	2	-	-	-	-
Amortization of prior service cost	2	2	2	2	10	10
Total	\$(131)	\$1,341	\$(13)	\$58	\$(71)	\$96

The estimated net actuarial loss, prior service cost, and transition obligation for the pension, supplemental pension and postretirement plan that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost during the 2016 fiscal year are \$152, \$(3), and \$0 for pension plans, \$20, \$(2), and \$0 for supplemental pension plans, and \$0, \$(10), and \$0 for postretirement plans.

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The net benefit costs for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, include the following components:

	9	Supplemental	tal		
December 31, 2015	Pension	Pension	Postretirement		
Components of net periodic benefit costs:					
Service costs	\$133	\$4	\$19		
Interest costs	341	19	39		
Expected return on plan assets	(428)	-	-		
Settlement / curtailment loss	2	-	-		
Amortization of unrecognized:					
Net loss	198	23	4		
Prior service cost	(2)	(2)	(10)		
Net periodic benefit costs	\$244	\$44	\$52		
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	:	Supplemental	
December 31, 2014	Pension	Pension	Postretirement
Components of net periodic benefit costs:			
Service costs	\$104	\$3	\$17
Interest costs	312	19	40
Expected return on plan assets	(386)	-	-
Settlement / curtailment loss	-	-	-
Amortization of unrecognized:			
Net loss (gain)	77	16	(1)
Prior service cost	(2)	(2)	(10)
Net periodic benefit costs	\$105	\$36	\$46

December 31, 2013		Supplemental	
, -	Pension	Pension	Postretirement
Components of net periodic benefit costs:			
Service costs	\$170	\$6	\$24
Interest costs	287	19	42
Expected return on plan assets	(348)	-	-
Settlement / curtailment loss	-	-	-
Amortization of unrecognized:			
Net loss	154	20	5
Prior service cost	(1)	(2)	(6)
Net periodic benefit costs	\$262	\$43	\$65

The measurement date used to determine pension and other postretirement is December 31, 2015.

Weighted-average actuarial assumptions for benefit obligations are set forth in the following table:

December 31,	2015	2014
Pension		
Discount rate	5.12%	4.85%
Rate of compensation increase	3.80%	4.00%
Supplemental Pension		
Discount rate	4.95%	4.85%
Rate of compensation increase	5.02%	5.29%
Postretirement		
Discount rate	5.09%	4.85%

Also, the Company adopted the RP-2014 Mortality table for Annuitants and Non-Annuitants with White Collar adjustment, projected generationally with Scale MP-2015 at December 31, 2015 and Scale MP-2014 at December 31, 2014.

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Weighted-average actuarial assumptions for net periodic benefit costs are set forth in the following table:

December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Pension			
Discount rate	4.85%	5.60%	4.80%
Expected return on plan assets	7.00%	6.75%	6.75%
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	3.70%	3.70%
Supplemental Pension			
Discount rate	4.85%	5.60%	4.80%
Rate of compensation increase	5.29%	3.90%	3.90%
Postretirement			
Discount rate	4.85%	5.60%	5.03%

On an annual basis, the Company reviews the discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligations and the composition of various yield curves to ensure that the assumed discount rate reflects the Company's best estimate of the rate of return inherent in a portfolio of high-quality debt instruments that would provide the cash flows necessary to settle the Company's projected benefit payments.

The discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligations was based on a yield curve approach where the cash flows related to the benefit plans' liability stream were discounted at an interest rate specifically applicable to the timing of the cash flows. Prior to December 31, 2015, the process calculated the present value of these cash flows and determined the weighted average discount rate that produced the same present value of the future cash flows. Effective December 31, 2015, the discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligations is based on the yield curve where the cash flows related to the benefit plans' liability stream are discounted using spot rates specifically applicable to the timing of the cash flows of each plan. The spot rate change, which is accounted for as a change in estimate, has no impact on the pension benefit obligation as of December 31, 2015 or net periodic benefit costs recorded for the year.

In choosing the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets, the Company's Retirement Board considered the historical returns of equity and fixed income markets in conjunction with current economic and financial market conditions.

The weighted-average healthcare cost trend rates are expected to be 7.8% in 2016 graded down to 5.0% in 2027. Healthcare cost trend rate assumptions have a material impact on the postretirement benefit obligation. A one-percentage point change in assumed healthcare cost trend rates would have the following effects:

	1% point increase	1% point decrease
Effect on Postretirement Benefit Obligation	\$23	\$(19)
Effect on total service and interest costs	\$1	\$(1)

Plan Assets

The assets of the U.S. pension plan represent approximately 98% of the total Plans' assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 respectively. The Company's overall investment strategy for the U.S. pension plan's assets is to achieve a mix of approximately 50% of investments for near-term benefit payments and 50% for long-term growth with a wide diversification of asset types, fund strategies, and fund managers. The U.S. pension plan's goal is to achieve a total return in the range of 6%-8% annually with sufficient liquidity to meet the benefit needs of the U.S. pension plan.

The U.S. pension plan's assets are held in a trust and managed by LMIC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and by its subadvisor, Liberty Mutual Group Asset Management, Inc., which is also a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

The target allocation for the U.S. pension plan's assets are 47% bonds, 40% diversified public equities, 10% private equity and real estate investments, and 3% cash and short-term investments.

Fixed maturities include investment grade and high yield bonds and syndicated loans of companies from diversified industries, residential and commercial mortgage backed securities ("RMBS" and "CMBS"), asset backed securities ("ABS") and collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMO"), U.S. Treasuries and Agencies, U.S. Municipals and Foreign Government securities. Public equities are broadly diversified by geography (U.S. vs International) and capitalization (large cap vs mid and small cap). Limited partnerships include investments in private equity, real estate and other funds.

The investment strategy for each category of the U.S. pension plan's assets is as follows:

Fixed maturities - Achieve superior performance against the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index, Bank of America Merrill Lynch High Yield Bond Index, S&P/LSTA Performing Loan Index, and J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified over a three to five year period.

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Public equities - Achieve superior performance against the MSCI All Country World Index over a three to five year period.

Limited partnerships – Achieve long-term returns in excess of liquid equity securities and provide diversification to the U.S. pension plan's assets. Exposures are diversified by geography, manager, industry, stage and vintage year.

The U.S. pension plan's assets are administered by the Liberty Mutual Retirement Board who has the fiduciary responsibility for management of the U.S. pension plan's assets in accordance with the Liberty Mutual Retirement Benefit Plan Investment Policy. This policy has been approved by the Liberty Mutual Retirement Board.

The other assets represent currency hedges, and real estate assets that support foreign pension plans and an insurance company separate account that supports the domestic pension plan.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plans' assets at fair value as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2015

		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Asset Category	Total	Level 1(1)	Level 2(1)	Level 3(1)
Cash, cash equivalents and short- term investments ⁽²⁾ Fixed maturities:	\$42	\$84	\$(42)	\$-
U.S. government and agency				
securities	180	89	91	-
U.S. state and municipal	138	-	138	-
RMBS/CMO/ABS/CMBS	726	-	726	-
Corporate and other	1,994	-	1,992	2
Foreign government securities	47	-	47	-
U.S. large cap equities	747	747	-	-
U.S. mid and small cap equities	525	525	-	-
European equities	648	648	-	-
Asian equities	470	470	-	-
Other equities	41	41	-	-
Limited partnerships	436	-	-	436
Other assets	175	-	12	163
Total	\$6,169	\$2,604	\$2,964	\$601

⁽¹⁾ See Note 10 for descriptions of the three levels of fair value presentation.

⁽²⁾ Cash equivalents in Level 2 are net of investment payables of \$(53).

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Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2014

		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Asset Category	Total	Level 1(1)	Level 2(1)	Level 3 ⁽¹⁾
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments ⁽²⁾ Fixed maturities:	\$19	\$102	\$(83)	\$ -
U.S. government and agency				
securities	95	75	20	-
U.S. state and municipal	131	-	131	-
RMBS/CMO/ABS/CMBS	815	-	814	1
Corporate and other	2,164	-	2,164	-
Foreign government securities	51	-	51	-
U.S. large cap equities	871	871	-	-
U.S. mid and small cap equities	533	533	-	-
European equities	527	527	-	-
Asian equities	395	395	-	-
Other equities	105	105	-	-
Limited partnerships	281	-	-	281
Other assets	104	-	14	90
Total	\$6,091	\$2,608	\$3,111	\$372

⁽¹⁾ See Note 10 for descriptions of the three levels of fair value presentation.

Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

	Chobservable Inputs (Level 3)					
	Balance January 1, 2015	Actual Return on Plan Assets Still Held	Actual Return on Plan Assets Sold	Purchases, Sales, & Settlements	Transfers In/(Out) of Level 3	Balance December 31, 2015
Limited partnerships	\$281	\$22	\$16	\$117	\$-	\$436
Fixed maturities	1	-	-	1	-	2
Other assets	90	(2)	8	67	-	163
Total	\$372	\$20	\$24	\$185	\$-	\$601

	Balance January 1, 2014	Actual Return on Plan Assets Still Held	Actual Return on Plan Assets Sold	Purchases, Sales, & Settlements	Transfers In/(Out) of Level 3	Balance December 31, 2014
Limited partnerships (1)	\$165	\$6	\$14	\$96	\$ -	\$281
Fixed maturities	1	-	-	(1)	1	1
Other assets (1)	41	(1)	-	50	-	90
Total	\$207	\$5	\$14	\$145	\$1	\$372

⁽¹⁾ Real Estate investments of \$38 were transferred from Limited Partnerships to Other Assets in 2014.

⁽²⁾ Cash equivalents in Level 2 are net of investment payables of \$(95).

The Plans' investments in limited partnerships are recorded at the carrying value as reported by the external fund managers, which is believed to approximate the fair value of the investments.

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Cash Flows

Contributions - The Company contributed \$313 to the qualified plans, and directly funded \$38 to retirees in the supplemental pension plans in 2015. In addition, the Company directly funded \$33 to retirees in the postretirement benefit plans in 2015.

The Company expects to contribute approximately \$416 to the qualified plans, to directly fund \$15 to retirees in the supplemental pension plans, and to directly fund \$36 to the postretirement benefit plans.

Expected Future Benefit Payments - The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service as appropriate, are expected to be paid:

		Supplemental	Postretirement
	Pension	Pension	Plans
2016	303	15	36
2017	309	24	38
2018	336	28	40
2019	359	32	42
2020	376	26	44
2021-2025	2,192	134	241

(10) FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Company primarily uses the market approach, which generally utilizes market transaction data for identical or similar instruments.

The hierarchy level assigned to each security in the Company's available for sale portfolio is based on the Company's assessment of the transparency and reliability of the inputs used in the valuation of each instrument at the measurement date. The highest priority is given to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Securities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company recognizes transfers between levels at the end of each reporting period. The three hierarchy levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations based on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the
 ability to access.
- Level 2 Valuations based on observable inputs (other than Level 1 prices), such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities at the
 measurement date, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement and involve management
 judgment. The unobservable inputs reflect the Company's estimates of the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the
 assets and liabilities.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from financial instrument to financial instrument and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the financial instrument. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires significantly more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by management in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The Company is responsible for the determination of fair value and the supporting assumptions and methodologies. The Company gains assurance on the overall reasonableness and consistent application of valuation methodologies and inputs and compliance with accounting standards through the execution of various processes and controls designed to ensure that the Company's assets and liabilities are appropriately valued. For fair values received from third parties or internally estimated, the Company's processes are designed to determine that the valuation methodologies and inputs are appropriate and consistently applied, the assumptions are reasonable and consistent with the objective of determining fair value, and the fair values are accurately recorded. For example, on a continuing basis, the Company assesses the reasonableness of individual fair values that have stale security prices or that exceed certain thresholds as compared to previous fair values received from valuation service providers or brokers or derived from internal models. The Company performs procedures to understand and assess the methodologies, processes and controls of valuation service providers. In addition, the Company may validate the reasonableness of fair values by comparing information obtained from valuation service providers or brokers to other third party valuation sources for selected securities.

The Company used the following methods and assumptions in estimating the fair value of its financial instruments as well as the general classification of such financial instruments pursuant to the above fair value hierarchy:

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Fixed Maturities

At each valuation date, the Company uses various valuation techniques to estimate the fair value of its fixed maturities portfolio. The primary method for valuing the Company's securities is through independent third-party valuation service providers. For positions where valuations are not available from independent third-party valuation service providers, the Company utilizes broker quotes and internal pricing methods to determine fair values. The Company obtains a single non-binding price quote from a broker familiar with the security who, similar to the Company's valuation service providers, may consider transactions or activity in similar securities, as applicable, among other information. The brokers providing price quotes are generally from the brokerage divisions of leading financial institutions with market making, underwriting and distribution expertise regarding the security subject to valuation. The evaluation and prioritization of these valuation sources is systematic and predetermined resulting in a single quote or price for each financial instrument. The following describes the techniques generally used to determine the fair value of the Company's fixed maturities by asset class:

U.S. Government and Agency Securities

U.S. government and agency securities consist primarily of bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury and mortgage pass-through agencies such as the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. As the fair values of the Company's U.S. Treasury securities are based on unadjusted market prices, they are classified within Level 1. The fair value of U.S. government agency securities is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, reported trades, bids, offers and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of U.S. government agency securities is classified within Level 2.

Mortgage-Backed Securities

The Company's portfolio of residential and commercial MBS is originated by both agencies and non-agencies, the majority of which are pass-through securities issued by U.S. government agencies. The fair value of MBS is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, contractual cash flows, prepayment speeds, collateral performance and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of MBS is primarily classified within Level 2.

Asset-Backed Securities

ABS include mostly investment-grade bonds backed by pools of loans with a variety of underlying collateral, including automobile loan receivables, credit card receivables, and collateralized loan obligation securities originated by a variety of financial institutions. The fair value of ABS is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, contractual cash flows, prepayment speeds, collateral performance and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of ABS is primarily classified within Level 2.

Municipal Securities

The Company's municipal portfolio is comprised of bonds issued by U.S. domiciled state and municipal entities. The fair value of municipal securities is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, binding broker quotes, issuer ratings, reported trades and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of municipal securities is primarily classified within Level 2.

Corporate Debt and Other Securities

Corporate debt securities consist primarily of investment-grade debt of a wide variety of corporate issuers and industries. The fair value of corporate and other securities is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, new issuances, issuer ratings, reported trades of identical or comparable securities, bids, offers and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of corporate and other securities is primarily classified within Level 2. In the event third-party vendor valuation is not available, prices are determined using non-binding price quotes from a broker familiar with the security. In this instance, the valuation inputs are generally unobservable and the fair value is classified within Level 3.

Foreign Government Securities

Foreign government securities include bonds issued or guaranteed by foreign governments. The fair value of foreign government securities is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, binding broker quotes, issuer ratings, reported trades of identical or comparable securities and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of foreign government securities is primarily classified within Level 2. In the event third-party vendor valuation is not available, prices are determined using non-binding price quotes from a broker familiar with the security. In this instance, the valuation inputs are generally unobservable and the fair value is classified within Level 3.

Equity Securities

Equity securities include common and preferred stocks. Common stocks with fair values based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1. Common stocks with fair values determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active are classified within Level 2. The fair value of preferred stock is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active. Accordingly, the fair value of preferred stock is primarily classified within Level 2.

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Short-Term Investments

The fair value of short-term investments is generally determined using observable market inputs that include quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, new issuances, issuer ratings, reported trades of identical or comparable securities, bids, offers and credit spreads. Accordingly, the fair value of short-term investments is primarily classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Other Investments

Other investments include primarily foreign cash deposits and equity investments in privately held businesses. Cash deposits are primarily valued using quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; these assets are categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Equity investments in privately held businesses are valued using internal management estimates; they are categorized within Level 3 of the hierarchy. Limited partnership and other equity method investments, which represent the remainder of the other investment balance on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet are not subject to these disclosures and therefore are excluded from the table in this note.

Separate Account Assets

Separate account assets, which primarily consist of other limited partnerships and equity securities, are measured based on the methodologies discussed above. The activity in separate account assets is offset by an equal amount for separate account liabilities, which results in a net zero impact for the Company. Separate account assets within Level 3 include other limited partnership interests. Other limited partnership interests are valued giving consideration to the value of the underlying holdings of the partnerships.

Other Assets and Other Liabilities

Other assets primarily consist of fixed maturities, short-term investments, and equity securities of captive companies sponsored by the Company. These assets are measured based on the methodology for individual securities as discussed above.

Additionally, other assets and other liabilities classified within Level 2 represent the Company's derivatives which can be exchange-traded or traded over-the-counter ("OTC"). OTC derivatives are valued using market transactions and other market evidence whenever possible, including market-based inputs to models, model calibration to market clearing transactions, broker or dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. When models are used, the selection of a particular model to value an OTC derivative depends on the contractual terms of, and specific risks inherent in the instrument, as well as the availability of pricing information in the market. The Company generally uses similar models to value similar instruments. Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices and rates, yield curves, credit curves, measures of volatility, prepayment rates and correlations of such inputs. For OTC derivatives that trade in liquid markets, such as generic forwards, swaps and options, model inputs can generally be corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means, and model selection does not involve significant management judgment.

Life Insurance Obligations

Life insurance obligations include certain variable annuity contracts that provide guaranteed minimum income benefits. These benefits are accounted for as embedded derivatives and are bifurcated from the host contract and carried at fair value. The fair value of these embedded derivatives are computed on a recurring basis using assumptions predominately classified as Level 3 (significant unobservable) inputs. While some inputs are observable in the market, such as risk free rates, volatility and historical equity returns, the underlying future policyholder behavior inputs are highly unobservable. The significant policyholder behavior assumptions include lapse and the underlying annuitization rate.

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Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following tables summarize the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

2017.	As of December 31, 2015				
Assets, at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
U.S. government and agency securities	\$2,627	\$685	\$ -	\$3,312	
Residential MBS	-	7,379	1	7,380	
Commercial MBS	-	1,521	75	1,596	
Other MBS and ABS	-	3,013	80	3,093	
U.S. state and municipal	-	13,921	244	14,165	
Corporate and other	-	28,811	235	29,046	
Foreign government securities	-	4,192	10	4,202	
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	2,627	59,522	645	62,794	
Common stock	2,529	-	42	2,571	
Preferred stock	-	334	4	338	
Total equity securities, available for sale	2,529	334	46	2,909	
Short-term investments	1	271	-	272	
Other investments	-	133	479	612	
Separate account assets	38	-	64	102	
Other assets	6	32	25	63	
Total assets	\$5,201	\$60,292	\$1,259	\$66,752	
Liabilities, at Fair Value					
Life insurance obligations	\$ -	\$ -	\$(154)	\$(154)	
Other liabilities	-	(34)	-	(34)	
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$(34)	\$(154)	\$(188)	

	As of December 31, 2014					
Assets, at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
U.S. government and agency securities	\$2,373	\$730	\$22	\$3,125		
Residential MBS	-	8,177	1	8,178		
Commercial MBS	-	1,426	84	1,510		
Other MBS and ABS	-	2,847	70	2,917		
U.S. state and municipal	-	13,788	176	13,964		
Corporate and other	-	28,243	251	28,494		
Foreign government securities	-	4,977	11	4,988		
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	2,373	60,188	615	63,176		
Common stock	2,746	-	44	2,790		
Preferred stock	-	353	2	355		
Total equity securities, available for sale	2,746	353	46	3,145		
Short-term investments	-	625	1	626		
Other investments	-	122	440	562		
Separate account assets	40	-	60	100		
Other assets	5	26	27	58		
Total assets	\$5,164	\$61,314	\$1,189	\$67,667		
Liabilities, at Fair Value						
Life insurance obligations	\$ -	\$ -	\$(163)	\$(163)		
Other liabilities	-	(22)	-	(22)		
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$(22)	\$(163)	\$(185)		

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The Company did not have significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Changes in Level 3 Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The following tables summarize the fair values of assets on a recurring basis classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy:

	D 1	Net	Net				Т	Tr. c	D 1
	Balance	Realized	Unrealized			Sales and	Transfer in to	Transfer	Balance December
	January 1, 2015	(Losses) Gains	Gains (Losses)	Purchases	Settlements	Maturities	Level 3	out of Level 3	31, 2015
Assets, at Fair Value	2013	Gailis	(LUSSES)	ruichases	Settlements	Maturities	Level 3	Level 3	31, 2013
U.S. government and agency securities	\$22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(22)	\$ -
Residential MBS	9 22	Ф -		թ - 156	Ф -	ş -		\$(22)	
Commercial MBS	1	-	1		-	(20)	-	(157)	1 75
	84	-	2	52	-	(28)	-	(35)	75
Other MBS and ABS	70	-	(3)	100	-	(4)	-	(83)	80
U.S. state and municipal	176	-	(15)	180	-	(6)	47	(138)	244
Corporate and other	251	(4)	(6)	155	-	(156)	6	(11)	235
Foreign government securities	11	(1)	-	1	-	(1)	-	-	10
Total fixed maturities	615	(5)	(21)	644	-	(195)	53	(446)	645
Common stock	44	27	(4)	21	-	(36)	1	(11)	42
Preferred stock	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Total equity securities	46	27	(4)	23	-	(36)	1	(11)	46
Short-term investments	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-
Other investments	440	(1)	48	26	-	(34)	-	-	479
Separate account assets	60	6	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	64
Other assets	27	1	-	(3)	-	12	-	-	25
Total assets	\$1,189	\$28	\$23	\$690	\$ -	\$(268)	\$54	\$(457)	\$1,259
Liabilities, at Fair Value									
Life insurance obligations	\$(163)	\$(4)	\$ -	\$13	\$ -	S -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(154)
Total liabilities	\$(163)	\$(4)	\$ -	\$13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(154)

	Balance January 1, 2014	Net Realized Gains (Losses)	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Purchases	Settlements	Sales and Maturities	Transfer in to Level 3	Transfer out of Level 3	Balance December 31, 2014
Assets, at Fair Value		,	,						
U.S. government and agency securities	\$24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$22
Residential MBS	11	-	1	38	-	-	-	(49)	1
Commercial MBS	98	-	6	67	-	(2)	24	(109)	84
Other MBS and ABS	30	-	1	128	-	(3)	-	(86)	70
U.S. state and municipal	124	-	16	54	-	(4)	27	(41)	176
Corporate and other	398	3	-	86	-	(172)	5	(69)	251
Foreign government securities	3	1	(1)	10	-	(2)	11	(11)	11
Total fixed maturities	688	4	23	383	-	(185)	67	(365)	615
Common stock	45	-	(1)	6	-	(1)	1	(6)	44
Preferred stock	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total equity securities	47	-	(1)	6	-	(1)	1	(6)	46
Short-term investments	5	-	-	2	-	(5)	-	(1)	1
Other investments	316	(8)	18	14	-	(8)	329	(221)	440
Separate account assets	68	4	-	-	-	(12)	-	-	60
Other assets	19	10	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	27
Total assets	\$1,143	\$10	\$40	\$403	\$ -	\$(211)	\$397	\$(593)	\$1,189
Liabilities, at Fair Value									
Life insurance obligations	\$(122)	\$(55)	\$ -	\$14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(163)
Total liabilities	\$(122)	\$(55)	\$ -	\$14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(163)

Transfers into and out of Level 3 were primarily due to changes in the observability of pricing inputs.

There were no material unrealized gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the fair value relating to assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 that are still held as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

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Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table provides information about the significant unobservable inputs used for recurring fair value measurements for certain material Level 3 assets and liabilities and includes only those instruments for which information about the inputs is reasonably available to the Company. As the input information with respect to certain Level 3 instruments may not be reasonably available to the Company, balances shown below may not equal total amounts reported for such Level 3 assets and liabilities.

	Fair Value at December 31, 2015	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(a)	Range (Weighted Average)
Assets, at Fair Value	December 31, 2013	Technique(s)	Chobservable input	(weighted Average)
Corporate and other	\$167	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate (a)	22.5%
Corporate and other	\$107		()	
		Spread Model	Credit Spread (c)	94-699 (502 bps)
		Comparative Valuation	Credit Spread(c)	150-277 (259 bps)
			Illiquidity Premium(d)	152-211 (201 bps)
			Index Yield(b)	4.4%
		Matrix Pricing	Credit Spread (c)	120-200 (166 bps)
Other invested assets	\$360	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate (a)	10.0%-20.0% (16.0%)
Liabilities, at Fair Value				_
Life insurance obligations	\$154	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount rate (a)	0.14%-5.14%
~			Lapse rates (e)	1.0%-12.0%
			Annuitization take-up rate (f)	0%-21.0%

- (a) An increase in the discount rate will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (b) An increase in yield will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (c) An increase in the credit spread will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (d) An increase in the illiquidity premium will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (e) An increase in the lapse rates will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (f) An increase in the take-up rate will lead to an increase in fair value and vice versa.

	Fair Value at December 31, 2014	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input ^(a)	Range (Weighted Average)
Assets, at Fair Value				
Corporate and other	\$189	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate (a)	1.6%-22.5% (12.5%)
_		Spread Model	Credit Spread (c)	450-946 (925 bps)
		Comparative Valuation	Credit Spread(c)	25-163 (127 bps)
		_	Illiquidity Premium(d)	50-250 (222 bps)
			Index Yield(b)	3.73%
		Matrix Pricing	Credit Spread (c)	109-174 (159 bps)
Other invested assets	\$330	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate (a)	10.0%-20.0% (15.0%)
		Black Scholes	Volatility	53.5%-100.0% (80.0%)
Liabilities, at Fair Value			<u> </u>	
Life insurance obligations	\$163	Discounted Cash Flow	Lapse rates (e)	1.0%-12.0%
			Annuitization take-up rate (f)	0%-21.0%

- (a) An increase in the discount rate will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (b) An increase in yield will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (c) An increase in the credit spread will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (d) An increase in the illiquidity premium will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (e) An increase in the lapse rates will lead to a decrease in fair value and vice versa.
- (f) An increase in the take-up rate will lead to an increase in fair value and vice versa.

Fair Value Measurements on a Non-Recurring Basis

The Company's assets measured on a non-recurring basis are primarily related to equity investments in metals and mining projects and direct investments in oil and gas production ventures (Natural Resources). These assets are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at time of impairment and are not included in the tables presented above. The Company's natural resources classified as Level 3 were \$314 and \$80 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company's limited partnerships classified as Level 3 were \$0 and \$12 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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The following tables summarize the Company's impairment charges for assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

	Years ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013		
Natural resources	\$343	\$155	\$149		
Software	41	3	5		
Limited Partnerships	-	68	-		
Goodwill	-	-	1		
Intangible	-	-	3		
Total	\$384	\$226	\$158		

The Company tests for impairment on its natural resource investments by comparing the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by a project to the property's carrying value. When a property's carrying value is greater than the expected future cash flows, impairment expense is recognized to the extent that the carrying value of the property exceeds its discounted expected cash flows.

In employing the discounted cash flow method described above, key inputs regarding metals and mining investments are project development costs, commodity prices and the discount rate which are based on management's expectations about outcomes with respect to these variables. The key inputs for oil and gas properties are future oil and/or gas production, commodity prices and the discount rate which are based on management's expectations about outcomes with respect to these variables.

In 2014, the Company executed a purchase agreement to sell a number of its Limited Partnerships investments which resulted in an impairment loss of \$68.

Fair Value Option

The Company has elected to apply the fair value option to certain financial instruments in limited circumstances. The fair value option election is made on an instrument by instrument basis. All periodic changes in the fair value of the elected instruments are reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. The impact of the fair value option elections is immaterial to the Company.

Financial Instruments Not Carried at Fair Value

The fair values and carrying values of the Company's financial instruments excluded from ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows:

	2015		201	4
	Carrying		Carrying	
	Value	Fair Value	Value	Fair Value
Other investments	\$5,040	\$5,040	\$4,794	\$4,794
Commercial mortgage loans	2,317	2,368	1,808	1,954
Cash and cash equivalents	4,227	4,227	4,003	4,003
Individual and group annuities	3,418	3,553	2,996	3,208
Debt	7,231	7,807	7,232	8,168

Other investments - Fair values represent the Company's equity in limited partnership net assets and other equity method investments.

Commercial mortgage loans - The fair values of commercial mortgage loans were estimated using option adjusted valuation discount rates or carrying value for newly acquired loans.

Cash and cash equivalents - The carrying amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets for these instruments approximate fair values.

Individual and group annuities - Fair values of liabilities under fixed investment-type insurance contracts are estimated using discounted cash flow calculations at pricing rates as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. Also included are variable investment-type insurance contracts, for which carrying value approximates fair value as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Debt - Fair values of commercial paper and short-term borrowings approximate carrying value. Fair values of long-term debt were based upon a tiered approach using the following sources in order of availability (1) quoted prices from Morgan Markets, (2) quoted prices from Bloomberg, or (3) a yield to maturity calculation utilizing Bloomberg prices as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

The Company has not applied ASC 820 to non-financial assets and liabilities.

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(11) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Various lawsuits against the Company have arisen in the normal course of business. Contingent liabilities arising from litigation, income taxes, and other matters are not considered material in relation to the financial position of the Company.

The Company leases certain office facilities and equipment under operating leases expiring in various years through 2031. In addition, the Company is party to two land leases expiring in 2025 and 2101. Rental expense was \$206, \$223 and \$214 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company also owns certain office facilities and receives rental income from tenants under operating leases expiring in various years through 2043. Rental income was \$32, \$40, and \$35 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Future minimum rental payments and receipts under non-cancelable leases with terms in excess of one year are estimated as follows:

	Operating			Net Lease
	Leases	Land Leases	Rental Income	Obligations
2016	\$162	\$1	\$26	\$137
2017	159	1	26	134
2018	116	1	19	98
2019	81	1	15	67
2020	69	1	14	56
2021 - 2040	370	19	31	358
2041 - 2060	-	22	-	22
2061 - 2101	-	87	-	87
Total	\$957	\$133	\$131	\$959

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had unfunded commitments in traditional private equity partnerships, natural resources, real estate, and other of \$1,354, \$2,440, \$378, and \$1,057, respectively.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had commitments to purchase various residential MBS at a cost and fair value of \$42, and various corporate and municipal securities at a cost and fair value of \$23.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had \$478 of undrawn letters of credit outstanding secured by assets of \$597.

Liabilities for guaranty funds and other insurance-related assessments are accrued when an assessment is probable, when it can be reasonably estimated, and when the event obligating the entity to pay an imposed or probable assessment has occurred. The liabilities for guaranty fund assessments are based on preceding year premium or multiple years premiums depending upon the state law. Additionally, for those states that have loss-based assessments, liabilities for workers compensation loss based assessments are reserved based on workers compensation loss reserves and workers compensation paid losses. Liabilities for guaranty funds and other insurance-related assessments are not discounted and are included as part of other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the liability balance was \$135 and \$138, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, included in other assets were \$4 and \$3, respectively, of related assets for premium tax offsets or policy surcharges. The related asset is limited to the amount that is determined based on future premium collections or policy surcharges from policies in force. Current assessments are expected to be paid over one year while loss-based assessments are expected to be paid over a period ranging from one year to the life expectancy of certain workers' compensation claimants and the recoveries are expected to occur over the same period of time. Premium tax offsets are expected to be realized within one year.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company has reinsurance funds held balances of approximately \$65, which are subject to ratings and surplus triggers whereby if any of the Company's insurance financial strength ratings (with A.M. Best or S&P) fall below the A- category or specified surplus decreases occur, the funds may be required to be placed in trust and invested in assets acceptable to the Company. No funds were held in trust as of December 31, 2015.

(12) POLICYHOLDERS' EQUITY

Statutory Surplus

The statutory surplus of the Company's domestic insurance companies was \$18,687 and \$19,180 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company's domestic insurance subsidiaries prepare statutory basis financial statements in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual ("NAIC APP"), subject to any deviations prescribed or permitted by the insurance commissioners of the various insurance companies' states of domicile. The Company does not have any material permitted practices that deviate from the NAIC APP.

Dividends

The insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends is restricted under applicable insurance law and regulations and may only be paid from unassigned surplus. Under the insurance laws of the domiciliary states of the insurance subsidiaries, an insurer may make an ordinary dividend payment if its surplus as regards to policyholders, following such dividend, is reasonable in relation to its outstanding liabilities, is adequate to its financial needs and does not exceed the insurer's unassigned surplus. However, no insurer may pay an extraordinary dividend without the approval or non-

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disapproval of the domiciliary insurance regulatory authority. Insurance subsidiaries owned directly by LMGI are LMIC, Liberty Mutual Personal Insurance Company ("LMPICO"), LMFIC and EICOW. Under the insurance laws of Massachusetts, the domiciliary state of LMIC and LMPICO, an extraordinary dividend is defined as a dividend whose fair market value, together with other dividends made within the preceding 12 months, exceeds the greater of 10% of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the preceding December 31, or the insurer's net income for the 12-month period ending on the preceding December 31. Under the insurance laws of Wisconsin, the domiciliary state of LMFIC and EICOW, an extraordinary dividend is defined as a dividend whose fair market value, together with other dividends paid within the preceding 12 months, exceeds the lesser of (a) 10% of the insurer's surplus with regard to policyholders as of the preceding December 31, or (b) the greater of (1) the insurer's net income for the calendar year preceding the date of the dividend, minus realized capital gains for that calendar year, or (2) the aggregate of the insurer's net income for the three calendar years preceding the date of the dividend, minus realized capital gains for those calendar years and minus dividends paid within the first two of the preceding three calendar years. Changes in the extraordinary dividend regulation of the domiciliary states of LMIC, LMPICO, LMFIC, and EICOW could negatively affect LMGI's ability to pay principal and interest on the notes held at LMGI, as could a redomestication or merger of LMIC, LMPICO, LMFIC, or EICOW to a different domiciliary state. The maximum dividend payout in 2016 that may be made prior to regulatory approval is \$1,873.

(13) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On February 17, 2016, the Company announced plans to combine its Personal Insurance and Liberty International strategic business units to form a new strategic business unit which will be named Global Consumer Markets. This combination represents an opportunity to blend the complementary strengths of these two operations. The local expertise we have in growth markets outside the U.S. coupled with our strong and scalable U.S. personal lines capabilities put us in a unique position to take maximum advantage of opportunities to grow our business globally. The former Personal Insurance and Liberty International strategic business units will now be divisions of Global Consumer Markets and known as U.S. Consumer Markets and International Consumer Markets, respectively.

On January 14, 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of Compania de Seguros Generales Penta Security S.A., the fourth largest non-life insurer in Chile. Compania de Seguros Generales Penta Security S.A. had approximately \$160 of net written premium in 2015.

Management has assessed material subsequent events through March 3, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.