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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 10-Q

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011
Commission file number 001-33606**

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

98-0501001

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

29 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(441) 278-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting
company

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

Yes No

As of May 3, 2011 there were 98,288,667 outstanding Common Shares, \$0.175 par value per share, of the registrant.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

As at March 31, 2011 (unaudited) and December 31, 2010

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost: 2011 - \$4,544,110; 2010 - \$4,772,037)	\$ 4,589,849	\$ 4,823,867
Short-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2011 - \$565,600; 2010 - \$273,444)	565,620	273,514
Other investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2011 - \$16,089; 2010 - \$18,392)	19,772	21,478
Cash and cash equivalents	717,444	620,740
Total investments and cash	5,892,685	5,739,599
Premiums receivable	916,012	568,761
Deferred acquisition costs	174,361	123,897
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	115,522	71,417
Securities lending collateral	33,143	22,328
Loss reserves recoverable	453,701	283,134
Paid losses recoverable	26,483	27,996
Income taxes recoverable	876	1,142
Intangible assets	117,853	118,893
Goodwill	20,393	20,393
Accrued investment income	33,282	33,726
Other assets	41,379	49,592
Total assets	\$ 7,825,690	\$ 7,060,878
Liabilities		
Reserve for losses and loss expenses	\$ 2,534,415	\$ 2,035,973
Unearned premiums	1,083,164	728,516
Reinsurance balances payable	157,645	63,667
Securities lending payable	33,878	23,093
Deferred income taxes	22,705	24,908
Net payable for investments purchased	59,671	43,896
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	82,190	99,320
Senior notes payable	246,901	246,874
Debentures payable	289,800	289,800
Total liabilities	4,510,369	3,556,047

Commitments and contingent liabilities

Shareholders equity

Common shares, 571,428,571 authorized, par value \$0.175 (Issued: 2011 - 133,320,162; 2010 - 132,838,111; Outstanding: 2011 - 98,288,177; 2010 - 98,001,226)	23,331	23,247
Treasury shares (2011 - 35,031,985; 2010 - 34,836,885)	(6,131)	(6,096)
Additional paid-in-capital	1,870,104	1,860,960
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(4,498)	(5,455)
Retained earnings	1,432,515	1,632,175
Total shareholders equity	3,315,321	3,504,831
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 7,825,690	\$ 7,060,878

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenues		
Gross premiums written	\$ 849,896	\$ 870,934
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(109,820)	(90,739)
Net premiums written	740,076	780,195
Change in unearned premiums	(310,543)	(322,501)
Net premiums earned	429,533	457,694
Net investment income	29,975	34,299
Net realized gains on investments	6,379	11,398
Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments	(12,828)	15,413
Other income	1,606	888
Foreign exchange (losses)	(467)	(8,764)
Total revenues	454,198	510,928
Expenses		
Losses and loss expenses	476,198	478,531
Policy acquisition costs	77,296	76,176
General and administrative expenses	48,477	53,569
Share compensation expenses	12,049	6,576
Finance expenses	14,001	15,151
Total expenses	628,021	630,003
Net (loss) before taxes	(173,823)	(119,075)
Tax benefit	1,459	697
Net (loss)	\$ (172,364)	\$ (118,378)
Comprehensive income (loss)		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	957	(1,807)
Comprehensive (loss)	\$ (171,407)	\$ (120,185)

Earnings per share

Weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding

Basic	97,944,340	126,633,277
Diluted	97,944,340	126,633,277
Basic (loss) per share	\$ (1.78)	\$ (0.95)
Diluted (loss) per share	\$ (1.78)	\$ (0.95)
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.22

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Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
Common shares		
Balance Beginning of period	\$ 23,247	\$ 23,033
Common shares issued, net	84	48
Balance End of period	\$ 23,331	\$ 23,081
Treasury shares		
Balance Beginning of period	\$ (6,096)	\$ (553)
Repurchase of common shares	(35)	(844)
Balance End of period	\$ (6,131)	\$ (1,397)
Additional paid-in capital		
Balance Beginning of period	\$ 1,860,960	\$ 2,675,680
Common shares issued, net	3,055	300
Repurchase of common shares	(5,960)	(127,313)
Share compensation expenses	12,049	6,576
Balance End of period	\$ 1,870,104	\$ 2,555,243
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)		
Balance Beginning of period	\$ (5,455)	\$ (4,851)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	957	(1,807)
Balance End of period	\$ (4,498)	\$ (6,658)
Retained earnings		
Balance Beginning of period	\$ 1,632,175	\$ 1,337,811
Dividends	(27,296)	(30,137)
Net (loss)	(172,364)	(118,378)
Balance End of period	\$ 1,432,515	\$ 1,189,296
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 3,315,321	\$ 3,759,565

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities		
Net (loss)	\$ (172,364)	\$ (118,378)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Share compensation expenses	12,049	6,576
Amortization of discount on senior notes	27	
Net realized (gains) on investments	(6,379)	(11,398)
Net unrealized losses (gains) on investments	12,828	(15,413)
Amortization of intangible assets	1,040	1,040
Foreign exchange (gains) losses on cash and cash equivalents included in net income	(4,694)	4,538
Amortization of premium on fixed maturities	8,542	3,713
Change in:		
Premiums receivable	(345,025)	(255,394)
Deferred acquisition costs	(50,464)	(52,829)
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	(44,105)	(30,786)
Loss reserves recoverable	(168,836)	(18,871)
Paid losses recoverable	1,546	(3,509)
Income taxes recoverable	306	(41)
Accrued investment income	444	(4,875)
Other assets	5,409	(6,557)
Reserve for losses and loss expenses	489,356	366,176
Unearned premiums	354,648	359,487
Reinsurance balances payable	92,655	(19,203)
Deferred income taxes	(3,891)	(624)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(14,535)	(19,686)
Net cash provided by operating activities	168,557	183,966
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		
Proceeds on sales of investments	1,581,206	1,226,380
Proceeds on maturities of investments	108,629	113,341
Purchases of fixed maturities	(1,449,698)	(1,693,657)
(Purchases) sales of short-term investments, net	(292,131)	173,233
Sales of other investments		4,383
(Increase) in securities lending collateral	(10,785)	(9,894)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(62,779)	(186,214)

Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities

Net proceeds on issuance of senior notes		246,793
Issuance of common shares, net	3,139	348
Purchases of common shares under share repurchase program	(5,995)	(128,157)
Dividends paid	(27,196)	(29,944)
Increase in securities lending payable	10,785	9,894
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(19,267)	98,934
Effect of foreign currency rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	10,193	(5,795)
Net increase in cash	96,704	90,891
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	620,740	387,585
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 717,444	\$ 478,476
Taxes paid during the period	\$ 26	\$ 198
Interest paid during the period	\$ 17,458	\$ 6,365

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

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1. Basis of preparation and consolidation

These unaudited consolidated financial statements include Validus Holdings, Ltd. and its wholly and majority owned subsidiaries (together, the Company) and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 in Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In addition, the year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. This Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).

In the opinion of management, these unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial position and results of operations as at the end of and for the periods presented. Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The major estimates reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements include the reserve for losses and loss expenses, premium estimates for business written on a line slip or proportional basis, the valuation of goodwill and intangible assets, reinsurance recoverable balances including the provision for unrecoverable reinsurance recoverable balances and investment valuation. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. The term ASC used in these notes refers to Accounting Standard Codifications issued by the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

2. Recent accounting pronouncements

In January 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance on *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820). This update requires additional disclosures regarding the activity within Level 3 fair value measurements, including information on a gross basis for purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements. This guidance is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this update has not had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance which clarifies the *Stock Compensation* guidance (ASC 718). This guidance clarifies the accounting for certain employee share-based payment awards. Awards with an exercise price denominated in the currency of a market in which a substantial portion of the entity's equity securities trades would not be considered to contain a condition that is not a market, performance or service condition. Therefore, an entity would not classify such an award as a liability if it otherwise qualifies as equity. This accounting guidance is effective for accounting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this update did not impact the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-20, *Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses* (ASU 2010-20). The objective of ASU 2010-20 is to

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provide financial statement users with greater transparency about an entity's allowance for credit losses and the credit quality of its financing receivables. ASU 2010-20 was effective for interim and annual periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this update did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In October 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-26, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Acquiring or Renewing Insurance Contracts* (ASU 2010-26). The objective of ASU 2010-26 is to address diversity in practice regarding the interpretation of which costs relating to the acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts qualify for deferral. ASU 2010-26 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and may be applied prospectively or retrospectively. The Company early adopted this update effective January 1, 2011 and the adoption did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. Investments

The Company's investments in fixed maturities are classified as trading and carried at fair value, with related net unrealized gains or losses included in earnings. The Company has adopted all authoritative guidance in effect as of the balance sheet date regarding certain market conditions that allow for fair value measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable.

(a) Classification within the fair value hierarchy

Under U.S. GAAP, a company must determine the appropriate level in the fair value hierarchy for each fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs, which refer broadly to assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, into three levels. It gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Level 1 primarily consists of financial instruments whose value is based on quoted market prices or alternative indices including overnight repos and commercial paper. Level 2 includes financial instruments that are valued through independent external sources using models or other valuation methodologies. These models are primarily industry-standard models that consider various assumptions, including time value, yield curve, prepayment speeds, default rates, loss severity, current market and contractual prices for the underlying financial instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures. Substantially all of these assumptions are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. The Company performs internal procedures on the valuations received from independent external sources. Financial instruments in this category include U.S. and U.K. Treasuries, sovereign debt, corporate debt, catastrophe bonds, U.S. agency and non-agency mortgage and asset-backed securities and bank loans. Level 3 includes financial instruments that are valued using market approach and income approach valuation techniques. These models incorporate both observable and unobservable inputs. A hedge fund is the only financial instrument in this category as at March 31, 2011.

The Company's management and external investment advisors had noted illiquidity and dislocation in the non-Agency RMBS market for the period September 30, 2008 through to June 30, 2010. During this period, the Company identified certain non-Agency RMBS securities in its portfolio trading in inactive markets (identified RMBS securities). In order to gauge market activity for the identified RMBS securities, the Company, with

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assistance from external investment advisors, reviewed the pricing sources for each security in the portfolio. The Company utilized various pricing vendors to obtain market pricing information for investment securities.

Consistent with U.S. GAAP, market approach fair value measurements for securities trading in inactive markets are not determinative. In weighing the fair value measurements resulting from market approach and income approach valuation techniques, the Company previously placed less reliance on the market approach fair value measurements. The income approach valuation technique determines the fair value of each security on the basis of contractual cash flows, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate. As the income approach valuation technique incorporates both observable and significant unobservable inputs, the securities were included as Level 3 assets with respect to the fair value hierarchy. The foundation for the income approach was the amount and timing of future cash flows.

During the three month period ended September 30, 2010, the Company, with assistance from external investment advisors, determined that market activity had increased for the identified RMBS securities. Therefore, a market approach valuation technique was adopted for the identified RMBS securities. Because the market approach incorporates observable inputs, the identified RMBS securities are classified as Level 2 with respect to the fair value hierarchy at September 30, 2010. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, the Company liquidated substantially all of the identified RMBS securities which had previously been classified as Level 3 securities.

Other investments consist of an investment in a fund of hedge funds and a deferred compensation trust held in mutual funds. The fund of hedge funds is a side pocket valued at \$10,713 at March 31, 2011. While a redemption request has been submitted, the timing of receipt of proceeds on the side pocket is unknown. The fund investment manager provides monthly reported net asset values (NAV) with a one-month delay in its valuation. As a result, the fund investment manager's February 28, 2011 NAV was used as a partial basis for fair value measurement in the Company's March 31, 2011 balance sheet. The fund investment manager's NAV relies on an estimate of the performance of the fund based on the month end positions from the underlying third-party funds. The Company utilizes the fund investment manager's primary market approach estimated NAV that incorporates relevant valuation sources on a timely basis. As this valuation technique incorporates both observable and significant unobservable inputs, the fund of hedge funds is classified as a Level 3 asset. To determine the reasonableness of the estimated NAV, the Company assesses the variance between the estimated NAV and the one-month delayed fund investment manager's NAV. Immaterial variances are recorded in the following reporting period.

At March 31, 2011, the Company's investments were allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. Government and Government Agency	\$	\$ 1,050,342	\$	\$ 1,050,342
Non-U.S. Government and Government Agency States, municipalities, political subdivision		501,722 30,991		501,722 30,991
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities		483,479		483,479
Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities		53,369		53,369
U.S. corporate		1,375,281		1,375,281
Non-U.S. corporate		640,177		640,177
Bank Loans		205,196		205,196
Catastrophe bonds		58,071		58,071
Asset-backed securities		180,069		180,069
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		11,152		11,152
Total fixed maturities		4,589,849		4,589,849
Short-term investments	534,426	31,194		565,620
Hedge fund			10,713	10,713
Mutual funds		9,059		9,059

Total	\$ 534,426	\$ 4,630,102	\$ 10,713	\$ 5,175,241
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At December 31, 2010, the Company's investments were allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. Government and Government Agency	\$	\$ 1,677,166	\$	\$ 1,677,166
Non-U.S. Government and Government Agency		554,199		554,199
States, municipalities, political subdivision		26,285		26,285
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities		445,859		445,859
Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities		56,470		56,470
U.S. corporate		1,308,406		1,308,406
Non-U.S. corporate		502,067		502,067
Bank loans		52,566		52,566
Catastrophe bonds		58,737		58,737
Asset-backed securities		123,569		123,569
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		18,543		18,543
Total fixed maturities		4,823,867		4,823,867
Short-term investments	259,261	14,253		273,514
Hedge fund			12,892	12,892
Mutual funds		8,586		8,586
Total	\$ 259,261	\$ 4,846,706	\$ 12,892	\$ 5,118,859

At March 31, 2011, Level 3 investments totaled \$10,713, representing 0.2% of total investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis. At December 31, 2010, Level 3 investments totaled \$12,892 representing 0.3% of total investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for all investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs as at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		
		Fixed Maturity	Other	Total Fair Market
		Investments	Investments	Value
Level 3 investments	Beginning of period	\$	\$ 12,892	\$ 12,892
Purchases				
Sales			(2,562)	(2,562)
Issuances				
Settlements				
Realized gains			260	260
Unrealized gains			123	123
Amortization				
Transfers				
Level 3 investments	End of period	\$	\$ 10,713	\$ 10,713

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		Year Ended December 31, 2010		
		Fixed Maturity	Other	Total Fair Market
		Investments	Investments	Value
Level 3 investments	Beginning of period	\$ 85,336	\$ 25,670	\$ 111,006
Purchases				
Sales			(13,850)	(13,850)
Issuances				
Settlements				
Realized gains			662	662
Unrealized (losses) gains		(6,307)	410	(5,897)
Amortization		(11,841)		(11,841)
Transfers (out)		(67,188)		(67,188)
Level 3 investments	End of period	\$	\$ 12,892	\$ 12,892

(b) Net investment income

Net investment income was derived from the following sources:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Fixed maturities and short-term investments	\$ 28,935	\$ 35,755
Cash and cash equivalents	2,581	586
Securities lending income	16	70
Total gross investment income	31,532	36,411
Investment expenses	(1,557)	(2,112)
Net investment income	\$ 29,975	\$ 34,299

(c) Fixed maturity and short-term investments

The following represents an analysis of net realized gains (losses) and the change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Fixed maturities, short-term and other investments and cash equivalents		
Gross realized gains	\$ 15,765	\$ 12,765
Gross realized (losses)	(9,386)	(1,367)

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Net realized gains on investments	6,379	11,398
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities lending	30	(1,014)
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments	(12,858)	16,427
Total net realized gains and change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments	\$ (6,449)	\$ 26,811

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The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and (losses) and estimated fair value of investments at March 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. Government and Government Agency	\$ 1,044,727	\$ 9,871	\$ (4,256)	\$ 1,050,342
Non-U.S. Government and Government Agency	495,686	9,523	(3,487)	501,722
States, municipalities, political subdivision	31,102	59	(170)	30,991
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	469,409	14,937	(867)	483,479
Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	58,995	124	(5,750)	53,369
U.S. corporate	1,356,102	24,715	(5,536)	1,375,281
Non-U.S. corporate	634,965	8,078	(2,866)	640,177
Bank loans	205,154	691	(649)	205,196
Catastrophe bonds	57,026	1,346	(301)	58,071
Asset-backed securities	179,919	614	(464)	180,069
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	11,025	127		11,152
Total fixed maturities	4,544,110	70,085	(24,346)	4,589,849
Total short-term investments	565,600	111	(91)	565,620
Total other investments	16,089	3,683		19,772
Total	\$ 5,125,799	\$ 73,879	\$ (24,437)	\$ 5,175,241

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and (losses) and estimated fair value of investments at December 31, 2010 were as follows:

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. Government and Government Agency	\$ 1,665,050	\$ 20,134	\$ (8,018)	\$ 1,677,166
Non-U.S. Government and Government Agency	550,759	11,635	(8,195)	554,199
States, municipalities, political subdivision	26,365	90	(170)	26,285
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	430,873	15,491	(505)	445,859
	62,020	64	(5,614)	56,470

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Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities				
U.S. corporate	1,288,078	28,526	(8,198)	1,308,406
Non-U.S. corporate	497,689	7,939	(3,561)	502,067
Bank loans	52,612	58	(104)	52,566
Catastrophe bonds	56,991	2,042	(296)	58,737
Asset-backed securities	123,354	605	(390)	123,569
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	18,246	299	(2)	18,543
Total fixed maturities	4,772,037	86,883	(35,053)	4,823,867
Total short-term investments	273,444	70		273,514
Total other investments	18,392	3,086		21,478
Total	\$ 5,063,873	\$ 90,039	\$ (35,053)	\$ 5,118,859

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding the investment ratings of the Company's fixed maturities portfolio as at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Investment ratings are the lower of Moody's or Standard & Poor's rating for each investment security, presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating. For investments where Moody's and Standard & Poor's ratings are not available, Fitch ratings are used and presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating.

	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Estimated Fair Value	% of Total	Estimated Fair Value	% of Total
AAA	\$ 2,437,814	53.1%	\$ 2,946,514	61.2%
AA	606,860	13.2%	428,972	8.9%
A	926,119	20.2%	1,077,389	22.3%
BBB	322,274	7.0%	219,523	4.6%
Investment grade	4,293,067	93.5%	4,672,398	97.0%
BB	154,257	3.4%	74,475	1.5%
B	112,515	2.4%	45,660	0.9%
CCC	27,715	0.6%	29,219	0.6%
CC		0.0%		0.0%
D/NR	2,295	0.1%	2,115	0.0%
Non-Investment grade	296,782	6.5%	151,469	3.0%
Total Fixed Maturities	\$ 4,589,849	100.0%	\$ 4,823,867	100.0%

The amortized cost and estimated fair value amounts for fixed maturity securities held at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 are shown by contractual maturity. Actual maturity may differ from contractual maturity because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

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	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 395,245	\$ 398,058	\$ 424,327	\$ 426,167
Due after one year through five years	3,195,073	3,229,472	3,498,334	3,540,408
Due after five years through ten years	232,448	232,235	207,918	206,317
Due after ten years	1,996	2,015	6,965	6,534
	3,824,762	3,861,780	4,137,544	4,179,426
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	719,348	728,069	634,493	644,441
Total	\$ 4,544,110	\$ 4,589,849	\$ 4,772,037	\$ 4,823,867

The Company has a five year, \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility provided by a syndicate of commercial banks. At March 31, 2011, approximately \$285,048 (December 31, 2010: \$268,944) of letters of credit were issued and outstanding under this facility for which \$348,182 of investments were pledged as collateral (December 31, 2010: \$325,532). In 2007, the Company entered into a \$100,000 standby letter of credit facility which provides Funds at Lloyd's (the Talbot FAL Facility). On November 19, 2009, the Company entered into a Second Amendment to the Talbot FAL Facility to reduce the commitment from \$100,000 to \$25,000. At March 31, 2011, \$25,000 (December 31, 2010: \$25,000) of letters of credit were issued and outstanding under the Talbot FAL Facility for which \$45,278 of investments were pledged as collateral (December 31, 2010: \$45,504). In addition, \$1,810,402 of investments were held in trust at March 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010: \$1,729,631). Of those, \$1,553,756 were held in trust for the benefit of Talbot's cedants and policyholders, and to facilitate the accreditation of Talbot as an alien insurer/reinsurer by certain regulators (December 31, 2010: \$1,489,243).

The Company assumed two letters of credit facilities as part of the acquisition of IPC Holdings, Ltd. (IPC) and such acquisition, the IPC Acquisition. A Credit Facility between IPC, IPCRe Limited, the Lenders party thereto and Wachovia Bank, National Association (the IPC Syndicated Facility) and a Letters of Credit Master Agreement between Citibank N.A. and IPCRe Limited (the IPC Bi-Lateral Facility). At March 31, 2010, the IPC Syndicated Facility was closed. At March 31, 2011, the IPC Bi-Lateral Facility had \$64,368 (December 31, 2010: \$68,063) letters of credit issued and outstanding for which \$105,771 (December 31, 2010: \$105,310) of investments were held in an associated collateral account.

(d) Securities lending

The Company participates in a securities lending program whereby certain securities from its portfolio are loaned to third parties for short periods of time through a lending agent. The Company retains all economic interest in the securities it lends and receives a fee from the borrower for the temporary use of the securities. Collateral in the form of cash, government securities and letters of credit is required at a rate of 102% of the market value of the loaned securities and is held by a third party. As at March 31, 2011, the Company had \$33,407 (December 31, 2010: \$22,566) in securities on loan. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, the Company recorded a \$30 unrealized gain on this collateral in its Statements of Operations (March 31, 2010: unrealized loss \$1,014).

Securities lending collateral reinvested includes corporate floating rate securities and overnight repo with an average reset period of 4.0 days (December 31, 2010: 17.6 days). As at March 31, 2011, the securities lending collateral reinvested by the Company in connection with its securities lending program was allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Corporate	\$	\$ 254	\$	\$ 254
Agency				
Asset-backed securities		5,011		5,011
Short-term investments	27,572	306		27,878
Total	\$ 27,572	\$ 5,571	\$	\$ 33,143

As at December 31, 2010, the securities lending collateral reinvested by the Company in connection with its securities program was allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Corporate	\$	\$ 229	\$	\$ 229
Agency				
Asset-backed securities		5,005		5,005
Short-term investments	2,644	14,450		17,094
Total	\$ 2,644	\$ 19,684	\$	\$ 22,328

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the investment ratings of the Company's securities lending collateral reinvested as at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Investment ratings are the lower of Moody's or Standard & Poor's rating for each investment security, presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating. For investments where Moody's and Standard & Poor's ratings are not available, Fitch ratings are used and presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating.

	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Estimated	% of	Estimated	% of
	Fair		Fair	
	Value	Total	Value	Total
AAA	\$ 5,317	16.0%	\$ 5,454	24.4%
AA+		0.0%	11,003	49.3%
AA		0.0%		
AA-		0.0%	2,998	13.5%
A+		0.0%		
A		0.0%		
NR	254	0.8%	229	1.0%
	5,571	16.8%	19,684	88.2%
NR- Short-term investments (a)	27,572	83.2%	2,644	11.8%
Total	\$ 33,143	100.0%	\$ 22,328	100.0%

(a) This amount relates to short-term investments and is therefore not a rated security.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value amounts for securities lending collateral reinvested by the Company at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 are shown by contractual maturity below. Actual maturity may differ from contractual maturity because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

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	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 27,878	\$ 27,878	\$ 17,093	\$ 17,095
Due after one year through five years	6,000	5,265	6,000	5,233
Total	\$ 33,878	\$ 33,143	\$ 23,093	\$ 22,328

4. Derivative Instruments Used in Hedging Activities

The Company enters into derivative instruments for risk management purposes, specifically to economically hedge unmatched foreign currency exposures. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, the Company entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in the Euro and Australian dollar to U.S. dollar rates. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company entered into a foreign currency forward contract to mitigate the risk of foreign currency exposure of unpaid losses denominated in Chilean Pesos (CLP). The CLP foreign currency forward contract was renewed during the three months ended March 31, 2011. The following table summarizes information on the location and amount of the derivative fair value on the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2011:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:	Notional Amount	Asset Derivatives Balance Sheet		Liability Derivatives Balance Sheet	
		location Other assets	Fair value	location Other liabilities	Fair value
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 70,416		\$ 551		\$ 843

The following table summarizes information on the location and amount of the derivative fair value on the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2010:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:	Notional Amount	Asset Derivatives Balance Sheet		Liability Derivatives Balance Sheet	
		location Other assets	Fair value	location Other liabilities	Fair value
Foreign exchange contract	\$ 75,000		\$ 2,905		\$

(a) Classification within the fair value hierarchy

As described in Note 3 Investments under U.S. GAAP, a company must determine the appropriate level in the fair value hierarchy for each fair value measurement. We estimate the fair value for these asset derivatives using a valuation obtained from an independent external source. The assumptions used within the valuation are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Accordingly, these derivatives were classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

(b) Derivative instruments designated as a fair value hedge

The Company designates its derivative instruments as fair value hedges and formally and contemporaneously documents all relationships between the hedging instruments and hedged items and links the hedging derivatives to specific assets and liabilities. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedges, both at inception and on an on-going basis and determines whether the hedges are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value of the linked hedged items.

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The following table provides the total impact on earnings relating to the derivative instruments formally designated as fair value hedges along with the impact of the related hedged items for the three months ended March 31, 2011:

	Three months ended March 31, 2011		
	Amount of Gain (Loss) on Hedged Item	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income
Derivatives designated as fair value hedges and related hedged item:	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income
Foreign exchange	Foreign exchange gains	\$ (3,822)	\$ 3,822

There was no derivative activity for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

5. Reserve for losses and loss expenses

Reserves for losses and loss expenses are based in part upon the estimation of case losses reported from brokers, insureds and ceding companies. The Company also uses statistical and actuarial methods to estimate ultimate expected losses and loss expenses. The period of time from the occurrence of a loss, the reporting of a loss to the Company and the settlement of the Company's liability may be several months or years. During this period, additional facts and trends may be revealed. As these factors become apparent, case reserves will be adjusted, sometimes requiring an increase or decrease in the overall reserves of the Company, and at other times requiring a reallocation of incurred but not reported reserves to specific case reserves. These estimates are reviewed regularly, and such adjustments, if any, are reflected in earnings in the period in which they become known. While management believes that it has made a reasonable estimate of ultimate losses, there can be no assurances that ultimate losses and loss expenses will not exceed the total reserves.

The following table represents an analysis of paid and unpaid losses and loss expenses incurred and a reconciliation of the beginning and ending unpaid loss expenses as at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	Year ended December 31, 2010
Reserve for losses and loss expenses, beginning of period	\$ 2,035,973	\$ 1,622,134
Losses and loss expenses recoverable	(283,134)	(181,765)

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Net reserves for losses and loss expenses, beginning of period	1,752,839	1,440,369
Increase (decrease) in net losses and loss expenses incurred in respect of losses occurring in:		
Current year	502,714	1,144,196
Prior years	(26,516)	(156,610)
Total incurred losses and loss expenses	476,198	987,586
Total net paid losses	(163,257)	(673,422)
Foreign exchange	14,934	(1,694)
Net reserve for losses and loss expenses, end of period	2,080,714	1,752,839
Losses and loss expenses recoverable	453,701	283,134
Reserve for losses and loss expenses, end of period	\$ 2,534,415	\$ 2,035,973

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During the period, the Company recorded losses of \$148,926 for the Tohoku earthquake, \$52,434, for the Gryphon Alpha mooring failure, \$41,881 for the Christchurch earthquake, \$31,023 for the Brisbane floods and \$19,500 for the CNRL Horizon explosion.

6. Reinsurance

The Company enters into reinsurance and retrocession agreements in order to mitigate its accumulation of loss, reduce its liability on individual risks, enable it to underwrite policies with higher limits and increase its aggregate capacity. The cession of insurance and reinsurance does not legally discharge the Company from its primary liability for the full amount of the policies, and the Company is required to pay the loss and bear collection risk if the reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance or retrocession agreement. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the underlying liabilities.

a) Credit risk

The Company evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers and monitors concentration of credit risk arising from its exposure to individual reinsurers. The reinsurance program is generally placed with reinsurers whose rating, at the time of placement, was A- or better rated by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent with other rating agencies. Exposure to a single reinsurer is also controlled with restrictions dependent on rating. At March 31, 2011, 97.4% of reinsurance recoverables (which includes loss reserves recoverable and recoverables on paid losses) were from reinsurers rated A- or better and included \$296,998 of IBNR recoverable (December 31, 2010: \$146,519). Reinsurance recoverables by reinsurer are as follows:

	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Reinsurance	% of	Reinsurance	% of
	Recoverable	Total	Recoverable	Total
Top 10 reinsurers	\$ 335,458	69.8%	\$ 222,420	71.5%
Other reinsurers balances > \$1 million	136,307	28.4%	80,221	25.8%
Other reinsurers balances < \$1 million	8,419	1.8%	8,489	2.7%
Total	\$ 480,184	100.0%	\$ 311,130	100.0%

	March 31, 2011		
	Rating	Recoverable	% of
Top 10 Reinsurers			Total
Allianz	AA	\$ 70,807	21.1%
Lloyd's Syndicates	A+	68,541	20.5%
Hannover Re	AA-	36,722	10.9%
Manulife	AA-	35,000	10.4%
Tokio Marine / Tokio Millennium	AA-	26,571	7.9%
Everest Re	A+	23,726	7.1%
Fully collateralized reinsurers	NR	22,520	6.7%
Montpelier Re	A-	20,000	6.0%
Munich Re	AA-	16,571	4.9%
Transatlantic Re	A+	15,000	4.5%
Total		\$ 335,458	100.0%

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Top 10 Reinsurers	Rating	December 31, 2010	
		Reinsurance recoverable	% of Total
Lloyd's Syndicates	A+	\$ 60,716	27.2%
Hannover Re	AA-	32,392	14.6%
Fully collateralized reinsurers	NR	23,750	10.7%
Montpelier Re	A-	20,000	9.0%
Munich Re	AA-	17,411	7.8%
Everest Re	A+	16,611	7.5%
Allianz	AA	14,184	6.4%
Transatlantic Re	A+	13,758	6.2%
Tokio Millennium Re	AA	11,980	5.4%
Platinum Re	A	11,618	5.2%
Total		\$ 222,420	100.0%

At March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the provision for uncollectible reinsurance relating to losses recoverable was \$5,986 and \$5,652, respectively. To estimate the provision for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable, the reinsurance recoverable is first allocated to applicable reinsurers. This determination is based on a process rather than an estimate, although an element of judgment is applied. As part of this process, ceded IBNR is allocated by reinsurer. Of the \$480,184 reinsurance recoverable at March 31, 2011, \$22,520 was fully collateralized (December 31, 2010: \$23,750).

The Company uses a default analysis to estimate uncollectible reinsurance. The primary components of the default analysis are reinsurance recoverable balances by reinsurer and default factors used to determine the portion of a reinsurer's balance deemed to be uncollectible. Default factors require considerable judgment and are determined using the current rating, or rating equivalent, of each reinsurer as well as other key considerations and assumptions.

7. Share capital**a) Authorized and issued**

The Company's authorized share capital is 571,428,571 voting and non-voting shares with a par value of \$0.175 per share. The holders of common voting shares are entitled to receive dividends and are allocated one vote per share, provided that, if the controlled shares of any shareholder or group of related shareholders constitute more than 9.09 percent of the outstanding common shares of the Company, their voting power will be reduced to 9.09 percent.

The Company may from time to time repurchase its securities, including common shares, Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures and Senior Notes. In November 2009, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized an initial \$400,000 share repurchase program. On February 17, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized the Company to return up to \$750,000 to shareholders.

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This amount was in addition to, and in excess of, the \$135,494 of common shares purchased by the Company through February 17, 2010 under its previously authorized \$400,000 share repurchase program. On May 6, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized a self tender offer pursuant to which the Company repurchased \$300,000 in common shares. On November 4, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized a self tender offer pursuant to which the Company repurchased \$238,362 in common shares. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized separate repurchase agreements with funds affiliated with or managed by each of Aquiline Capital Partners LLC, New Mountain Capital LLC, and Vestar Capital Partners pursuant to which the Company repurchased \$61,638 in common shares. On December 20, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to return up to an additional \$400,000 to shareholders. This amount is in addition to the \$929,173 of common shares purchased by the Company through December 23, 2010 under its previously authorized share repurchase program.

The Company expects the purchases under its share repurchase program to be made from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing, form and amount of the share repurchases under the program will depend on a variety of factors, including market conditions, the Company's capital position relative to internal and rating agency targets, legal requirements and other factors. The repurchase program may be modified, extended or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time.

The following table is a summary of the common shares issued and outstanding:

	Common Shares
Common shares issued, December 31, 2010	132,838,111
Restricted share awards vested, net of shares withheld	274,966
Restricted share units vested, net of shares withheld	5,376
Employee seller shares vested	
Options exercised	201,709
Warrants exercised	
Common shares issued, March 31, 2011	133,320,162
Shares repurchased	(35,031,985)
Common shares outstanding, March 31, 2011	98,288,177
	Common Shares
Common shares issued, December 31, 2009	131,616,349
Restricted share awards vested, net of shares withheld	174,582
Restricted share units vested, net of shares withheld	51,436
Employee seller shares vested	
Options exercised	51,534
Warrants exercised	
Common shares issued, March 31, 2010	131,893,901
Shares repurchased	(7,983,471)
Common shares outstanding, March 31, 2010	123,910,430

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b) Warrants

During the three months ended March 31, 2011 no warrants were exercised (March 31, 2010: nil).

c) Deferred share units

Under the terms of the Company's Director Stock Compensation Plan, non-management directors may elect to receive their director fees in deferred share units rather than cash. The number of share units distributed in case of election under the plan is equal to the amount of the annual retainer fee otherwise payable to the director on such payment date divided by 100% of the fair market value of a share on such payment date. Additional deferred share units are issued in lieu of dividends that accrue on these deferred share units. The total outstanding deferred share units at March 31, 2011 were 4,762 (December 31, 2010: 4,727).

d) Dividends

On February 9, 2011, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per common share and \$0.25 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable. This dividend was paid on March 30, 2011 to holders of record on March 15, 2011.

8. Stock plans**a) Long Term Incentive Plan and Short Term Incentive Plan**

The Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) provides for grants to employees of options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted shares, restricted share units, performance shares, dividend equivalents or other share-based awards. In addition, the Company may issue restricted share awards or restricted share units in connection with awards issued under its annual Short Term Incentive Plan (STIP). The total number of shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP and STIP are 13,126,896 shares of which 4,893,061 shares are remaining. The LTIP and STIP are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. No SARs have been granted to date. Grant prices are established at the fair market value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant.

i. Options

Options may be exercised for voting common shares upon vesting. Options have a life of 10 years and vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period from the date of grant. Grant prices are established at the estimated fair value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used for all grants to date:

Year	Weighted average risk free interest rate	Weighted average dividend yield	Expected life (years)	Expected volatility
2008	3.5%	3.2%	7	30.0%
2009	3.9%	3.7%	2	34.6%
2010 (a)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

(a) The Company did not grant any stock option awards during the year ended December 31, 2010 or the three months ended March 31, 2011.

Expected volatility is based on stock price volatility of comparable publicly-traded companies. The Company used the simplified method consistent with U.S. GAAP authoritative guidance on stock compensation expenses to estimate expected lives for options granted during the period as historical exercise data was not available and the options met the requirement as set out in the guidance.

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Share compensation expenses in respect of options of \$1,247 were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: \$1,038). The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period.

Activity with respect to options for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Grant Date Exercise Price
Options outstanding, December 31, 2010	2,723,684	\$ 6.74	\$ 20.19
Options granted			
Options exercised	(201,709)	4.48	21.94
Options forfeited			
Options outstanding, March 31, 2011	2,521,975	\$ 6.92	\$ 20.05
Options exercisable at March 31, 2011	2,399,880	\$ 6.81	\$ 19.94

Activity with respect to options for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Grant Date Exercise Price
Options outstanding, December 31, 2009	3,278,015	\$ 6.83	\$ 19.88
Options granted			
Options exercised	(51,534)	5.72	22.34
Options forfeited	(3,207)	10.30	20.39
Options outstanding, March 31, 2010	3,223,274	\$ 6.84	\$ 19.84
Options exercisable at March 31, 2010	2,514,697	\$ 6.00	\$ 20.08

At March 31, 2011, there were \$661 (December 31, 2010: \$851) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of options that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.9 years (December 31, 2010: 1.2 years).

ii. Restricted share awards

Restricted shares granted under the LTIP and STIP vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions during the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. Share compensation expenses of \$9,156 were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: \$4,326). The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period.

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Activity with respect to unvested restricted share awards for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Awards		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share awards outstanding, December 31, 2010	3,114,039	\$	24.33
Restricted share awards granted	3,333		30.92
Restricted share awards vested	(314,881)		25.37
Restricted share awards forfeited			
Restricted share awards outstanding, March 31, 2011	2,802,491	\$	24.23

Activity with respect to unvested restricted share awards for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Awards		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share awards outstanding, December 31, 2009	2,525,958	\$	23.43
Restricted share awards granted	426,614		26.15
Restricted share awards vested	(204,520)		24.56
Restricted share awards forfeited	(11,298)		22.13
Restricted share awards outstanding, March 31, 2010	2,736,754	\$	23.77

At March 31, 2011, there were \$38,548 (December 31, 2010: \$44,290) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of restricted share awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.4 years (December 31, 2010: 2.5 years).

iii. Restricted share units

Restricted share units under the LTIP and STIP vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions during the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. Share compensation expenses of \$114 were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: \$173). The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period.

Activity with respect to unvested restricted share units for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Units		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share units outstanding, December 31, 2010	47,049	\$	25.04
Restricted share units granted			

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Restricted share units vested	(7,129)		24.24
Restricted share units reinvested	296		25.45
Restricted share units forfeited			
Restricted share units outstanding, March 31, 2011	40,216	\$	25.18

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Activity with respect to unvested restricted share units for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share units outstanding, December 31, 2009	78,591	\$ 24.84
Restricted share units granted	7,952	26.07
Restricted share units vested	(52,679)	24.77
Restricted share units forfeited		
Restricted share units outstanding, March 31, 2010	33,864	\$ 25.24

At March 31, 2011, there were \$721 (December 31, 2010: \$809) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of restricted share units that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.5 years (December 31, 2010: 2.7 years).

iv. Performance share awards

The Performance Share Awards (PSAs) contain a performance based component. The performance component relates to the compounded growth in the Dividend Adjusted Diluted Book Value per Share over a three year period. For PSAs granted in 2010, the grant date Diluted Book Value per Share (DBVPS) is \$29.68, the DBVPS as at December 31, 2009. The Dividend Adjusted Performance Period End DBVPS will be the DBVPS as at December 31, 2012. The fair value estimate earns over the requisite attribution period and the estimate will be reassessed at the end of each performance period which will reflect any adjustments in the consolidated statements of income in the period in which they are determined.

Share compensation expenses in respect of PSAs of \$344 were recorded for three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: \$nil). The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period.

Activity with respect to unvested performance share awards for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Performance Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Performance share awards outstanding, December 31, 2010	132,401	\$ 28.70
Performance share awards granted		
Performance share awards vested		
Performance share awards forfeited		
Performance share awards outstanding, March 31, 2011	132,401	\$ 28.70

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Activity with respect to unvested performance share awards for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Performance Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Performance share awards outstanding, December 31, 2009		\$
Performance share awards granted		
Performance share awards vested		
Performance share awards forfeited		
Performance share awards outstanding, March 31, 2010		\$

At March 31, 2011, there were \$3,052 (December 31, 2010: \$3,375) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of PSAs that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years (December 31, 2010: 2.4 years).

b) Employee seller shares

Pursuant to the Share Sale Agreement for the purchase of Talbot Holdings, Ltd. (Talbot), the Company issued 1,209,741 restricted shares to Talbot employees (the employee seller shares). Upon consummation of the acquisition, the employee seller shares were validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable and entitled to vote and participate in distributions and dividends in accordance with the Company s Bye-laws. However, the employee seller shares are subject to a restricted period during which they are subject to forfeiture (as implemented by repurchase by the Company for a nominal amount). Forfeiture of employee seller shares will generally occur in the event that any such Talbot employee s employment terminates, with certain exceptions, prior to the end of the restricted period. The restricted period will end for 25% of the employee seller shares on each anniversary of the closing date of July 2, 2007 for all Talbot employees other than Talbot s Chairman, such that after four years the potential for forfeiture will be completely extinguished.

Share compensation expenses in respect of employee seller shares of \$1,188 were recorded for three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: \$1,039).

Activity with respect to unvested employee seller shares for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Employee Seller Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Employee seller shares outstanding, December 31, 2010	197,879	\$ 22.01
Employee seller shares granted		
Employee seller shares vested		
Employee seller shares forfeited		
Employee seller shares outstanding, March 31, 2011	197,879	\$ 22.01

Activity with respect to unvested employee seller shares for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Employee Seller Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Employee seller shares outstanding, December 31, 2009	410,667	\$ 22.01
Employee seller shares granted		
Employee seller shares vested		
Employee seller shares forfeited		
Employee seller shares outstanding, March 31, 2010	410,667	\$ 22.01

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At March 31, 2011, there were \$1,090 (December 31, 2010: \$2,141) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of employee seller shares that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.3 years (December 31, 2010: 0.5 years).

c) Total share compensation expenses

The breakdown of share compensation expenses by award type was as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Options	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,038
Restricted share awards	9,156	4,326
Restricted share units	114	173
Performance share awards	344	
Employee seller shares	1,188	1,039
Total	\$ 12,049	\$ 6,576

9. Debt and financing arrangements**a) Financing structure and finance expenses**

The financing structure at March 31, 2011 was:

	Commitment	Outstanding	
		(a)	Drawn
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	200,000	139,800	139,800
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	250,000	250,000	246,901
\$340,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	340,000		
\$60,000 bilateral unsecured letter of credit facility	60,000		
\$500,000 secured letter of credit facility	500,000	285,048	
Talbot FAL Facility (b)	25,000	25,000	
IPC Bi-Lateral Facility	80,000	64,368	
Total	\$ 1,605,000	\$ 914,216	\$ 536,701

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The financing structure at December 31, 2010 was:

	Commitment	Outstanding	
		(a)	Drawn
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	200,000	139,800	139,800
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	250,000	250,000	246,874
\$340,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	340,000		
\$60,000 bilateral unsecured letter of credit facility	60,000		
\$500,000 secured letter of credit facility	500,000	268,944	
Talbot FAL Facility (b)	25,000	25,000	
IPC Bi-Lateral Facility	80,000	68,063	
Total	1,605,000	901,807	536,674

(a) Indicates utilization of commitment amount, not drawn borrowings.

(b) Talbot operates in Lloyd's through a corporate member, Talbot 2002 Underwriting Capital Ltd (T02), which is the sole participant in Syndicate 1183. Lloyd's sets T02's required capital annually based on Syndicate 1183's business plan, rating environment, reserving environment together with input arising from Lloyd's discussions with, inter alia, regulatory and rating agencies. Such capital, called Funds at Lloyd's (FAL), comprises: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks.

Finance expenses consist of interest on our junior subordinated deferrable debentures and senior notes, the amortization of debt offering costs, fees relating to our credit facilities and the costs of FAL as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March	March 31,
	31,	2010
	2011	2010
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$ 3,588	\$ 3,588
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	3,029	3,029
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	5,597	3,978
Credit facilities	1,724	1,311
Talbot FAL Facility	63	422
Talbot other interest		75
Talbot third party FAL facility		2,748
Total	\$ 14,001	\$ 15,151

(b) \$250,000 2010 Senior Notes due 2040

On January 21, 2010, the Company offered and sold \$250,000 of Senior Notes due 2040 (the 2010 Senior Notes) in a registered public offering. The 2010 Senior Notes mature on January 26, 2040, and are redeemable at the Company's option in whole any time or in part from time to time at a make-whole redemption price. The Company may redeem the notes in whole, but not in part, at any time upon the occurrence of certain tax events as described in the notes

prospectus supplement. The 2010 Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 8.875% per annum from January 26, 2010 to maturity or early redemption. Interest on the 2010 Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 26 and July 26 of each year, commencing on July 26, 2010. The net proceeds of \$243,967 from the sale of the 2010 Senior Notes, after the deduction of commissions paid to the underwriters in the transaction and other expenses, was used by the Company for general corporate purposes, which included the repurchase of its outstanding capital stock and payment of dividends to shareholders. Debt issuance costs of \$2,808 were deferred as an asset and amortized over the life of the 2010 Senior Notes.

The 2010 Senior Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company and rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The 2010

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Senior Notes will be effectively junior to all of the Company's future secured debt, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such debt, and will rank senior to all our existing and future subordinated debt. The 2010 Senior Notes will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of the Company's subsidiaries.

Future expected payments of interest on the 2010 Senior Notes are as follows:

2011	\$ 11,094
2012	22,188
2013	22,188
2014	22,188
2015 and thereafter	565,780
Total minimum future payments	\$ 643,438

(c) Junior subordinated deferrable debentures

On June 15, 2006, the Company participated in a private placement of \$150,000 of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due 2036 (the 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures). The 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures mature on June 15, 2036, are redeemable at the Company's option at par beginning June 15, 2011, and require quarterly interest payments by the Company to the holders of the 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. Interest is payable at 9.069% per annum through June 15, 2011, and thereafter at a floating rate of three-month LIBOR plus 355 basis points, reset quarterly. The proceeds of \$150,000 from the sale of the 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, after the deduction of commissions paid to the placement agents in the transaction and other expenses, were used by the Company to fund Validus Re segment operations and for general working capital purposes. Debt issuance costs of \$3,750 were deferred as an asset and are amortized to income over the five year optional redemption period.

On June 21, 2007, the Company participated in a private placement of \$200,000 of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due 2037 (the 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures). The 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures mature on June 15, 2037, are redeemable at the Company's option at par beginning June 15, 2012, and require quarterly interest payments by the Company to the holders of the 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. Interest will be payable at 8.480% per annum through June 15, 2012, and thereafter at a floating rate of three-month LIBOR plus 295 basis points, reset quarterly. The proceeds of \$200,000 from the sale of the 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, after the deduction of commissions paid to the placement agents in the transaction and other expenses, were used by the Company to fund the purchase of Talbot Holdings Ltd. Debt issuance costs of \$2,000 were deferred as an asset and are amortized to income over the five year optional redemption period.

During 2008 and 2009 the Company repurchased from an unaffiliated financial institution \$60,200 principal amount of its 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures due 2037.

Future expected payments of interest and principal on the 2006 and 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures are as follows:

2011	\$ 12,292
2012	5,928
2013	
2014	
2015 and thereafter	289,800
Total minimum future payments	\$ 308,020

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(d) Credit facilities**(i) \$340,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility, \$60,000 bilateral unsecured letter of credit facility and \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility**

On March 12, 2010, the Company entered into a three-year \$340,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility and a \$60,000 bilateral unsecured letter of credit facility which provide for letter of credit availability for Validus Re and the Company's other subsidiaries and revolving credit availability for the Company (the Three Year Facilities) (the full \$400,000 of which is available for letters of credit and/or revolving loans).

On March 12, 2007, the Company entered into a \$500,000 five-year secured letter of credit facility, as subsequently amended on October 25, 2007, July 24, 2009, and March 12, 2010, which provides for letter of credit availability for Validus Re and the Company's other subsidiaries (the Five Year Facility and, together with the Three Year Facilities, the Credit Facilities). The Credit Facilities were provided by a syndicate of commercial banks arranged by J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. On October 25, 2007, the Company entered into the First Amendment to the Credit Facilities to provide for, among other things, additional capacity to incur up to \$100,000 under a new Funds at Lloyd's Letter of Credit Facility (as described below) to support underwriting capacity provided to Talbot 2002 Underwriting Ltd through Syndicate 1183 at Lloyd's of London for the 2008 and 2009 underwriting years of account. The amendment also modified certain provisions in the Credit Facilities in order to permit dividend payments on existing and future preferred and hybrid securities notwithstanding certain events of default.

On September 4, 2009, the Company announced that it had entered into Amendments to its \$500,000 five-year secured letter of credit facility and its then outstanding \$200,000 three-year unsecured facility and \$100,000 Talbot FAL Facility to amend a specific investment restriction clause in order to permit the completion of the IPC Acquisition. The amendment also modified and updated certain pricing and covenant terms.

As amended, the Credit Facilities contain covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that the Company initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least 70% of consolidated net worth (\$2,925,590) and, commencing with the end of the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2009 to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of its consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of any net proceeds received from any issuance of common shares during such quarter, (ii) the requirement that the Company maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00, and (iii) the requirement that Validus Re and any other material insurance subsidiaries maintain a financial strength rating by A.M. Best of not less than B++ (Fair). For purposes of covenant compliance (i) net worth is calculated with investments carried at amortized cost and (ii) consolidated total debt does not include the Company's junior subordinated deferrable debentures. The credit facilities also contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests at any time that we are otherwise in default with respect to certain provisions under the credit facilities, make investments, incur debt at our subsidiaries, incur liens, sell assets and merge or consolidate with others.

As of March 31, 2011, there was \$285,048 in outstanding letters of credit under the Five Year Facility (December 31, 2010: \$268,944) and \$nil outstanding under the Three Year Facilities (December 31, 2010: \$nil).

As of March 31, 2011, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Credit Facilities.

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On November 28, 2007, Talbot entered into a \$100,000 standby Letter of Credit facility (the Talbot FAL Facility) to provide Funds at Lloyd s for the 2008 and 2009 underwriting years of account; this facility is guaranteed by the Company and is secured against the assets of Validus Re. The Talbot FAL Facility was provided by a syndicate of commercial banks arranged by Lloyds TSB Bank plc and ING Bank N.V., London Branch.

On November 19, 2009, the Company entered into an Amendment and Restatement of the Talbot FAL Facility to reduce the commitment from \$100,000 to \$25,000, and to extend the support to the 2010 and 2011 underwriting years of account.

As amended, the Talbot FAL Facility contains affirmative covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that we initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least 70% of consolidated net worth (\$2,607,219), and commencing with the end of the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2009 to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of our consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of any net proceeds received from any issuance of common shares during such quarter, and (ii) the requirement that we maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00.

The Talbot FAL Facility also contains restrictions on our ability to incur debt at our subsidiaries, incur liens, sell assets and merge or consolidate with others. Other than in respect of existing and future preferred and hybrid securities, the payment of dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests are not permitted at any time that we are in default with respect to certain provisions under the Credit Facilities. As of March 31, 2011, the Company had \$25,000 in outstanding letters of credit under this facility.

As of March 31, 2011, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Talbot FAL Facility.

(iii) IPC Syndicated Facility and IPC Bi-Lateral Facility

IPC obtained letters of credit through the IPC Syndicated Facility and the IPC Bi-Lateral Facility (the IPC Facilities). In July, 2009, certain terms of these facilities were amended including suspending IPC s ability to increase existing letters of credit or to issue new letters of credit. Effective March 31, 2010, the IPC Syndicated Facility was closed. As of March 31, 2011, \$64,368 of outstanding letters of credit were issued under the IPC Bi-Lateral Facility (December 31, 2010: \$68,063).

As of March 31, 2011, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the IPC Bi-Lateral Facility.

10. Commitments and contingencies**a) Concentrations of credit risk**

The Company s investments are managed following prudent standards of diversification. The Company attempts to limit its credit exposure by purchasing high quality fixed income investments to maintain an average portfolio credit quality of AA- or higher with mortgage and commercial mortgage-backed issues having an aggregate weighted average credit quality of triple-A. In addition, the Company limits its exposure to any single issuer to 3% or less, excluding treasury and agency securities. With the exception of the Company s bank loan portfolio, the minimum credit rating of any security purchased is Baa3/BBB- and where investments are downgraded, the Company permits a holding of up to 2% in aggregate market value, or 10% with written pre-authorization. At March 31, 2011, 1.8% of the portfolio, excluding bank loans, had a split rating below Baa3/BBB- and the Company did not have an aggregate exposure to any single issuer of more than 1.1% of its investment portfolio, other than with respect to government and agency securities.

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b) Funds at Lloyd s

The amounts provided under the Talbot FAL Facility would become a liability of the Company in the event of Syndicate 1183 declaring a loss at a level which would call on this arrangement.

Talbot operates in Lloyd s through a corporate member, Talbot 2002 Underwriting Capital Ltd (T02), which is the sole participant in Syndicate 1183. Lloyd s sets T02 s required capital annually based on syndicate 1183 s business plan, rating environment, reserving environment together with input arising from Lloyd s discussions with, inter alia, regulatory and rating agencies. Such capital, called Funds at Lloyd s (FAL), comprises: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks. The amounts of cash, investments and letters of credit at March 31, 2011 amounted to \$441,000 (December 31, 2010: \$441,000) of which \$25,000 is provided under the Talbot FAL Facility (December 31, 2010: \$25,000).

c) Lloyd s Central Fund

Whenever a member of Lloyd s is unable to pay its debts to policyholders, such debts may be payable by the Lloyd s Central Fund. If Lloyd s determines that the Central Fund needs to be increased, it has the power to assess premium levies on current Lloyd s members up to 3% of a member s underwriting capacity in any one year. The Company does not believe that any assessment is likely in the foreseeable future and has not provided any allowance for such an assessment. However, based on the Company s 2011 estimated premium income at Lloyd s of £560,000, the March 31, 2011 exchange rate of £1 equals \$1.6031 and assuming the maximum 3% assessment, the Company would be assessed approximately \$26,932.

11. Related party transactions

The transactions listed below are classified as related party transactions as each counterparty has either a direct or indirect shareholding in the Company.

a) On December 8, 2005, the Company entered into agreements with Goldman Sachs Asset Management and its affiliates (GSAM) under which GSAM provides investment management services for a portion of the Company s investment portfolio. Goldman Sachs entities, own 9,634,782 non-voting shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 1,604,410 non-voting shares. Sumit Rajpal, resigned from the Board of Directors effective February 7, 2011. Mr. Rajpal continues to serve as Managing Director of Goldman, Sachs and Co., GSAM s parent company. Investment management fees earned by GSAM for three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$360 (March 31, 2010: \$379) of which \$454 was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at March 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010: \$359). Management believes that the fees charged were consistent with those that would have been charged in arm s-length transactions with unrelated third parties.

b) Aquiline Capital Partners, LLC and its related companies (Aquiline), which own 6,255,943 shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 2,756,088 shares, and have two employees on the Company s Board of Directors who do not receive compensation from the Company, are shareholders of Group Ark Insurance Holdings Ltd. (Group Ark). Christopher E. Watson, a director of the Company, also serves as a director of Group Ark. Pursuant to reinsurance agreements with a subsidiary of Group Ark, the Company recognized gross premiums written during the three months ended March 31, 2011 of \$511 (March 31, 2010: \$740), of which \$535 was included in premiums receivable at March 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010: \$378). The Company also recognized reinsurance premiums ceded during the three months ended March 31, 2011 of \$163 (March 31, 2010: \$606), of which \$89 was included in reinsurance balances payable at March 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010: \$132). Earned premium adjustments of \$334 were incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2011 (March 31, 2010: nil).

c) Aquiline is also a shareholder of Tiger Risk Partners LLC (Tiger Risk). Christopher E. Watson, a director of the Company serves as a director of Tiger Risk. Pursuant to certain reinsurance contracts, the Company recognized brokerage expenses paid to Tiger Risk during the three months ended March 31, 2011 of \$453 (March 31, 2010: \$37), of which \$638 was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at March 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010: \$792).

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d) On November 24, 2009, the Company entered into an Investment Management Agreement with Conning, Inc. (Conning) to manage a portion of the Company's investment portfolio. Aquiline acquired Conning on June 16, 2009. John J. Hendrickson and Jeffrey W. Greenberg, directors of the Company, each serve as a director of Conning Holdings Corp., the parent company of Conning and Michael Carpenter, the Chairman of Talbot Holdings, Ltd. serves as a director of a subsidiary company of Conning Holdings Corp. Investment management fees earned by Conning for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$146 (March 31, 2010: \$85), of which \$122 (December 31, 2010: \$97) was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at March 31, 2011.

12. Earnings per share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted (loss) per share for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Basic earnings per share		
(Loss)	\$ (172,364)	\$ (118,378)
less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants	(1,984)	(1,749)
(Loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (174,348)	\$ (120,127)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	97,944,340	126,633,277
Basic (loss) per share	\$ (1.78)	\$ (0.95)
Diluted earnings per share		
(Loss)	\$ (172,364)	\$ (118,378)
less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants	(1,984)	(1,749)
(Loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (174,348)	\$ (120,127)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	97,944,340	126,633,277
Diluted (loss) per share	\$ (1.78)	\$ (0.95)

Share equivalents that would result in the issuance of common shares of 15,995 were outstanding for three months ended March 31, 2011 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would be antidilutive. Due to the net loss in the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, share equivalents were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share, because of their anti-dilutive effect.

13. Subsequent events

During April 2011, a series of tornadoes hit the United States, causing significant property damage across a number of states including Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The Company is continuing to review its in-force contracts and preliminary loss information from clients for the event described above and does not expect that losses, either individually or when aggregated, will have a material impact on its shareholders equity or liquidity.

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On May 4, 2011, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per each common share and \$0.25 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable, payable on June 30, 2011 to holders of record on June 15, 2011.

14. Segment information

The Company conducts its operations worldwide through two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and Talbot Holdings Ltd. from which two operating segments have been determined under U.S. GAAP segment reporting. The Company's operating segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed and have capital allocated separately because each business requires different strategies.

Validus Re

The Validus Re segment is focused on short-tail lines of reinsurance. The primary lines in which the segment conducts business are property, marine and specialty, which includes agriculture, aerospace and aviation, financial lines of business, nuclear, terrorism, life, accident & health, workers' compensation, crisis management and motor.

Talbot

The Talbot segment focuses on a wide range of marine and energy, war, political violence, commercial property, financial institutions, contingency, bloodstock, accident & health and aviation classes of business on an insurance or facultative reinsurance basis and principally property, aerospace and marine classes of business on a treaty reinsurance basis.

Corporate and other reconciling items

The Company has a Corporate function, which includes the activities of the parent company, and which carries out certain functions for the group. Corporate includes non-core underwriting expenses, predominantly general and administrative and stock compensation expenses. Corporate also denotes the activities of certain key executives such as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. For internal reporting purposes, Corporate is reflected separately, however Corporate is not considered an operating segment under these circumstances. Other reconciling items include, but are not limited to, the elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses and unusual items that are not allocated to segments.

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The following tables summarize the results of our operating segments and corporate segment:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	Validus Re	Talbot	Corporate & Eliminations	Total
Underwriting income				
Gross premiums written	\$ 611,238	\$ 263,057	\$ (24,399)	\$ 849,896
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(46,805)	(87,414)	24,399	(109,820)
Net premiums written	564,433	175,643		740,076
Change in unearned premiums	(312,124)	1,581		(310,543)
Net premiums earned	252,309	177,224		429,533
Underwriting deductions				
Losses and loss expenses	310,544	165,654		476,198
Policy acquisition costs	40,066	37,216	14	77,296
General and administrative expenses	10,657	28,722	9,098	48,477
Share compensation expenses	3,105	2,719	6,225	12,049
Total underwriting deductions	364,372	234,311	15,337	614,020
Underwriting (loss)	\$ (112,063)	\$ (57,087)	\$ (15,337)	\$ (184,487)
Net investment income	25,651	6,590	(2,266)	29,975
Other income	1,433	3,017	(2,844)	1,606
Finance expenses	(1,713)	(63)	(12,225)	(14,001)
Operating (loss) before taxes	(86,692)	(47,543)	(32,672)	(166,907)
Tax (expense) benefit	(2)	1,793	(332)	1,459
Net operating (loss)	\$ (86,694)	\$ (45,750)	\$ (33,004)	\$ (165,448)
Net realized gains on investments	3,919	2,460		6,379
Net unrealized (losses) on investments	(8,515)	(4,313)		(12,828)
Foreign exchange (losses) gains	(4,360)	3,901	(8)	(467)
Net (loss)	\$ (95,650)	\$ (43,702)	\$ (33,012)	\$ (172,364)
Selected ratios:				
Net premiums written / Gross premiums written	92.3%	66.8%		87.1%
Losses and loss expenses	123.1%	93.5%		110.9%

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Policy acquisition costs	15.9%	21.0%	18.0%
General and administrative expenses (a)	5.5%	17.7%	14.1%
Expense ratio	21.4%	38.7%	32.1%
Combined ratio	144.5%	132.2%	143.0%
Total assets	\$ 5,065,128	\$ 2,748,079	\$ 12,483
			\$ 7,825,690

(a) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share compensation expenses.

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(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

Three months ended March 31, 2010	Validus Re	Talbot	Corporate & Eliminations	Total
Underwriting income				
Gross premiums written	\$ 640,295	\$ 270,541	\$ (39,902)	\$ 870,934
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(13,110)	(117,531)	39,902	(90,739)
Net premiums written	627,185	153,010		780,195
Change in unearned premiums	(343,264)	20,763		(322,501)
Net premiums earned	283,921	173,773		457,694
Underwriting deductions				
Losses and loss expenses	348,920	129,611		478,531
Policy acquisition costs	43,503	34,945	(2,272)	76,176
General and administrative expenses	16,312	25,548	11,709	53,569
Share compensation expenses	1,629	1,559	3,388	6,576
Total underwriting deductions	410,364	191,663	12,825	614,852
Underwriting (loss)	\$ (126,443)	\$ (17,890)	\$ (12,825)	\$ (157,158)
Net investment income	29,245	7,320	(2,266)	34,299
Other income	1,078	1,975	(2,165)	888
Finance expenses	(1,293)	(3,245)	(10,613)	(15,151)
Operating (loss) before taxes	(97,413)	(11,840)	(27,869)	(137,122)
Tax (expense) benefit	(91)	795	(7)	697
Net operating (loss)	\$ (97,504)	\$ (11,045)	\$ (27,876)	\$ (136,425)
Net realized gains on investments	9,779	1,619		11,398
Net unrealized gains on investments	12,195	3,218		15,413
Foreign exchange (losses)	(5,139)	(3,599)	(26)	(8,764)
Net (loss)	\$ (80,669)	\$ (9,807)	\$ (27,902)	\$ (118,378)
Selected ratios:				
Net premiums written / Gross premiums written	98.0%	56.6%		89.6%
Losses and loss expenses	122.9%	74.6%		104.6%

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Policy acquisition costs	15.3%	20.1%	16.6%
General and administrative expenses (a)	6.3%	15.6%	13.1%
Expense ratio	21.6%	35.7%	29.7%
Combined ratio	144.5%	110.3%	134.3%
Total assets	\$ 5,114,815	\$ 2,429,530	\$ 88,231 \$ 7,632,576

(a) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share compensation expenses.

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(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

The Company's exposures are generally diversified across geographic zones. The following tables set forth the gross premiums written allocated to the territory of coverage exposure for the periods indicated:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2011					
Gross premiums written					
	Validus Re	Talbot	Eliminations	Total	%
United States	\$ 192,365	\$ 27,831	\$ (1,897)	\$ 218,299	25.7%
Worldwide excluding United States					
(a)	26,978	67,967	(2,712)	92,233	10.9%
Europe	58,966	16,009	(502)	74,473	8.8%
Latin America and Caribbean	25,119	18,268	(13,629)	29,758	3.5%
Japan	10,198	540	(100)	10,638	1.2%
Canada	100	3,808	(100)	3,808	0.4%
Rest of the world (b)	36,057			36,057	4.2%
Sub-total, non United States	157,418	106,592	(17,043)	246,967	29.0%
Worldwide including United States (a)	68,196	10,530	(502)	78,224	9.2%
Marine and Aerospace (c)	193,259	118,104	(4,957)	306,406	36.1%
Total	\$ 611,238	\$ 263,057	\$ (24,399)	\$ 849,896	100.0%

Three Months Ended March 31, 2010					
Gross premiums written					
	Validus Re	Talbot	Eliminations	Total	%
United States	\$ 233,567	\$ 25,283	\$ (3,471)	\$ 255,379	29.3%
Worldwide excluding United States					
(a)	39,764	76,018	(3,832)	111,950	12.9%
Europe	80,476	15,538	(457)	95,557	11.0%
Latin America and Caribbean	28,739	17,227	(15,787)	30,179	3.5%
Japan	650	708	(65)	1,293	0.1%
Canada	65	3,636	(65)	3,636	0.4%
Rest of the world (b)					0.0%
Sub-total, non United States	149,694	113,127	(20,206)	242,615	27.9%
Worldwide including United States (a)	76,235	12,776	(1,730)	87,281	10.0%
Marine and Aerospace (c)	180,799	119,355	(14,495)	285,659	32.8%
Total	\$ 640,295	\$ 270,541	\$ (39,902)	\$ 870,934	100.0%

(a) Represents risks in two or more geographic zones.

(b) Represents risks in one geographic zone.

- (c) Not classified as geographic area as marine and aerospace risks can span multiple geographic areas and are not fixed locations in some instances.

Table of Contents**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Company's consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 and the Company's consolidated financial condition, liquidity and capital resources at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the discussions of critical accounting policies and the qualitative and quantitative disclosure about market risk contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

For a variety of reasons, the Company's historical financial results may not accurately indicate future performance. See Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. The Risk Factors set forth in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 present a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein.

Executive Overview

The Company underwrites from two distinct global operating segments, Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. (Validus Re) and Talbot Holdings Ltd. (Talbot). Validus Re, the Company's principal reinsurance operating segment, operates as a Bermuda-based provider of short-tail reinsurance products on a global basis. Talbot, the Company's principal insurance operating segment, operates through its two underwriting platforms: Talbot Underwriting Ltd, which manages Syndicate 1183 at Lloyd's of London (Lloyd's) and which writes short-tail insurance products on a worldwide basis, and Underwriting Risk Services Ltd, which is an underwriting agency writing primarily yacht and onshore energy business on behalf of the Talbot syndicate and others.

The Company's strategy is to concentrate primarily on short-tail risks, which is an area where management believes current prices and terms provide an attractive risk adjusted return and the management team has proven expertise. The Company's profitability in any given period is based upon premium and investment revenues, less net losses and loss expenses, acquisition expenses and operating expenses. Financial results in the insurance and reinsurance industry are influenced by the frequency and/or severity of claims and losses, including as a result of catastrophic events, changes in interest rates, financial markets and general economic conditions, the supply of insurance and reinsurance capacity and changes in legal, regulatory and judicial environments.

On September 4, 2009, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of IPC (the IPC Acquisition) in exchange for common shares and cash. IPC's operations focused on short-tail lines of reinsurance. The primary lines in which IPC conducted business were property catastrophe reinsurance and, to a limited extent, property-per-risk excess, aviation (including satellite) and other short-tail reinsurance on a worldwide basis. The IPC Acquisition was undertaken to increase the Company's capital base and gain a strategic advantage in the then current reinsurance market. This acquisition created a leading Bermuda carrier in the short-tail reinsurance market that facilitates stronger relationships with major reinsurance intermediaries.

Business Outlook and Trends

We underwrite global specialty property insurance and reinsurance and have large aggregate exposures to natural and man-made disasters. The occurrence of claims from catastrophic events results in substantial volatility, and can have material adverse effects on the Company's financial condition and results and ability to write new business. This volatility affects results for the period in which the loss occurs because U.S. accounting principles do not permit reinsurers to reserve for such catastrophic events until they occur. Catastrophic events of significant magnitude historically have been relatively infrequent, although management believes the property catastrophe reinsurance market has experienced a higher level of worldwide catastrophic losses in terms of both frequency and severity in the period from 1992 to the present. We also expect that increases in the values and concentrations of insured property will increase the severity of such occurrences in the future. The Company seeks to reflect these trends when pricing contracts.

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Property and other reinsurance premiums have historically risen in the aftermath of significant catastrophic losses. As loss reserves are established, industry surplus is depleted and the industry's capacity to write new business diminishes. At the same time, management believes that there is a heightened awareness of exposure to natural catastrophes on the part of cedants, rating agencies and catastrophe modeling firms, resulting in an increase in the demand for reinsurance protection.

The global property and casualty insurance and reinsurance industry has historically been highly cyclical. The Company was formed in October 2005 in response to the supply/demand imbalance resulting from the large industry losses in 2004 and 2005. In the aggregate, the Company observed substantial increases in premium rates in 2006 compared to 2005 levels. During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, the Company experienced increased competition in most lines of business. Capital provided by new entrants or by the commitment of additional capital by existing insurers and reinsurers increased the supply of insurance and reinsurance which resulted in a softening of rates in most lines. However, during 2008, the insurance and reinsurance industry incurred material losses and capital declines due to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and the global financial crisis. In the wake of these events, the January 2009 renewal season saw decreased competition and increased premium rates due to relatively scarce capital and increased demand. During 2009, the Company observed reinsurance demand stabilization and industry capital recovery from investment portfolio gains. In 2009, there were few notable large losses affecting the worldwide (re)insurance industry and no major hurricanes making landfall in the United States.

During 2010, the Company continued to see increased competition and decreased premium rates in most classes of business with the exception of offshore energy, Latin America, financial institutions and political risk lines. During 2010 there was an increased level of catastrophe activity, principally the Chilean earthquake and the Deepwater Horizon events.

During the January 2011 renewal season, Validus Re increased gross premiums written on the U.S. Cat XOL lines and decreased gross premiums written in the proportional lines. In addition, Validus Re decreased gross premiums written in the International Property lines as market conditions dictated. In the aftermath of 2010's Deepwater Horizon loss, Validus Re saw additional opportunities and rate increases in the marine lines. Within the specialty lines, Validus Re increased gross premiums written in the terrorism lines among other sub-classes. During the first quarter of 2011, premiums in Talbot have been relatively stable with rate increases occurring on renewals that have suffered losses but rate reductions continuing elsewhere, as a result of good experience and excess capacity in the market. Talbot is expecting improved pricing in the energy, property and political risk lines as a result of recent loss events. The significant elevated worldwide loss activity since the beginning of 2010, in conjunction with changes to certain commercial vendors' catastrophe models, is resulting in improved pricing and demand for catastrophe reinsurance.

Financial Measures

The Company believes the following financial indicators are important in evaluating performance and measuring the overall growth in value generated for shareholders:

Annualized return on average equity represents the level of net income available to shareholders generated from the average shareholders' equity during the period. Annualized return on average equity is calculated by dividing the net income for the period by the average shareholders' equity during the period. Average shareholders' equity is the average of the beginning, ending and intervening quarter end shareholders' equity balances. Percentages for the quarter and interim periods are annualized. The Company's objective is to generate superior returns on capital that appropriately reward shareholders for the risks assumed and to grow premiums written only when returns meet or exceed internal requirements. Details of annualized return on average equity are provided below.

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended December
	March 31,	2010	31, 2010
Annualized return on average equity	2011 (20.2)%	(12.2)%	10.8%

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The decrease in annualized return on average equity for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was driven primarily by a net loss. The net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2011 increased by \$54.0 million, or 45.6% compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010. This unfavorable movement was primarily due to the Tohoku earthquake and other large event losses coupled with an unfavorable movement in unrealized losses on investments.

Diluted book value per common share is considered by management to be an appropriate measure of our returns to common shareholders, as we believe growth in our book value on a diluted basis ultimately translates into growth of our stock price. Diluted book value per common share decreased by \$1.66, or 5.0%, from \$32.98 at December 31, 2010 to \$31.32 at March 31, 2011. The decrease was due to the loss generated in the three months ended March 31, 2011. Diluted book value per common share is a Non-GAAP financial measure. The most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure is book value per common share. Diluted book value per common share is calculated based on total shareholders' equity plus the assumed proceeds from the exercise of outstanding options and warrants, divided by the sum of common shares, unvested restricted shares, options and warrants outstanding (assuming their exercise). A reconciliation of diluted book value per common share to book value per common share is presented below in the section entitled *Non-GAAP Financial Measures*.

Cash dividends per common share are an integral part of the value created for shareholders. On May 4, 2011, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per each common share and \$0.25 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable, payable on June 30, 2011 to holders of record on June 15, 2011.

Underwriting income (loss) measures the performance of the Company's core underwriting function, excluding revenues and expenses such as net investment income (loss), other income, finance expenses, net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, foreign exchange gains (losses) and gain on bargain purchase, net of expenses. The Company believes the reporting of underwriting income enhances the understanding of our results by highlighting the underlying profitability of the Company's core insurance and reinsurance operations. Underwriting (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was (\$184.5) million and (\$157.2) million, respectively. Underwriting income (loss) is a Non-GAAP financial measure as described in detail and reconciled in the section below entitled *Underwriting Income*.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

There are certain accounting policies that the Company considers to be critical due to the judgment and uncertainty inherent in the application of those policies. In calculating financial statement estimates, the use of different assumptions could produce materially different estimates. The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect significant estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

Reserve for losses and loss expenses;

Premiums;

Reinsurance premiums ceded and reinsurance recoverable; and

Investment valuation.

Critical accounting policies and estimates are discussed further in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Segment Reporting

Management has determined that the Company operates in two reportable segments. The two significant operating segments are Validus Re and Talbot.

Results of Operations

Validus Re commenced operations on December 16, 2005. The Company's fiscal year ends on December 31. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information.

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The following table presents results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March	
	2011	2010
Gross premiums written	\$ 849,896	\$ 870,934
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(109,820)	(90,739)
Net premiums written	740,076	780,195
Change in unearned premiums	(310,543)	(322,501)
Net premiums earned	429,533	457,694
Losses and loss expenses	476,198	478,531
Policy acquisition costs	77,296	76,176
General and administrative expenses	48,477	53,569
Share compensation expenses	12,049	6,576
Total underwriting deductions	614,020	614,852
Underwriting (loss) (a)	(184,487)	(157,158)
Net investment income	29,975	34,299
Other income	1,606	888
Finance expenses	(14,001)	(15,151)
Operating loss before taxes (a)	(166,907)	(137,122)
Tax benefit	1,459	697
Net operating (loss) (a)	(165,448)	(136,425)
Net realized gains on investments	6,379	11,398
Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments	(12,828)	15,413
Foreign exchange (losses)	(467)	(8,764)
Net (loss)	\$ (172,364)	\$ (118,378)
Selected ratios:		
Net premiums written / Gross premiums written	87.1%	89.6%
Losses and loss expenses	110.9%	104.6%
Policy acquisition costs	18.0%	16.6%
General and administrative expenses (b)	14.1%	13.1%
Expense ratio	32.1%	29.7%
Combined ratio	143.0%	134.3%

- a) Non-GAAP Financial Measures: In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income and operating income that are not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.
- b) The general and administrative ratio includes share compensation expenses.

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(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March	
	2011	2010
Validus Re		
Gross premiums written	\$ 611,238	\$ 640,295
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(46,805)	(13,110)
Net premiums written	564,433	627,185
Change in unearned premiums	(312,124)	(343,264)
Net premiums earned	252,309	283,921
Losses and loss expenses	310,544	348,920
Policy acquisition costs	40,066	43,503
General and administrative expenses	10,657	16,312
Share compensation expenses	3,105	1,629
Total underwriting deductions	364,372	410,364
Underwriting (loss) (a)	(112,063)	(126,443)
Talbot		
Gross premiums written	\$ 263,057	\$ 270,541
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(87,414)	(117,531)
Net premiums written	175,643	153,010
Change in unearned premiums	1,581	20,763
Net premiums earned	177,224	173,773
Losses and loss expenses	165,654	129,611
Policy acquisition costs	37,216	34,945
General and administrative expenses	28,722	25,548
Share compensation expenses	2,719	1,559
Total underwriting deductions	234,311	191,663
Underwriting (loss) (a)	(57,087)	(17,890)
Corporate & Eliminations		
Gross premiums written	\$ (24,399)	\$ (39,902)
Reinsurance premiums ceded	24,399	39,902
Net premiums written		

Change in unearned premiums		
Net premiums earned		
Losses and loss expenses		
Policy acquisition costs	14	(2,272)
General and administrative expenses	9,098	11,709
Share compensation expenses	6,225	3,388
Total underwriting deductions	15,337	12,825
Underwriting (loss) (a)	(15,337)	(12,825)
Total underwriting (loss) (a)	\$ (184,487)	\$ (157,158)

- a) Non-GAAP Financial Measures. In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.

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Net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was (\$172.4) million compared to a net loss of (\$118.4) million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, an increase of \$54.0 million or 45.6%. The primary factors driving the increase in net loss were:

An unfavorable movement of \$28.2 million in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments.

Increase in underwriting loss of \$27.3 million due primarily to a \$28.2 million decrease in net premiums earned.

Loss and loss expenses were relatively consistent with the three months ended March 31, 2010, with both quarters experiencing substantial catastrophe losses. Other underwriting deductions including policy acquisition costs and general and administrative expenses remained at levels similar to 2010.

Decrease in net realized gains on investments of \$5.0 million.

The above items were partially offset by the following factor:

A favorable movement in foreign exchange of \$8.3 million.

The change in net income for the three months ended March 31, 2011 of \$54.0 million as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010 is described in the following table:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 Increase (Decrease) Over the Three Months Ended March 31, 2010			
	Validus Re	Talbot	Corporate and Eliminations	Total
Notable losses decrease (increase) in net loss and loss expenses (a)	\$ 60,954	\$ (30,844)	\$	\$ 30,110
Less: Notable losses increase (decrease) in net reinstatement premiums (a)	12,241	(6,534)		5,707
Other underwriting (loss)	(58,815)	(1,819)	(2,512)	(63,146)
Underwriting income (loss) (b)	14,380	(39,197)	(2,512)	(27,329)
Net investment income	(3,594)	(730)		(4,324)
Other income	355	1,042	(679)	718
Finance expenses	(420)	3,182	(1,612)	1,150
	10,721	(35,703)	(4,803)	(29,785)
Taxes	89	998	(325)	762
	10,810	(34,705)	(5,128)	(29,023)
Net realized (losses) gains on investments	(5,860)	841		(5,019)
Net unrealized (losses) on investments	(20,710)	(7,531)		(28,241)
Net foreign exchange gains	779	7,500	18	8,297
Net (loss)	\$ (14,981)	\$ (33,895)	\$ (5,110)	\$ (53,986)

(a) Notable losses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 include: Tohoku earthquake, Gryphon Alpha, Christchurch earthquake, Brisbane floods and CNRL Horizon. Notable losses for the three months ended March 31, 2010 include Chilean earthquake, windstorm Xynthia and Melbourne hailstorm. Excludes the reserve

for potential development on 2010 and 2011 notable loss events.

- (b) Non-GAAP Financial Measures. In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income (loss) that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.

Table of Contents**Gross Premiums Written**

Gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$849.9 million compared to \$870.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$21.0 million or 2.4%. Gross premiums written on the property lines decreased by \$58.0 million, while the marine and specialty lines increased by \$27.1 million and \$9.9 million, respectively. Details of gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 419,123	49.3%	\$ 477,137	54.8%	(12.2)%
Marine	287,748	33.9%	260,625	29.9%	10.4%
Specialty	143,025	16.8%	133,172	15.3%	7.4%
Total	\$ 849,896	100.0%	\$ 870,934	100.0%	(2.4)%

Validus Re. Validus Re gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$611.2 million compared to \$640.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$29.1 million or 4.5%. Details of Validus Re gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 365,268	59.7%	\$ 412,408	64.5%	(11.4)%
Marine	185,033	30.3%	169,986	26.5%	8.9%
Specialty	60,937	10.0%	57,901	9.0%	5.2%
Total	\$ 611,238	100.0%	\$ 640,295	100.0%	(4.5)%

The decrease in gross premiums written in the property lines of \$47.1 million was due primarily to a \$39.7 million decrease in premiums from proportional business. This reduction was caused by a combination of a number of large quota share reinsurance contracts being removed from the market, reduced rates across the majority of territories and cedants increasing their net retention limits. Catastrophe excess of loss gross premiums written also decreased \$1.5 million, net of increased reinstatement premiums of \$24.4 million. The increase in gross premiums written of \$15.0 million in the marine lines was due primarily to a \$23.7 million increase in new and renewing business due to growth in proportional lines within the marine lines, this was offset by a \$10.0 million decrease in inter-company business written with Talbot. The increase in gross premiums written in the specialty lines of \$3.0 million was primarily due to a \$2.0 million increase in new business generated by Validus Re Singapore.

Gross premiums written under the quota share, surplus treaty and excess of loss contracts between Validus Re and Talbot decreased by \$4.3 million in the property lines, \$10.0 million in the marine lines and \$1.2 million in the specialty lines as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010. These reinsurance agreements with Talbot are eliminated upon consolidation.

Talbot. Talbot gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$263.1 million compared to \$270.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$7.5 million or 2.8%. The \$263.1 million of gross premiums written translated at 2010 rates of exchange would have been \$261.0 million during the three months ended March 31, 2011, a decrease of \$9.5 million compared to 2010. Details of Talbot gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	Gross Premiums Written	Gross Premiums Written (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 70,729	26.9%	\$ 85,874	31.8%	(17.6)%
Marine	104,935	39.9%	102,873	38.0%	2.0%
Specialty	87,393	33.2%	81,794	30.2%	6.8%
Total	\$ 263,057	100.0%	\$ 270,541	100.0%	(2.8)%

The decrease in gross premiums written in the property lines of \$15.1 million was primarily due to a \$14.6 million reduction in reinstatement premiums and premiums written on the property treaty lines. The increase in gross premiums written in the specialty lines of \$5.6 million was primarily due to a \$6.3 million increase in new and renewing business in the war, political risk and violence lines.

Reinsurance Premiums Ceded

Reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$109.8 million compared to \$90.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, an increase of \$19.1 million or 21.0%. Reinsurance premiums ceded in the property lines increased by \$26.5 million, partially offset by a decrease in the specialty lines of \$7.4 million. Details of reinsurance premiums ceded by line of business are described below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%)	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 68,168	62.0%	\$ 41,673	45.9%	63.6%
Marine	15,566	14.2%	15,624	17.2%	(0.4)%
Specialty	26,086	23.8%	33,442	36.9%	(22.0)%
Total	\$ 109,820	100.0%	\$ 90,739	100.0%	21.0%

Validus Re. Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$46.8 million compared to \$13.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, an increase of \$33.7 million or 257.0%. Details of Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded by line of business are described below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%)	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 46,680	99.7%	\$ 9,342	71.3%	399.7%
Marine	(376)	(0.8)%	4,050	30.9%	(109.3)%
Specialty	501	1.1%	(282)	(2.2)%	277.7%

Total	\$ 46,805	100.0%	\$ 13,110	100.0%	257.0%
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Reinsurance premiums ceded in the property lines increased by \$37.3 million, primarily due to the purchase of \$39.8 million of additional and replacement retrocessional coverage on the world wide catastrophe portfolio. The replacement retrocessional coverage was purchased following the major loss events in the three months ended March 31, 2011. Reinsurance premiums ceded in the marine lines decreased by \$4.4 million, primarily due to \$4.1 million of retrocessional coverage purchased in the three months ended March 31, 2010.

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There was a change in renewal dates as a result of a notable loss in the three months ended June 30, 2010, and this coverage is now expected to renew in the three months ended June 30, 2011.

Talbot. Talbot reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$87.4 million compared to \$117.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$30.1 million or 25.6%. Details of Talbot reinsurance premiums ceded by line of business are described below.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	Reinsurance Premiums Ceded	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Property	\$ 38,362	43.9%	\$ 53,476	45.5%	(28.3)%
Marine	18,162	20.8%	23,808	20.3%	(23.7)%
Specialty	30,890	35.3%	40,247	34.2%	(23.2)%
Total	\$ 87,414	100.0%	\$ 117,531	100.0%	(25.6)%

Reinsurance premiums ceded in the property lines decreased by \$15.1 million. The decrease was primarily due to a \$14.6 million reduction in premiums ceded in property treaty business and the onshore energy lines. Reinsurance premiums ceded in the marine lines decreased by \$5.6 million, primarily due to a \$10.0 million decrease in premiums ceded on the surplus lines partially offset by a \$6.6 million reinstatement premium in relation to a large marine loss recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2011. Reinsurance premiums ceded in the specialty lines decreased by \$9.4 million, primarily due to a \$7.6 million decrease in premiums ceded in the aviation treaty lines relating to changes in the program inception date.

Reinsurance premiums ceded under the quota share, surplus treaty and excess of loss contracts with Validus Re decreased by \$4.3 million in the property lines, \$10.0 million in the marine lines and \$1.2 million in its specialty lines as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010. These reinsurance agreements with Validus Re are eliminated upon consolidation.

Net Premiums Written

Net premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$740.1 million compared to \$780.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$40.1 million, or 5.1%. The ratios of net premiums written to gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 were 87.1% and 89.6%, respectively. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Net Premiums Written	Net Premiums Written	Net Premiums Written	Net Premiums Written	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Property	\$ 350,955	47.4%	\$ 435,464	55.8%	(19.4)%
Marine	272,182	36.8%	245,001	31.4%	11.1%
Specialty	116,939	15.8%	99,730	12.8%	17.3%
Total	\$ 740,076	100.0%	\$ 780,195	100.0%	(5.1)%

Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$564.4 million compared to \$627.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$62.8 million or 10.0%. Details of Validus Re net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

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(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Written	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Written	
	Written	(%)	Written	(%)	
Property	\$ 318,588	56.5%	\$ 403,066	64.2%	(21.0)%
Marine	185,409	32.8%	165,936	26.5%	11.7%
Specialty	60,436	10.7%	58,183	9.3%	3.9%
Total	\$ 564,433	100.0%	\$ 627,185	100.0%	(10.0)%

The decrease in Validus Re net premiums written was driven by the factors highlighted above in respect of gross premiums written and reinsurance premiums ceded. The ratios of net premiums written to gross premiums written were 92.3% and 98.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, reflecting the increase in reinsurance premiums ceded as a result of the purchase of additional and replacement retrocessional coverage described above.

Talbot. Talbot net premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$175.6 million compared to \$153.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, an increase of \$22.6 million or 14.8%. Details of Talbot net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Written	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Written	
	Written	(%)	Written	(%)	
Property	\$ 32,367	18.4%	\$ 32,398	21.1%	(0.1)%
Marine	86,773	49.4%	79,065	51.7%	9.7%
Specialty	56,503	32.2%	41,547	27.2%	36.0%
Total	\$ 175,643	100.0%	\$ 153,010	100.0%	14.8%

The increase in net premiums written was driven by the factors highlighted above in respect of gross premiums written and reinsurance premiums ceded. The ratios of net premiums written to gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 were 66.8% and 56.6%, respectively, reflecting the lower reinsurance premiums ceded.

Change in Unearned Premiums

Net change in unearned premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was (\$310.5) million compared to (\$322.5) million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a change of \$12.0 million or 3.7%.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	% Change
	Change in Unearned	Change in Unearned	
	Premiums	Premiums	

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Change in gross unearned premium	\$	(354,648)	\$	(367,154)	(3.4)%
Change in prepaid reinsurance premium		44,105		44,653	(1.2)%
Net change in unearned premium	\$	(310,543)	\$	(322,501)	(3.7)%

Validus Re. Validus Re's net change in unearned premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were (\$312.1) million compared to (\$343.3) million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a change of \$31.1 million or 9.1%.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	
	Change in Unearned	Change in Unearned	% Change
(Dollars in thousands)	Premiums	Premiums	
Change in gross unearned premium	\$ (320,176)	\$ (331,600)	(3.4)%
Change in prepaid reinsurance premium	8,052	(11,664)	(169.0)%
Net change in unearned premium	\$ (312,124)	\$ (343,264)	(9.1)%

The Validus Re net change in unearned premium has decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2011 primarily due to the increased premiums ceded and a decrease in gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010.

Talbot. The Talbot net change in unearned premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was \$1.6 million compared to \$20.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a change of \$19.2 million, or 92.4%.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	
	Change in Unearned	Change in Unearned	% Change
(Dollars in thousands)	Premiums	Premiums	
Change in gross unearned premium	\$ (34,472)	\$ (35,554)	3.0%
Change in prepaid reinsurance premium	36,053	56,317	36.0%
Net change in unearned premium	\$ 1,581	\$ 20,763	92.4%

The Talbot net change in unearned premium has decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2011 primarily due to the decrease in reinsurance premiums ceded and the decrease in gross premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010.

Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$429.5 million compared to \$457.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$28.2 million or 6.2%. The decrease in net premiums earned was driven by a decrease in net premiums earned of \$31.6 million in the Validus Re segment, partially offset by an increase of \$3.5 million in the Talbot segment. Details of net premiums earned by line of business are provided below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		
	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Earned	Net Premiums	Net Premiums Earned	% Change
(Dollars in thousands)	Earned	(%)	Earned	(%)	
Property	\$ 215,713	50.3%	\$ 249,485	54.5%	(13.5)%
Marine	118,297	27.5%	104,253	22.8%	13.5%
Specialty	95,523	22.2%	103,956	22.7%	(8.1)%

Total	\$ 429,533	100.0%	\$ 457,694	100.0%	(6.2)%
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Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums earned for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$252.3 million compared to \$283.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$31.6 million or 11.1%. Details of Validus Re net premiums earned by line of business are provided below.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Net Premiums Earned	Net Premiums Earned (%)	Net Premiums Earned	Net Premiums Earned (%)	
Property	\$ 176,770	70.1%	\$ 211,444	74.4%	(16.4)%
Marine	53,858	21.3%	41,029	14.5%	31.3%
Specialty	21,681	8.6%	31,448	11.1%	(31.1)%
Total	\$ 252,309	100.0%	\$ 283,921	100.0%	(11.1)%

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The decrease in net premiums earned is consistent with the decrease in net written premiums and increase in premiums ceded for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010. *Talbot*. *Talbot* net premiums earned for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$177.2 million compared to \$173.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, an increase of \$3.5 million or 2.0%. Details of *Talbot* net premiums earned by line of business are provided below.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		% Change
	Net Premiums Earned	Net Premiums Earned (%)	Net Premiums Earned	Net Premiums Earned (%)	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Property	\$ 38,943	22.0%	\$ 38,041	21.9%	2.4%
Marine	64,439	36.4%	63,224	36.4%	1.9%
Specialty	73,842	41.6%	72,508	41.7%	1.8%
Total	\$ 177,224	100.0%	\$ 173,773	100.0%	2.0%

The increase in net premiums earned is a result of the increase in net premiums written over the three months ended March 31, 2011, as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010, as discussed above.

Losses and Loss Expenses

Losses and loss expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$476.2 million compared to \$478.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$2.3 million or 0.5%. The loss ratios, defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 were 110.9% and 104.6%, respectively. Details of loss ratios by line of business are provided below.

	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	% Change
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010	
Property	136.0%	149.8%	(13.8)
Marine	114.5%	55.3%	59.2
Specialty	49.7%	45.4%	4.3
All lines	110.9%	104.6%	6.3

At March 31, 2011 and 2010, gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses were estimated using the methodology as outlined in the critical accounting policies and estimates as discussed in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Company did not make any significant changes in the assumptions or methodology used in its reserving process for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

	As at March 31, 2011		
	Gross Case Reserves	Gross IBNR	Total Gross Reserve for Losses and Loss Expenses
(Dollars in thousands)			
Property	\$ 497,174	\$ 757,771	\$ 1,254,945

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Marine	353,938	400,951	754,889
Specialty	224,704	299,877	524,581
Total	\$ 1,075,816	\$ 1,458,599	\$ 2,534,415

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(Dollars in thousands)	As at March 31, 2011		
	Net Case Reserves	Net IBNR	Total Net Reserve for Losses and Loss Expenses
Property	\$ 446,059	\$ 580,627	\$ 1,026,686
Marine	296,362	331,160	627,522
Specialty	176,692	249,814	426,506
Total	\$ 919,113	\$ 1,161,601	\$ 2,080,714

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011			
	Validus Re	Talbot	Eliminations	Total
Gross reserves at period beginning	\$ 998,165	\$ 1,191,548	\$ (153,740)	\$ 2,035,973
Losses recoverable	(80,219)	(356,655)	153,740	(283,134)
Net reserves at period beginning	917,946	834,893		1,752,839
Incurred losses current year	321,822	180,892		502,714
Change in prior accident years	(11,278)	(15,238)		(26,516)
Incurred losses	310,544	165,654		476,198
Foreign exchange	7,574	7,360		14,934
Paid losses	(111,946)	(51,311)		(163,257)
Net reserves at period end	1,124,118	956,596		2,080,714
Losses recoverable	216,300	368,371	(130,970)	453,701
Gross reserves at period end	\$ 1,340,418	\$ 1,324,967	\$ (130,970)	\$ 2,534,415

The amount of recorded reserves represents management's best estimate of expected losses and loss expenses on premiums earned. For the three months ended March 31, 2011, favorable loss reserve development on prior years totaled \$26.5 million. \$11.3 million of the favorable loss reserve development related to the Validus Re segment and \$15.2 million related to the Talbot segment. Favorable loss reserve development benefited the Company's loss ratio by 6.2 percentage points for the three months ended March 31, 2011. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, favorable loss reserve development on prior years totaled \$26.7 million. Of this, \$11.5 million related to the Validus Re segment and \$15.3 million related to the Talbot segment. Favorable loss reserve development benefited the Company's loss ratio by 5.8 percentage points for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

For the three months ended March 31, 2011, the Company incurred \$293.8 million from notable loss events, which represented 68.4 percentage points of the loss ratio, excluding reserve for potential development on 2011 notable loss events, as described below. Net of \$22.7 million of reinstatement premiums, the effect of these events on net income

was \$271.1 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the Company incurred \$323.9 million from notable loss events, which represented 70.8 percentage points of the loss ratio, excluding reserve for development on 2010 notable loss events, as described below. Net of \$17.0 million of reinstatement premiums, the effect of these events on net income was \$306.9 million. The Company's loss ratio, excluding prior year development and notable loss events for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was 48.7% and 39.6%, respectively.

Management of insurance and reinsurance companies use significant judgment in the estimation of reserves for losses and loss expenses. Given the magnitude of recent loss events and other uncertainties inherent in loss estimation, meaningful uncertainty remains regarding the estimation for recent notable loss events. The Company's actual ultimate net loss may vary materially from these estimates. Validus Re ultimate losses for notable loss events

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are estimated through detailed review of contracts which are identified by the Company as potentially exposed to the specific notable loss event. However, there can be no assurance that the ultimate loss amount estimated for a specific contract will be accurate, or that all contracts with exposure to a specific notable loss event will be identified in a timely manner. Potential losses in excess of the estimated ultimate loss assigned to a contract on the basis of a specific review, or loss amounts from contracts not specifically included in the detailed review are reserved for in the reserve for potential development on notable loss events. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, the Company incurred \$50.0 million for a reserve for potential development on 2011 notable loss events as compared to a \$19.2 million reserve for potential development on 2010 notable loss events for the three months ended March 31, 2010. At December 31, 2010 the reserve for potential development on 2010 notable loss events was \$33.4 million, therefore as at March 31, 2011 the total reserve for potential development on both 2010 and 2011 events was \$83.4 million.

Three months ended March 31, 2011
(Dollars in thousands)

First Quarter 2011 Notable Loss Events (a)

Description		Validus Re		Talbot		Total	
		Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE	Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE	Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE
Tohoku earthquake	Earthquake Mooring	\$ 101,156	40.1%	\$ 47,770	26.9%	\$ 148,926	34.7%
Gryphon Alpha	failure	42,914	17.0%	9,520	5.4%	52,434	12.2%
Christchurch earthquake	Earthquake	32,381	12.8%	9,500	5.4%	41,881	9.8%
Brisbane floods	Floods	25,023	9.9%	6,000	3.4%	31,023	7.2%
CNRL Horizon	Explosion	12,000	4.8%	7,500	4.2%	19,500	4.5%
Total		\$ 213,474	84.6%	\$ 80,290	45.3%	\$ 293,764	68.4%

Three months ended March 31, 2010
(Dollars in thousands)

First Quarter 2010 Notable Loss Events (a)

Description		Validus Re		Talbot		Total	
		Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE	Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE	Net Losses and Loss Expenses (b)	% of NPE
Chilean earthquake	Earthquake	\$ 243,670	85.8%	\$ 49,446	28.5%	\$ 293,116	64.0%
Windstorm Xynthia	Windstorm	12,558	4.4%			12,558	2.8%
Melbourne hailstorm	Hailstorm	18,200	6.5%			18,200	4.0%
Total		\$ 274,428	96.7%	\$ 49,446	28.5%	\$ 323,874	70.8%

- (a) These notable loss event amounts exclude the reserve for potential development on 2010 and 2011 notable loss events and are based on management's estimates following a review of the Company's potential exposure and discussions with certain clients and brokers. Given the magnitude and recent occurrence of these events, and other uncertainties inherent in loss estimation, meaningful uncertainty remains regarding losses from these events and the Company's actual ultimate net losses from these events may vary materially from these estimates.
- (b) Net of reinsurance but not net of reinstatement premiums. Reinstatement premiums were \$22.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and \$17.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

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Validus Re. Validus Re losses and loss expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$310.5 million compared to \$348.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$38.4 million or 11.0%. The loss ratio, defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, was 123.1% and 122.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2011, favorable loss development on prior years totaled \$11.3 million and benefited the Validus Re loss ratio by 4.5 percentage points. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, favorable loss development on prior years totaled \$11.5 million and benefited the Validus Re loss ratio by 4.0 percentage points.

For the three months ended March 31, 2011, Validus Re incurred notable loss events as identified above of \$213.5 million, which represented 84.6 percentage points of the loss ratio, excluding the reserve for potential development on 2011 notable loss events. Net of reinstatement premiums of \$28.6 million, the effect of these events on Validus Re segment income was \$184.9 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, Validus Re incurred notable loss events as identified above of \$274.4 million, which represented 96.7 percentage points of the loss ratio, excluding the reserve for potential development on 2010 notable loss events. Net of reinstatement premiums of \$16.4 million, the effect of these events on Validus Re segment income was \$258.0 million. Validus Re segment loss ratios, excluding prior year development and notable loss events identified above, for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2