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The following is a Company Announcement issued by Middlesea Insurance p.l.c., pursuant to the Listing Rules of the Malta Financial Services Authority.

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The Board of Directors of Middlesea Insurance p.l.c. hereby announces that the first quarter of 2013 has been characterised by a positive result. On the life portfolios, the recovery of premium volumes, followed a year in which the Group had reported a substantial drop in revenues. This was coupled with continued positive performances by the Group's local and foreign investment portfolios, which generated a better return compared to the already positive performance during the Q1 2012. In non-life business, the loss of a large agency has impacted the Company's top-line premiums written figure with minor impact on its technical results. The Board is reasonably confident that the trend set during this early stage of the financial year will be maintained as the year develops.

Settlement, by the Company, of the subordinated loan slightly lowered the statutory solvency position of Middlesea Insurance p.l.c., which however remains strong compared to the regulatory requirements.

The Group continues to launch new and enhanced products and services to increase its share of the local insurance market, to give a better experience to its clients and further strengthen its shareholders' wealth.

No other material events and/or transactions have been noted.

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By Order of the Board



Carlo Farrugia
Company Secretary