



Middlesea Insurance p.l.c.

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***Company Announcement in accordance with Malta Stock Exchange Bye Law
6.05.05(i)***

Attached is a Company Announcement relating to the half-year accounts that were approved during the Board Meeting held today 25 September 2003.

E.M. Borg

Company Secretary

MIDDLESEA INSURANCE p.l.c.

Consolidated Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2003

	Group		Company	
	June 2003	June 2002	June 2003	June 2002
	£m	£m	£m	£m



Fixed Assets	17,700,374	16,614,026	12,071,207	11,811,207
Current Assets	14,318,874	1,091,254	6,872,938	6,872,938
Provisions	(2,812,114)	(2,141,973)	(5,124,877)	(5,124,877)
Liabilities	(2,754,768)	(1,221,714)	(2,418,274)	(2,418,274)
Reserves	12,542,366	13,341,593	11,401,994	11,141,994
Total	32,082,602	26,742,186	27,833,058	27,233,058

MIDDLESEA INSURANCE p.l.c.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Half Year Ended 30 June 2003

Revenue	16,776,880	16,204,786	15,888,022	15,493,221
Operating Expenses	(49,249)	(206,126)	(28,888)	(8,522)
Operating Profit	1,727,631	1,998,660	1,859,134	1,884,699
Finance Income	1,094,783	1,427,428	1,022,049	1,088,027
Finance Expenses	(1,014,822)	(1,028,817)	(1,003,443)	(1,048,524)
Profit Before Tax	1,807,592	2,397,261	1,877,740	1,924,202
Income Tax	(192,121)	(401,711)	(178,006)	(217,711)
Profit After Tax	1,615,471	1,995,550	1,699,734	1,706,491

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Consolidated Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2003

	Group		Company	
	June 2003	December 2002	June 2003	December 2002
	Lm	Lm	Lm	Lm
ASSETS				
Investments	51,123,522	47,709,549	32,653,828	30,663,967
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	14,439,842	14,718,824	5,681,996	6,472,828
Debtors	9,290,834	8,181,518	6,141,913	5,756,677
Other assets	9,598,335	7,732,059	2,122,911	2,114,244
Prepayments and accrued income	2,910,684	2,512,893	2,465,696	2,091,002
TOTAL ASSETS	87,363,217	80,854,841	49,066,344	47,098,718
LIABILITIES				
Capital & reserves	22,147,518	21,210,840	22,147,518	21,210,840
Minority Interests	2,718,379	2,576,946	0	0
Technical provisions	51,795,386	46,620,248	19,609,002	18,483,837
Provisions for other risks and charges	402,744	305,709	26,098	8,558
Deposits received from reinsurers	1,729,979	1,638,043	1,414,924	1,414,854
Creditors	5,643,781	5,603,438	3,813,349	3,984,178
Accruals and deferred income	2,925,430	2,899,617	2,055,453	2,016,651
TOTAL LIABILITIES	87,363,217	80,854,841	49,066,344	47,098,718

These abridged financial statements were approved by the board on 25 September 2003 and were signed on its behalf by:

M.C. Groch
Chairman and C.E.O.

J.F. X. Zahra
Deputy Chairman

MIDDLESEA INSURANCE p.l.c.

Consolidated profit and loss account

Non-technical account

for the half year ended 30 June 2003

	Group		Company	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	Lm	Lm	Lm	Lm
Balance on the general business technical account	244,979	396,083	(175,048)	121,562
Balance on the long term business technical account	77,921	17,927	77,921	17,927
	322,900	414,010	(97,127)	139,489
Share of group undertaking's profit before tax involved in general business	0	0	124,569	150,087
Share of participating interest's profit before tax involved in long term business	566,532	139,127	566,532	139,127
Total income from insurance activities	889,432	553,137	593,974	428,703
Share of group undertakings' profit before tax	(0)	(0)	105,596	119,864
Other investment income	924,745	1,052,287	470,376	600,666
Investment expenses and charges	(216,623)	(129,834)	(177,671)	(123,278)
Allocated investment return transferred to the general business technical account	(481,769)	(402,099)	(177,632)	(270,807)
Other income	303,755	244,133	0	0
Administrative expenses	(646,280)	(534,882)	(160,178)	(123,674)
Continuing operations	714,496	780,633	595,701	629,365
Discontinuing operation	58,764	2,109	58,764	2,109
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	773,260	782,742	654,465	631,474
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	160	(47,102)	42,149	(44,494)
Profit on ordinary activities after tax	773,420	735,640	696,614	586,980
Minority interests	(76,806)	(148,660)	0	0
Profit for the half year	696,614	586,980	696,614	586,980
Earnings per share	<u>5c6</u>	<u>4c7</u>	<u>5c6</u>	<u>4c7</u>

Notes to the abridged financial statements

- Middlesea Insurance p.l.c is authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority to carry on long term and general business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act, 1998.
- These abridged financial statements are being published in accordance with Section 20 of the Insurance Business Act, 1998 and the Malta Stock Exchange Bye-Laws Section 6.05.06(iii). These statements have been extracted from the Company's unaudited financial statements which are prepared in accordance with the Maltese Insurance Business Act, 1998 and the Maltese Companies Act 1995.
- The total gross premiums written by the Group during the period amounted to Lm17,468,668 (June 2002 - Lm16,064,284).
- The Board of Directors does not propose to pay a net dividend for the half year ended 30 June 2003 (June 2002 - nil)
- The unaudited abridged financial statements of the Company for the period ended 30 June 2003 are exhibited at Middle Sea House, Floriana. These financial statements are available to the public from the Company's Head Office, its Gibraltar Branch and its agents.

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