

# **Consolidated interim report established under IFRS**

At March 31, 2005

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## **KEY FIGURES**

In € million	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	At December 31, 2004
Gross written premiums	621	722	2 561
Gross earned premiums	572	757	2 728
Current operational result	61	78	199
Group net result after tax	33	45	75
Investments from insurance business	9 504	10 747	9 919
Contracts related net liabilities	9 195	9 995	9 298
Group's shareholders' equity	1 382	1 398	1 326
In€			
Earnings per share	0,04	0,06	0,09
Earnings per share diluted	0,04	0,06	0,09
Book value per share	1,70	1,71	1,64
Book value per share diluted	1,51	1,70	1,44

### Warning

Certain statements in this interim report are forward-looking and therefore subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those in such statements.

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Consolidated Financial Statements

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER IFRS

## Balance sheet

ASSETS	At March 31.	At December	LIABILITIES	At March 31.	At December
AGGETG	2005	31, 2004	LIABILITIES	2005	31, 2004
Intangible assets	242	237	Shareholders' equity	1 382	1 326
Goodwill	195	188		645	645
Life reinsurance portfolio	35	37	Additional paid-in capital	43	42
Other intangible assets	12	12		624	516
			Revaluation reserve	30	43
Tangible assets	10	10	Consolidated result	33	75
			Share based payment	7	5
			Minority interests	0	0
Investments from insurance					
business	8 098	8 094			
Real estate investments	318	320	Total shareholders' equity	1 382	1 326
Available for sale investments	5 618	5 573			
Investments at fair value	807	780	Financial debt	1 131	1 344
Loans and accounts receivable	1 355			226	222
Derivative instruments	1	1		714	936
			Bank borrowings	191	186
Investments in related companies	18	18	_		
·			Contingency reserves	60	59
Retrocession technical reserves	1 036	919			
			Liabilities associated with		
			contracts	10 231	10 217
			Technical reserves associated with		
Other assets	3 038	2 678		10 173	10 152
Defermed tour consts			Liabilities associated with financial		
Deferred tax assets	189	186		58	65
Accepted insurance and reinsurance					
accounts receivable	1 944	1 626			
Retrocession accounts receivable	72	53	Other liabilities	1 042	837
Tax due	0	0	Deferred income tax liabilities	31	28
Other accounts receivable	321	296	Derivative instruments liabilities	10	3
Other assets			Accepted insurance and reinsurance		
Other assets	0	0	accounts payable	599	581
Deferred acquisition costs	511	518	Retrocession accounts payable	69	16
			Tax due	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	1 406	1 825	Other accounts payable	334	208
TOTAL ASSETS	13 847	12 702	TOTAL LIABILITIES	13 847	13 782

Statement of income

In € million	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	At December 31, 2004
Gross written premiums	621	722	2 561
Variation in unearned premiums	(49)	35	167
Gross earned premiums	572	757	2 728
Other income from reinsurance operations	0	2	. 7
Net investment income	87	108	312
Total income from ordinary activities	659	867	3 047
Technical income and expenses from insurance and financial operations	(449)	(509)	(1 923)
Net income from reinsurance sale	8	(45)	(104)
Acquisition and operational expenses	(145)	(220)	(758)
Other current operational income and expenses	(12)	(16)	(63)
Total other current operational income and expenses	(598)	(789)	(2 849)
CURRENT OPERATIONAL RESULT	61	78	199
Goodwill - value changes	(0)	0	0
Other operational income and expenses	0	0	0
OPERATIONAL RESULTAT	61	78	199
Financing expenses	(15)	(19)	(78)
Income from associated companies	0	0	0
Income tax	(13)	(15)	(46)
CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME	33	45	
Minority interests	(0)	0	(0)
GROUP NET INCOME	33	45	75
In€			
Earnings per share	0,04	0,06	0,09
Diluted earnings per share	0,04	0,06	0,09

## Consolidated data by line of business

## Statement of income by line of business

In € million	Li	fe	Non-Life		
	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	
Gross written premiums	265	331	356	391	
Variation in unearned premiums	(17)	(13)	(32)	48	
Financial income and other income from insurance operations Technical income and expenses from	41	46	,	65	
operations	(212)	(245)	(237)	(264)	
Net income from reinsurance sale	(6)	(8)	14	(37)	
Acquisition and operational expenses	(57)	(95)	(88)	(125)	
Other current operational income and expenses	0	(2)	(12)	(14)	
Current operational result	15	14	46	64	
Other operational income and expenses	0	0	0	0	
Operational result	15	14	46	64	

## Gross written premiums by geographic area

In € million	Life		Non-Life	
	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004
Gross written premiums	265	331	356	391
Europe	140	138	229	241
North America	104	170	47	59
Asia and rest of the world	21	22	80	91

## Shareholders' equity

In € million	
Consolidated Shareholders' Equity - IFRS as at 01/01/2004	589
Net Income for the period	75
Currency translation	(74)
Other Paid In Capital	713
Revaluation reserves	12
Other variations	(4)
Oceane (Convertible bond)	15
Consolidated Shareholders' Equity - IFRS as at 31/12/2004	1 326
Consolidated Shareholders' Equity - IFRS as at 01/01/2005	1 326
Net Income	33
Currency translation	41
Revaluation reserves	(13)
Other variations	(5)
Consolidated Shareholders' Equity - IFRS as at 31/03/2005	1 382

## Consolidated off-balance sheet items

En € millions	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	At December 31, 2004
Commitments received	715	1 596	971
Unused credit lines Endorsements and sureties Letters of credit Other commitments	55 47 613 0	38 67 1 491 0	44 47 867 13
Commitments given	3 296	3 166	2 687
Endorsements and sureties Letters of credit Collateralised securities Other commitments	65 675 2 452 104	93 526 2 165 382	47 656 1 885 99
Securities received as collateral from reinsurers and retrocessionnaires	28	34	29

## Consolidated statement of cash flow

In € millions	At 31 march 2005	At 31december 2004
Operation Income	33	75
Gains/Losses on investment sales	(2)	(42)
Change in writedowns and other provisions	10	
Change in acquisition costs carried over	(9)	(20)
Net changes in contract liability relating to insurance and financial contracts	(326)	(379)
Change in fair value of financial instruments accounted for at market value by income (excl. cash and cash equivalents)	11	4
Other items not involving cash outlay included in operational income	(28)	40
Operating cash flow excl. working capital changes	(311)	(267)
Change in loans and receivables	(73)	39
Cash flows from other assets and liabilities	28	15
Net taxes paid	8	1
Net Operating Cash Flow	(348)	(212)
Consolidated acquisitions, net of cash acquired	0	(3)
Disposal of consolidated acquisitions, net of cash	0	13
Cash flows linked to change in scope	0	10
Sale of real estate investments	3	16
Sale of financial investments	264	0
Cash flows linked to sale and maturity of financial assets	267	16
Purchase of real estate investments	0	0
Purchase of financial investments	0	(531)
Cash flows linked to purchase of financial assets	0	(531)
Sale of tangible and intangible assets	0	0
Purchase of tangible and intangible assets	0	0
Cash flows linked to purchase and sale of tangible and intangible assets	0	0
Net cash flows from investing activities	267	(505)
Issuance of capital instruments	29	737
Reimbursement of capital instruments	0	(13)
Transactions in own shares	0	(10)
Dividends paid	0	0
Cash flows linked to transactions with shareholders	29	714
Cash generated by issuance of financial debt	0	156
Cash impacted by reimbursement of financial debt	(434)	(24)
Interest paid on financial debt	0	0
Cash flows linked to Group financing	(434)	132
Net cash flows from financing activities	(405)	846
	0	
Cash and cash equivalents as at January 1	1 825	1 836
Cash flows from operating activities	(348)	(212)
Cash flows from investing activities	267	(505)
Cash flows from financing activities	(405)	846
Foreign exchange variation impact on cash equivalents	67	(140)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1 406	1 825

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#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Group net income for the first quarter of 2005 is Eur 33 million. It was impacted by the storm in Northern Europe (Erwin and Gudrun) which occurred this quarter. Excluding this event, the technical activity of the first quarter reflects the continuation of the trends observed since the end of 2003. The positive indications of technical profitability from recent underwriting years are being confirmed and compensate the decrease in financial income due to fewer capital gains and lower foreign currency results. The group has significantly reduced its reserves in the United States through the commutation of a large part of its portfolio.

#### Turnover

Gross written premiums for the first quarter of 2005 were down 14% at variable exchange rates when compared to the same period of 2004. They were Eur 621 million versus Eur 722 million for the same period of 2004. At constant exchange rates, this decrease would have been 14%.

#### Written premiums Life/ Non-Life

En € millions	31 march 2005	31 march 2004	Variation
Written Premiums Non-Life	356	391	-9%
Written Premium Life	265	331	-20%
Group Written Premiums	621	722	-14%

**In Non-Life Reinsurance,** the decrease of 9% is mainly due to the new Group underwriting policy, together with the rating downgrade. This business development was expected, especially in the wake of the rating downgrade which occurred during the summer of 2003. It is in line with the Group's strategy to refocus its activity on Europe. At the end of March 2005, this sector represented 57% of Group turnover versus 54% for the corresponding period of 2004.

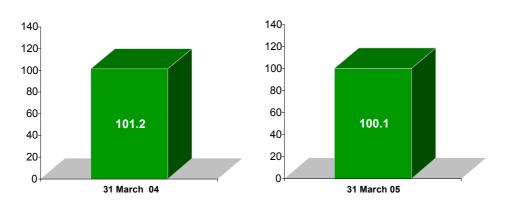
**In Life Reinsurance**, business was down 20%. This business segment represents 43% of the Group's overall business versus 46% at 31 March 2004. This decrease in new business results principally from the Group's rating downgrade.

The geographical distribution of the Group's turnover at the end of March 2005 is as follows: Europe 53% (42% end march 2004), North America 39% (51% end March 2004), Asia and the rest of the world 8% (17% end March 2004).

#### **Technical Result**

The combined ratio ((claims + commissions + overheads)/premiums earned) in Non-Life Reinsurance was 100.1% at 31 March 2005 versus 101.2% for the same period of 2004. For the first quarter of 2005, which includes the storms Erwin and Gudrun, these numbers show the technical performance of recent underwriting years (2002 and after) notably in the Large Industrial Risks sector.

#### **Net combined ratio\* Non-Life**



#### \* net of retrocession

The net combined ratios as at March end 2005 are based on estimates to ultimate loss of the technical reserves established by Group actuaries.

#### Financial results

In Euro millions	As at 31 March 2005	As at 31 March 2004
Investment income net of asset management costs	72	74
Realized capital gains/losses of investment sales	(7)	21
Variation in fair value of investments accounted for at fair value by income	17	6
Variation in investment writedowns	(2)	(1)
Foreign exchange income	7	9
Net investment income net of fees (excl. borrowing costs)	87	108

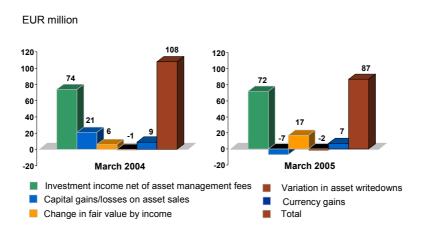
Net investment income net of fees (excl. borrowing costs) for the first quarter of 2005 was Eur 87 million, versus Eur 108 million for the first quarter of 2004, a decrease of 19%.

This significant trend can be explained mainly by the following items:

- Investment income net of asset management fees were essentially stable at Eur 72 million versus Eur 74 million for the first quarter of 2004.
- At 31 March 2004, the foreign exchange result was Eur 9 million, mainly on account of the variation of the Dollar against the Euro. As at 31 March 2005, the foreign exchange impact was Eur 7 million due to the same phenomenon.
- The variation in fair value of investments accounted for at fair value by income as well as the capital
  gains and losses on investment sales represented Eur 10 million this quarter versus Eur 27 million for
  the same period of 2004.
- Borrowing costs are down to Eur 15 million versus Eur 19 million. As at 31 March 2004, these borrowing costs included Eur 6 million in minority interests.

Financial charges were down to EUR 15 million compared to EUR 19 million. The net negative impact of amortisation of the debt component Oceane 2 should be around EUR 3 million in 2005. Moreover the Oceane 1 debt was repaid on 1 January 2005, leading to a reduction in financial charges of EUR 4 million over the whole financial year.

#### Investment income



#### Tax

The tax charge for the first quarter 2005 is Eur 13 million versus Eur 15 million at March 2005.

#### Net income for the period

Group net income is Eur 33 million compared to Eur 45 million for the same period of 2004.

#### NOTE 1 – ACCOUNTING STANDARDS APPLIED

#### 1. Presentation of applied standards and interpretations

The Group's financial information is prepared on the basis of IFRS and interpretations issued on 31 December 2004 and approved by the European Union, and on the options retained by SCOR in view of its anticipation of certain standards and interpretations that have not yet been issued or adopted, but which would be applicable at 31 December 2005.

As of 1 January 2004, SCOR has also applied IFRS 4, IAS 32 & 39. The accounting and calculation methods adopted in the intermediate accounts are identical to those used in the accounts established for the transition to IFRS.

#### 2. Accounting options for first-time adoption of IFRS

IFRS financial information is established in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 1 "First-Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards". The impact of these restatements is recorded directly against equity. For this first financial year, SCOR has adopted the following additional options in accordance with IFRS 1 with regard to the retrospective accounting of assets and liabilities under IFRS.

#### 2.1. Business combinations

SCOR has chosen not to restate business combinations prior to 1 January 2004, as permitted under IFRS 3. As permitted under IFRS 1, SCOR will not apply IAS 21 "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" retrospectively to goodwill resulting from business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to IFRS. Consequently, goodwill remains in the functional currency of the acquiring entity.

#### 2.2. Actuarial gains and losses on pension plans

SCOR has decided to adopt the option provided for in IFRS 1, involving recording unrecognised actuarial gains and losses against consolidated equity at 1 January 2004.

#### 2.3. Translation differences

With regard to the conversion into euros of subsidiary accounts having a foreign functional currency, SCOR has transferred its exchange rate differences as at 1 January 2004 into consolidated reserves. The new IFRS value of exchange rate differences is therefore returned to zero at 1 January 2004. In the event of the subsequent sale of these subsidiaries, the sale profit will not include the recovery of exchange rate differences prior to 1 January, but will include exchange rate differences recorded after 1 January 2004.

#### 2.4. Assessment of certain intangible / tangible assets at fair value

SCOR has chosen not to apply the option offered by IFRS 1, involving the assessment at 1 January 2004 of certain intangible and tangible assets at their fair value at that date.

#### 2.5. Share-based compensation

SCOR has decided to apply the provisions of IFRS 2 solely to equity-based compensation granted after 7 November 2002, for which the rights acquisition date falls after 31 December 2003.

#### 3. IFRS consolidation principles

#### 3.1. Consolidation methods

All companies in which SCOR has a controlling interest, i.e. companies in which it has the power to direct financial and operational policy in order to obtain benefit from their operations, are fully consolidated.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the moment the Group takes control of them until the date on which such control is transferred away from the Group. Where control of a subsidiary is lost, the consolidated financial statements for the year include profit and loss for the period during which SCOR held control.

The Group's involvement in affiliated companies is recorded in the accounts using the equity method. An affiliated company is an entity in which the Group exercises significant influence and which is neither a Group subsidiary nor a joint venture.

The Group has no holdings in joint ventures.

The Group controls in substance a separate legal structure ("ad hoc entities") that it consolidates even when there are no capital links. The following assessment criteria were used to determine the existence of control:

- the entity's business is conducted exclusively on behalf of the Group, in order that the Group may benefit from such business;
- the Group holds the decision-making and management power to obtain the maximum benefits relating to the entity's operational activities; this power may have been delegated via the implementation of a self-management system;
- the Group is able to benefit from a maximum of the entity's benefits;
- the Group retains the majority of the risks relating to the entity.

The Group also fully consolidates mutual funds that it holds as part of its business. These entities were not consolidated under French accounting standards due to the application of an exception to the regulations.

#### 3.2. Harmonisation of accounting principles

The financial statements of subsidiaries are established for the same accounting period as the parent company. Consolidation adjustments may be made in order to harmonise all of the Group's accounting methods and principles.

All inter-group balances and transactions, including internal results resulting from inter-group transactions, are fully eliminated.

#### 3.3. Conversion methods

The Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in euros (€).

#### 3.3.1. Converting the financial statements of a foreign entity

Where the functional currency of Group entities does not match the currency used to present the Group's consolidated financial statements, the balance sheet is converted using the closing date exchange rate, and the income statement is posted using the average exchange rates for the period. Exchange rate differences are posted directly as equity in the "translation differential" section.

#### 3.3.2. <u>Foreign currency conversion</u>

Transactions conducted in foreign currencies (currencies other than the functional currency) are converted into the functional currency at the exchange rate in force on the date of the transaction (for practical purposes, an average rate is used).

At each closing date, the entity must convert the foreign-currency elements on its balance sheet into the functional currency, using the following procedures:

- monetary items (particularly bond investments, accounts receivable and payable, technical insurance reserves) are converted at the closing date exchange rate and the resulting gains and losses are recorded in the profit and loss accounts,
- non-monetary items are converted:
  using the exchange rate in force on the transaction date if they are assessed at historical cost (particularly real estate investments) and,
- using the exchange rate in force at the date of fair value assessment if they are assessed at fair value (particularly equity investments). When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recorded directly in equity (e.g. shares available for sale), the exchange adjustment resulting from the conversion of the item is also directly recorded in equity. Conversely, when a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recorded in profit and loss (e.g. shares at fair value by income), the exchange adjustment resulting from the conversion of this item is also recorded in profit and loss.
- Gains and losses resulting from the conversion of hedging on foreign net investments are recorded in equity until the withdrawal of the net investments, at which time they are recorded in profit and loss.

#### 3.4. Goodwill and business combinations

Goodwill represents the excess of an acquisition cost over the fair value of the Group's share of the acquired company's net assets at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on fully consolidated subsidiaries is included in the intangible assets. Goodwill on companies accounted for by the equity method is included in the value of securities accounted for by the equity method.

Goodwill is recorded at its historical cost, minus any possible accumulated loss in value.

In order to establish possible losses in value, goodwill is allocated to each cash-generating unit (CGU). A cash-generating unit ("CGU") is defined as an entity with separate identifiable cash flows. Each CGU represents the Group's investment in each country in which it is active according to the primary segment information.

Each CGU to which goodwill is allocated should correspond as closely as possible to the level at which the group is monitoring the rate of return on its investment. A CGU should in any case be no larger than a primary or secondary level segment as defined for the needs of segment reporting as set out in IAS 14.

To assess the loss in value, a goodwill impairment test is carried out:

- each year on the same date for each cash-generating unit, but not necessarily at the closing date;
- more frequently if an unfavourable event occurs between the two annual tests;
- mandatorily before the completion of entity acquisition.

A loss in value is recorded where the net book value of the CGU, to which goodwill has been allocated, is higher than its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the highest amount between (1) the fair value net of sale costs and (2) the value in use (future discounted cash flow) of the unit.

If the assets of the CGU or of the unit included in the CGU group to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment on the same date as the CGU including goodwill (or if loss in value is indicated for one of the assets), this test should be carried out before the goodwill impairment test.

#### 4. Accounting principles

The financial information has been prepared in accordance with the historical cost agreement, with the exception of certain categories of assets and liabilities. The categories concerned are mentioned in the following notes. The consolidated IFRS financial information is presented in euros and all values are rounded off to the nearest million unless otherwise indicated.

#### Use of estimates

In order to prepare the financial information in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, estimates and assumptions are made that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

The Management reviews its estimates and assessments constantly, based on its past experience and on various other factors believed to be reasonable, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions arising at a later date.

#### 4.1. Real estate assets

#### 4.1.1. Classification of buildings:

All buildings currently held by the Group are investments. Some buildings are partially occupied by Group entities.

#### 4.1.2. Accounting method

The buildings are recorded at historical amortised cost. Their value is broken down as follows:

- the non-amortised plot
- four technical components:
  - i. the structure, or carcass, depreciated over a period of 30 to 80 years according to the construction type
  - ii. external fittings, depreciated over a period of 30 years
  - iii. technical fittings, depreciated over a period of 20 years
  - iv. decor fixtures, depreciated over a period of 10 to 15 years according to type

Costs, rights and acquisition (or development) fees, are included in the value of the.

The relative weight of each technical component and its length of depreciation have been set down in a grid of components showing eight types of construction. This grid was established based on the Group's own experience and on grids made by professional authorities.

#### 4.1.3. Measurement

Each building is subject to an in depth analysis at fair market value or "fair value" conducted by an independent expert every 5 years at year end. Its fair market value is reassessed by the same expert at the end of the each of the 4 subsequent financial years depending on changes that have occurred to its rental situation, works carried out and developments in the local real estate market.

Where the fair market value of a building appears to be lower than its net book value, a decrease in value is recorded as a loss equal to the difference between its going concern value and the net book value. The value of investment property as a going concern on a long term basis, principally based on the sum of estimated future cash flow and discounted on the basis of current market scenarios, is considered to be equivalent to their current fair market value plus acquisition costs and rights.

#### 4.1.4. Leasing

Investment properties financed by financial rental contracts are posted in the accounts on the assets side based on the current value of leasing rents and of the option to buy. Once they have been recorded on the balance sheet, they are treated in the same way as other investment properties at historical amortised cost.

On the liabilities side, a corresponding debt is recorded under "financial expenses". It is amortised in accordance with the effective interest rate method.

#### 4.1.5. Leasing

The SCOR Group sold its headquarters building in December 2003. The capital gains realised under local standards amounted to 44 million euros. By applying IAS 17, this capital gain has been maintained in the IFRS accounts. The IFRIC is drafting a recommendation on this subject. In the absence of this interpretation, the Group has opted to apply IAS 17 rather than IAS 18.

The Group will remain a tenant of this building until December 2012. The owner of the building has a bank guarantee corresponding to SCOR's rating. SCOR has pledged an asset amount of the same value with the bank that issued this guarantee.

#### 4.1.6. Rental income

Rental income from investment property is recorded on a straight-line basis over the duration of rental contracts in force.

#### 4.2. Financial investments

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: available-for-sale assets, fair market value assets by income, loans and other debts and derivative instruments. There are currently no assets classified as assets held until maturity.

The sale and purchase of standard assets is posted in the accounts on the settlement date. Following their initial posting, assets are assessed according to the asset category to which they belong in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below:

Assets are derecognised when the related contractual rights on cash flow reach maturity or have been transferred, and when the Group has substantially transferred the risks and advantages inherent to ownership of the financial asset.

At each closing date, the Group assesses whether or not there is an objective indication of loss in value. The amount of loss in value is posted in the accounts by asset category, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below.

For equity instruments listed on an active market, a drop in price of over 20% or a drop recorded over a period of more than six months is considered an objective indication of loss in value. For non-listed equity instruments, the fair value is established according to commonly used pricing techniques. For debt instruments, loans and debts, an objective indicator of a loss in value is notably one relating to a proven credit risk.

#### 4.2.1. <u>Available-for-sale assets</u>

Available-for-sale assets combine non-derivative assets that are classified as being either available for sale or allocated to any other category.

Available-for-sale assets are posted at fair value. Unrealised profits and losses resulting from fair value fluctuations in non-hedged assets are posted directly as equity, with the exception of exchange rate profits and losses on monetary assets which are posted in profit and loss for the share of exchange profits and losses applied at amortised cost, and in equity for the share of exchange profits and losses applied at fair value. Exchange profits and losses on non-monetary financial assets at fair value are posted as equity.

Where there is an objective indication of loss in value, the amount of the accumulated loss posted directly as equity is recognised in profit and loss. Losses in value may only be carried forward on debt

instruments where the fair value rises during a subsequent financial year in relation to an event arising after the loss in value has been posted.

When the asset is sold, all the accumulated equity gains and losses are included in the investment sale capital gains or losses of the profit and loss account, minus the amounts previously posted in profit and loss.

Interest on debt instruments is calculated in accordance with the interest method in force, including the amortisement of premiums/reductions, and is posted in profit and loss. Dividends on equity instruments are posted in profit and loss once the Group's right to receive payment from them has been established.

#### 4.2.2. Financial assets at fair value by income

This category comprises two classes of asset: assets held for transactional purposes and those designated at fair value by income on initial recognition.

Profits and losses arising from changes in the fair value of assets in this category are posted in income in the period during which they arise.

The principle financial assets assessed at fair value by income concern securities held in significant mutual funds, bonds convertible into shares, derivative products, investments representing Unit of Accumulation contracts and some shares.

#### 4.2.3. Loans and receivables

This category comprises non-derivative assets where payment is fixed or fixable and which are not listed on an active market, with the exception of receivables resulting from reinsurance transactions.

These assets are posted at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method where this method has a significant impact compared to the nominal contractual rate method. Short-term loans and receivables are posted at cost.

#### 4.3. Treasury shares

All treasury shares are deducted from equity, whatever the reason for their being held, and the related profit and loss is eliminated from the consolidated profit and loss accounts.

#### 4.4. Financial liabilities

With the exception of debts resulting from reinsurance transactions, liabilities are classified as follows: financial debts, financial instrument liabilities or other debts.

#### 4.4.1. Subordinated financial debts or debt securities

These items combine the various subordinated and non-subordinated bond loans issued by the Group.

These debts are posted at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans including a derivative instrument have been stripped. The part relating to the equity component, which is established at the date of issue, is posted in equity. It is not subject to any further assessment.

#### 4.4.2. Financial debts owed to the banking industry

This principally combines mortgage loans and BMTNs. After initial recognition, these debts are posted at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method where this method has a significant impact compared to the nominal contractual rate method.

#### 4.5. Derivative and hedging instruments

Derivative instruments are recognised at fair value from inception and are assessed at fair value at each accounts closure.

The accounting method varies according to whether or not the derivative instrument is designated a hedging instrument, and the type of hedging varies according to the terms and conditions set out in note 4.5.2 below on hedging instruments.

Where the Group has not designated a derivative instrument as a hedging instrument, the profits and losses resulting from changes in the instrument's fair value are posted in profit and loss in the period during which they occur. In particular, the Group uses the following derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to the various kinds of risk to which it is exposed: rate swaps, futures and foreign currency sale instruments, cap and floor, buy and sell options.

#### 4.5.1. Embedded derivative instruments

An embedded derivative is a component of a hybrid instrument that also includes a non-derivative host contract, which causes part of the hybrid instrument's cash flow to vary in the same way as that of a freestanding derivative.

The embedded derivate is separate from the host contract and is posted as a derivative where its economic features and risks are not closely linked to the economic features of the host contract, where the embedded instrument has the same conditions as a separate derivative instrument, and where the embedded instrument is not assessed at fair value through profit and loss.

Where an embedded derivative has been separated from its host contract, it is posted in accordance with the provisions relating to the posting of derivative financial instruments.

Where an embedded derivative represents a significant part of the instrument and cannot be separated from the host contract, the compound instrument is treated as an instrument held for trading. Profits and losses resulting from variations in the fair value of the compound instrument are posted in profit and loss in the period during which they occur.

The Group has not stripped the financial component in any way.

#### 4.5.2. Hedging instruments

A hedging instrument is a designated derivative instrument or, in the case of a single foreign currency hedge, a non-derivative designated asset or liability where the fair value or cash flow offset variations in the fair value or cash flow of the hedged item.

The hedged item may be an asset, a liability, a firm underwriting, a highly probable scheduled transaction or a net investment in a foreign business that exposes the Group to fair value variation risk or future cash flow risk, and which is designated as being hedged.

The performance of hedges is monitored periodically in order to ensure, with regard to variations in the fair value or cash flow of the item, the degree of compensation attributable to hedged risk through variations in fair value or cash flow of the hedged instrument.

Hedges for net investments in a foreign business are recorded as follows:

- the proportion of profit or loss on the hedging instrument considered as the effective proportion of the hedge is recorded directly in equity;
- the ineffective proportion of the hedge is recorded in the income statement.

#### 4.6. Accounting principles and methods specific to reinsurance transactions

#### 4.6.1. Classification and posting of reinsurance contracts

The Group's retained and retrocession treaties are subject to different IFRS accounting rules depending on whether they fall under IFRS4 or IAS39.

Retained transactions in reinsurance and cession transactions in retrocession, involving a significant risk transfer, are posted in accordance with the IFRS4 accounting principles, i.e. according to the accounting principles in existence prior to the implementation of IFRS standards and currently used to establish the SCOR's consolidated French accounts, with the exception of equalisation reserves, as set out below.

Retained transactions in reinsurance and cessions in retrocession that do not transfer a significant risk are posted in the accounts in accordance with IAS39. This means on the one hand that premiums collected are no longer recognised as premium income, and on the other hand that technical reserves and carried forward acquisition costs appearing in the balance sheet assets or liabilities are reclassified as financial assets or liabilities via assimilation by a deposit under the sections "Financial contract liabilities" and "Financial contract assets" on the balance sheet. These deposits are assessed on the basis of accounting fluctuations and no longer on the basis of estimated maximum fluctuations as set out in the accounting principles for insurance transactions.

The premium income corresponding to this business is now equal to the margin attained by SCOR. The premium income established in this way for financial operations appears under the heading "Other operating income" in the profit and loss accounts.

## 4.6.2. <u>French accounting principles applicable to contracts classified as "insurance" contracts and falling under IFRS 4.</u>

#### Recording of ceding companies' accounts

Group reinsurance companies record accounts transmitted by ceding companies upon receipt. At year end closing most accounts received are incomplete and are subject to estimates by the Group companies. Under this method, the situation recorded in the financial statements reflects reinsurance commitments at closing date as closely as possible. This method involves the majority of contracts underwritten during the financial year, and even the previous year.

#### **Recording of reinsurance estimates**

Non-Life premiums recorded in the year correspond to the estimated premium anticipated at the time of writing of the contract. This is regularly reviewed in the course of the year to adjust for possible modifications in premiums paid under the contract. An unearned premium reserve is calculated, either pro rata temporis contract by contract, or using a statistical method when this yields a result close to that obtained via the contract-by-contract method.

The difference between the maximum expected loss based on earned premiums assessed in this way and the losses reported by cedants, is recorded as reserves for claims incurred but not yet settled on the liabilities side of the balance sheet.

For contracts classified as "insurance" contracts in Life Reinsurance, given the type of business written, valuations are obtained by estimating ceding companies' missing accounts in addition to information effectively received and booked. For the sake of consistency with the Non-Life sector, estimated claims are booked under claims reserves.

#### **Claims reserves**

Claims reserves must be sufficient to cover all of the Group's liabilities.

In Non-Life Reinsurance, SCOR is obliged to maintain its reserves at a level sufficient to cover the estimated amount of its retained commitments and adjustment expenses for declared and undeclared claims, at the end of each fiscal year (net of estimations of recovery and subrogation). These reserves, which pertain to all claims, whether reported or not yet reported, are calculated on the basis of their "ultimate" cost, with the exception of reserves for the industrial accident sector, which are actualised with an interest rate in the US and Bermuda. Claims expense is estimated at the contract's expiration in the light of statistical experience of similar contracts. Claims reserves including estimated claims paid are calculated in light of expected earnings and supplement the information communicated by ceding companies.

In Life reinsurance, the mathematical reserves recorded for life benefit communicated by ceding companies are completed by actuarial estimates based on statistical experience and information supplied by the underwriters.

#### **Acquisition costs on reinsurance transactions**

In Reinsurance, acquisition costs, chiefly comprising commissions, are recorded as assets on the balance sheet, to the extent that contracts are profitable. They are written down over the residual duration of Non-Life contracts, at the pace of recorded Life contract margins with regard to estimated future margins.

#### 4.6.3. Equalisation reserves

IFRS accounting principles do not provide for the possibility of establishing reserves for risks on future contracts. Where such reserves exist in the local accounts of subsidiaries, they are eliminated from SCOR's consolidated accounts under IFRS.

#### 4.6.4. Shadow accounting

According to IFRS accounting principles (see note 6.2 Financial investments), financial assets are valued at fair value. This means that recognised but unrealised capital gains or losses on portfolio securities are recorded in SCOR's accounts, whether in the profit and loss accounts or as an increase or decrease in capital equity, depending on the asset classification.

As permitted by IFRS 4, SCOR has elected to apply shadow accounting. Consequently, recognised but unrealised capital gains and losses on investments affect the valuation of technical assets and liabilities in the same way as realised capital gains and losses. The corresponding adjustment to insurance liabilities (or carried forward acquisition costs or intangible fixed assets) is recorded in equity when unrealised capital gains and losses are directly recorded in equity. Otherwise it is recorded in the income statement according to the same scheme in use for realised capital gains and losses. The principal technical items affected by these adjustments are:

- deferred acquisition costs, where amortisation occurs according to the technical and financial profits of treaties.
- technical reserves, where the capitalization rate use is directly dependent on asset performance

#### 4.6.5. Embedded derivatives

IFRS 4 provides for the separation of embedded derivatives in insurance contracts, particularly when these hybrid contracts are not assessed at fair value by income, when the features of the embedded derivative are not closely linked to the features and risks of the host contract, and when the embedded derivative corresponds to the definition of a derivative instrument. Embedded derivatives corresponding to the definition of an insurance contract are not separated.

#### 4.7. Pension obligations and related benefits

#### 4.7.1. Pension obligations

The SCOR Group is involved in creating pensions for its staff, in accordance with the laws and practices of each country. Group staff in certain countries receive additional pension payments, paid as an annuity or in capital on retirement. The main countries concerned are France, the United States and Germany.

The benefits granted to Group employees are either in the form of defined contribution or defined benefit plans. Defined contribution plans are those where an employer pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions. Because of this, only contributions paid or due as part of the financial year appear in the Group accounts. Defined benefit plans are those where a sum is paid to the employee on retirement, which usually depends on one or several factors such as age, number of years employed and salary.

Obligations recognised in the balance sheet as defined benefit plans correspond to the current value of the defined benefit obligations at the date of closure, minus, if necessary, the market value of any plan assets, both having been adjusted by actuarial gains and losses and unacknowledged past services.

The current value of the obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. It is established by updating future expected benefits on the basis of tier 1 corporate bond market rates in the same currency as the benefits to be paid, and for a similar duration to the underlying obligation.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from adjustments linked to experience and the effects of changes in actuarial assumptions, are recorded as equity.

Past service cost generated at the adoption or modification of a defined benefit plan is recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested. Insofar as benefit rights are acquired at the adoption of a plan or on its modification, past service cost is immediately recognised as an expense.

#### 4.7.2. Other long-term benefits

In some countries, the SCOR group rewards employee length of service by granting them a lump sum after certain periods of service. The main country involved is France. For France, the current value of the obligation is calculated annually by an independent actuary using the projected unit credit method and is recognised in the Balance Sheet.

#### 4.7.3. <u>Termination Benefits</u>

Employees may be entitled to termination benefits when the Group makes one or more members of staff redundant, or encourages voluntary redundancies. The Group posts these payments into the accounts when it is demonstrably committed by means of a detailed formal plan for the termination and is without realistic possibility of withdrawal. Benefits payable more than twelve months after the closing date are discounted.

#### 4.7.4. Share-based payment and share options

The SCOR group grants its employees share subscription and purchase plans. The fair value of services received in exchange for the granting of options is recognised as an expense. The total amount acknowledged over the rights acquisition period is established by reference to the fair value of options granted, excluding conditions of attribution that are not linked to market conditions (e.g. ROE condition). These conditions are taken into account when determining the probable number of options to be acquired by the beneficiaries. At each closing the company reviews the estimated number of options to be acquired. The impact is then posted, as necessary, in the profit and loss accounts against equity for the remaining vesting period.

The Group also allocated shares to all of its employees in 2004. This allocation entails the posting of personnel expenses against an increase in equity capital over the vesting period.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options is reflected in the calculation of the diluted income per share.

#### 4.8. Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised using the balance sheet liability method of tax allocation for all temporary differences existing between the tax base values of assets and liabilities and their carrying value in the consolidated accounts.

Deferred tax liabilities are assessed for taxable temporary differences linked to involvement in subsidiaries and affiliated companies, unless the date on which the temporary difference is reversed can be controlled, and if it is likely that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax on the restatement of capitalisation reserves is recorded without including the probability of asset disposal losses of securities subject to tax from these reserves.

Deferred tax assets are not recorded as regards deductible temporary differences linked to involvement in subsidiaries and affiliated companies, unless it is likely that the temporary difference will be reversed in the foreseeable future and if it is likely that there will be a taxable profit to which the temporary difference can be imputed.

The book value of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each closing date and reduced insofar as it is no longer probable that a sufficient taxable benefit will be available to enable all or part of these deferred tax assets to be used to advantage.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are assessed at the tax rate to be applied for the financial year in which the asset will be realised or the liability settled, based on the tax rates (and tax regulations) which were adopted or partially adopted at the closing date.

Tax rates relating to items recorded directly as equity are recorded as equity not in the income statement.

#### 5. Reserves for risks and charges

Reserves are recorded in the accounts when the Group has a current obligation (legal or implicit) resulting from a past event, when it is likely that resources representing economic benefits will need to be deployed to meet the obligation and when the amount of the obligation may be reliably estimated.

#### 6. Principles for presentation of financial statements

#### 6.1. Allocation of expenses by function

In accordance with the option offered by IAS, the Group has elected to show its expenses by function in the profit and loss accounts. This presentation provides information that is more relevant for readers than the classification of expenses by nature, but costs are allocated to different functions on the basis of applied costs, implying an element of judgement.

This method is identical to the presentation methods used for overheads in SCOR's consolidated accounts under French accounting standards. Operating expenses are divided into five categories: acquisition costs, claims settlement costs, administration costs, investment management costs and other technical expenses. These expenses are allocated to the categories set out above, company-by-company.

#### 6.2. Segment information

The Group's business is divided into two separate sectors: Non-Life and Life. The legal structure has reflected these two sectors since 2003. Each sector offers different products and services, which are marketed via separate channels. Given their specific nature, these sectors constitute the primary level of segment information.

The Management assesses the performance of these segments and allocates resources to them in accordance with several performance indicators. The sum amounting from inter-segment transactions, particularly with regard to gross written premiums, is not significant.

## NOTE 2 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## Managed assets : amortized cost - fair value

IFRS In € millions	As at 31 March 2005				As at 31 December 2004			
III C IIIIIIOIIO	Cost or	Fair	Unrealised I	Inrealised	Cost or	Fair	Unrealised	Unrealised
	amortized	Value	Capital		amortized	Value	Capital	Capital
	cost		Gains	Losses	cost		Gains	Losses
Real Estate Investments	317	381	64	0	319	381	62	0
AFS	5 618	5 618	0	0	5 573	5 573	0	0
Bonds	5 352	5 352	0	0	5 281	5 281	0	0
Equities	246	246	0	0	254	254	0	0
Affiliates	20	20	0	0	38	38	0	0
НТМ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loans and receivables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fair Value by Income	807	807	0	0	780	780	0	0
Bonds	581	581	0	0	515	515	0	0
Equities	226	226	0	0	265	265	0	0
Loans and receivables	1 355	1 355	0	0	1 421	1 421	0	0
<b>Derivative Instruments</b>	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
- Derivatives (fair value by								
shareholders' equity)	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
- Derivatives (fair value by the	_				_			
P&L)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance Activity	0.000	0.400	0.4	•	0.004	0.450	00	^
Investments	8 098	8 162		0		8 156		0
Cash and cash equivalents	1 406	1 406	0	0	1 825	1 825	0	0

#### **OUTLOOK**

The SCOR Group is pursuing with great determination its selective underwriting policy which aims to restore its profitability and further strengthen its solvency. The redeployment of its book towards more profitable activities in the most promising markets is already well underway. The SCOR Group is taking advantage of satisfactory reinsurance market conditions, witnessed notably in the net combined ratios delivered during the first semester of 2005. These results confirm the recovery of the Group recorded during the fourth quarter of 2003 and during the year 2004, the sustaining of which depends on the developments in the Group's rating, claims patterns and the developments in the overall financial environment. All of the Group's businesses would benefit from a return to a better rating.

#### LIMITED AUDITORS' REPORT

This is a free translation into English of the original statutory auditors' report on the consolidated interim financial statements, signed and issued in the French language, and is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking readers.

Statutory Auditors' Report Limited review of the consolidated interim financial statements January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 (free translation of French language original document)

To the shareholders,

Pursuant to the assignment entrusted to us, and in our capacity as statutory auditors of SCOR, we have carried out a limited review of the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements of the SCOR Group for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these financial statements based on our limited review.

As part of the transition to IFRS as adopted in the European Union in respect of the preparation of the first complete set of consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2005, these consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared for the first time, using the IFRS accounting and assessment rules as adopted in the European Union, in the form of intermediate accounts as defined in the General Regulations of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (French market authority). For the purposes of comparison, these intermediate accounts include comparative information relating to the financial year 2004 and the first quarter of 2004, restated according to the same rules.

We conducted this review in accordance with the professional standards applicable in France; those standards require that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance, to a lesser extent than pursuant to an audit, that the consolidated interim financial statements are free from material misstatement. Such a limited review does not include all of the verifications performed in an audit, but rather, is limited to implementing analytical procedures and to obtaining the information deemed necessary from the Group's management executives and any other relevant persons.

Based on our limited review, nothing has come to our attention giving cause to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements are not in conformity, in all material respects, with the rules of establishment set out in the notes, which describe how IFRS 1 and the other International Financial and Reporting Standards as adopted in the European Union have been applied, including the assumptions management has made about the standards, interpretations, rules and methods expected to be effective for the preparation of the first complete set of consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2005 in accordance with IFRS as adopted in the European Union.

Without qualifying our conclusion expressed above, we draw attention to:

 Paragraph 1 of explanatory Note 1, which sets out the reasons why the comparative information to be presented in the first complete set of consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and in the consolidated interim financial statements at 31 March 2006 may differ from the information in the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements;

• The option retained for presentation of the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements, which do not include all the information required by with IFRS as adopted in the European Union, which would be necessary to provide, in accordance with these standards, a fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and results of the consolidated group of companies.

We also draw attention to the information set out in the activity report, regarding the sensitivity of your group's business to the financial strength and long-term debt ratings of SCOR, and in Paragraphs 3.4 and 4.8 of explanatory Note n° 1 to the consolidated interim financial statements, regarding assets assessments based on forecasts resulting from the three year strategic Moving Forward plan, which rests on the assumption of a rapid return to an A rating;

In addition, and in accordance with French professional standards, we have examined the fairness of the information contained in the consolidated interim activity report for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 (excluding the Outlook paragraph on foreseeable business development) accompanying the consolidated interim financial statements submitted to our review.

Based on our review, we have nothing to report on the fairness of this information and its consistency with the consolidated interim financial statements.

Paris La Défense, 31 May 2005

The Statutory Auditors



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