# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

or

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number: 001-16503

# WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

98-0352587

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

c/o Willis Group Limited
51 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7DQ, England
(Address of principal executive offices)
(011) 44-20-3124-6000
(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  $\boxtimes$  No o

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.

Large accelerated filer  $\boxtimes$  Accelerated

Accelerated filer o

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No 🗵

As of October 31, 2008, there were outstanding 166, 328, 179 shares of common stock, par value \$0.000115 per share of the registrant.

# QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

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#### INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have included in this document "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created by those laws. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our operations. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this document that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including such things as the potential benefits of the business combination transaction involving Willis Group Holdings Limited and Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company ("HRH"), our outlook and guidance regarding future adjusted operating margin and adjusted earnings per diluted share, future capital expenditures, our ability to make future repurchases of our common stock, expected growth in commissions and fees, business strategies, competitive strengths, goals, the anticipated benefits of new initiatives, growth of our business and operations, plans and references to future successes are forward-looking statements. Also, when we use the words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "plan", "probably", or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements.

There are important uncertainties, events and factors that could cause our actual results or performance to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements contained in this document, including regional, national or global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory conditions and the following:

- our ability to achieve the expected cost savings, synergies and other strategic benefits as a
  result of the acquisition of HRH or the amount of time it may take to achieve such cost
  savings, synergies and benefits expected due to the integration of HRH with our
  operations;
- our ability to implement and realize anticipated benefits of the Shaping our Future initiative and other new initiatives;

our ability to retain existing clients and attract new business, and our ability to retain key
employees;

- changes in commercial property and casualty markets, or changes in premiums and availability of insurance products due to a catastrophic event such as a hurricane;
- volatility or declines in other insurance markets and the premiums on which our commissions are based:
- impact of competition;
- the timing or ability to carry out share repurchases or take other steps to manage our capital;
- the extent and timing of, and prices paid in connection with any share repurchases under existing or future programs;
- · fluctuations in exchange and interest rates that could affect expenses and revenue;
- our ability to continue to generate funds and/or manage our indebtedness to allow us to continue to invest in our business;
- volatility in global credit markets and our ability to raise debt in the future;
- rating agency actions that could inhibit ability to borrow funds or the pricing thereof;
- domestic and foreign legislative and regulatory changes affecting both our ability to operate and client demand;
- potential costs and difficulties in complying with a wide variety of foreign laws and regulations, given the global scope of our operations;
- · changes in the tax or accounting treatment of our operations;
- our exposure to potential liabilities arising from errors and omissions claims against us;
- ullet the results of regulatory investigations, legal proceedings and other contingencies; and
- the timing of any exercise of put and call arrangements with associated companies.

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The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive and new factors may emerge from time to time that could also affect actual performance and results. See also the section entitled "Risk Factors" of Willis's Registration Statement (as amended) on Form S-4 filed August 21, 2008, and Item 1A of Willis's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, and Item 1A of HRH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, and similar sections of each company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2008

Although we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions, and therefore also the forward-looking statements

based on these assumptions, could themselves prove to be inaccurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included in this document, our inclusion of this information is not a representation or guarantee by us that our objectives and plans will be achieved and we caution you about relying on any forward-looking statements.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and we will not update these forward-looking statements unless the securities laws require us to do so. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this document may not occur, and we caution you against unduly relying on these forward-looking statements.

# PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1—Financial Statements

# WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

	Three month		Nine months Septembe		
	2008	2007	2008	•	2007
REVENUES			(millions, except per share data)		
Commissions and fees					
	\$ 556	\$ 542	\$ 1,969	\$	1,853
Investment income	22	25	64		72
Other income (Note 2)	1	7	2		14
Total revenues	579	574	2,035		1,939
EXPENSES		, ·			
Salaries and benefits	(359)	(352)	(1,198)		(1,089)
Other operating expenses	(131)	(116)	(421)		(341)
Depreciation expense and amortization of					
intangible assets	(20)	(16)	(53)		(49)
Gain on disposal of London headquarters	_	3	8		9
Net loss on disposal of operations	(3)	_	(3)		_
Total expenses	(513)	(481)	(1,667)		(1,470)
OPERATING INCOME	66	93	368		469
Interest expense	(32)	(17)	(69)		(48)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES, INTEREST					
IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND					
MINORITY INTEREST	34	76	299		421
Income taxes	(2)	(12)	(74)		(116)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF					
ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY INTEREST	32	64	225		305
Interest in earnings of associates, net of tax	6	5	29		20
Minority interest, net of tax	(2)	(2)	(13)		(11)
NET INCOME	\$ 36	\$ 67	\$ 241	\$	314
EARNINGS PER SHARE (Note 4)					
—Basic	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.70	\$	2.15
—Diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.70	\$	2.12
AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES					
OUTSTANDING (Note 4)					
—Basic	142	143	142		146
—Diluted	142	145	142		148
CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON					
SHARE	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.78	\$	0.75

 $The \ accompanying \ notes \ are \ an \ integral \ part \ of \ these \ condensed \ consolidated \ financial \ statements.$ 

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
_	(millions, excep	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156	\$ 200
Fiduciary funds—restricted	1,699	1,520
Short-term investments	35	40
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	33	<del></del>
of \$23 million in 2008 and \$32 million in 2007	9,937	8,241
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$254 million	3,357	0,241
in 2008 and \$211 million in 2007	313	315
Goodwill	1,663	1,648
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of	1,000	1,010
\$54 million in 2008 and \$46 million in 2007	66	78
Investments in associates	237	193
Pension benefits asset	487	404
Other assets	368	309
OTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,961	\$ 12,948
ABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,157	\$ 9,265
Deferred revenue and accrued expenses	293	388
Net deferred tax liabilities	39	5
Income taxes payable	30	43
Long-term debt (Note 7)	1,370	1,250
Liability for pension benefits	46	43
Other liabilities	576	559
Total liabilities	13,511	11,553
OMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)		
INORITY INTEREST	46	48
TOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common shares, \$0.000115 par value; Authorized:		
4,000,000,000; Issued and outstanding, 141,828,334 shares		
in 2008 and 143,093,509 shares in 2007	_	<u> </u>
Additional paid-in capital	36	41
Retained earnings	1,575	1,463
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(203)	(153)
Treasury stock, at cost, 66,902 shares in 2008 and 71,858		
shares in 2007	(4)	(4)
Total stockholders' equity	1,404	1,347
OTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 14,961	\$ 12,948

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Nine months ended

<u>-</u>	September 30,	•	
<del>-</del>	2008 (millions)		2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING	(millions)		
ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$	241	\$ 314
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by			
operating activities:			
Net loss (gain) on disposal of operations, fixed and intangible assets and short-term investments		1	(14)
Gain on disposal of London headquarters		(8)	(14)
Depreciation expense and amortization of intangible assets		53	49
Provision for doubtful accounts		(6)	43
Minority interest		4	_
Provision for deferred income taxes		32	22
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		(5)	(8)
Share-based compensation		29	26
Undistributed earnings of associates		(20)	(14)
Other		(10)	(25)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from		. ,	
purchase of subsidiaries:			
Fiduciary funds—restricted		(230)	141
Accounts receivable		(1,890)	316
Accounts payable		2,148	(448)
Additional funding of UK and US pension plans		(81)	(96)
Other assets		(102)	(24)
Other liabilities		(43)	3
Net cash provided by operating activities		113	233
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			<u> </u>
Proceeds on disposal of fixed and intangible assets		3	21
Net cash proceeds from sale of operations		8	_
Additions to fixed assets		(66)	(135)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired		(15)	(76)
Investments in associates		(31)	(1)
Proceeds on sale of short-term investments		3	12
Net cash used in investing activities		(98)	(179)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from draw down of revolving credit facility		120	_
Repayments of debt		_	(200)
Senior notes issued, net of debt issuance costs		<del>_</del>	594
Repurchase of shares		(75)	(457)
Proceeds from issue of shares		8	20
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		5	8
Dividends paid		(109)	(107)
Net cash used in financing activities		(51)	(142)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(36)	(88)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(8)	10
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		200	288
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	156	\$ 210

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## (Unaudited)

#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Willis Group Holdings Limited ("Willis Group Holdings") and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") provide a broad range of insurance brokerage, reinsurance and risk management consulting services to its worldwide clients, both directly and indirectly through its associates. The Company provides both specialized risk management advisory and consulting services on a global basis to clients worldwide in specific industrial and commercial activities, and services to small, medium and major corporates through its retail operations.

In its capacity as an advisor and insurance broker, the Company acts as an intermediary between clients and insurance carriers by advising clients on risk management requirements, helping clients determine the best means of managing risk, and negotiating and placing insurance risk with insurance carriers through the Company's global distribution network.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements ("Interim Financial Statements") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

The Interim Financial Statements are unaudited but include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which the Company's management considers necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position as of such dates and the operating results and cash flows for those periods. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP have been condensed or omitted. However, the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The results of operations for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 may not necessarily be indicative of the operating results for the entire fiscal year.

These Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and changes in stockholders' equity for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007 included in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 11, 2008.

#### Fair value measurement—adoption of FAS 157

The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 Fair Value Measurement ("FAS 157") on January 1, 2008. FAS 157:

- applies to certain assets and liabilities that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis;
- · defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements; and
- enables the reader of the financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## (Unaudited)

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

FAS 157 requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Company's assets and liabilities by the FAS 157 fair value hierarchy at September 30, 2008:

			September 3	0, 2008	
	Level	1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
			(million	ıs)	
Assets at fair value:					
Fiduciary funds—restricted	\$	1,699	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,699
Short-term investments		35	_	_	35
Derivative financial instruments		_	18	_	18
Total assets	\$	1,734	\$ 18	\$ —	\$ 1,752
Liabilities at fair value:					
Derivative financial instruments	\$	_	\$ 26	\$ —	\$ 26
Total liabilities	\$		\$ 26	\$ —	\$ 26

The Company's fiduciary funds—restricted and short-term investments consist mainly of cash and time deposits. Fair values are based on quoted market values.

The fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments is computed based on a market approach using information generated by market transactions involving comparable instruments.

Derivative financial instruments are included within 'other assets' and 'other liabilities' on the balance sheet.

## Other Income

Other income comprises gains on the disposals of intangible assets, which primarily arise on the disposal of books of business. Prior to January 1, 2008, the Company reported these gains within "Commissions and fees". Comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

Although the Company is not in the business of selling intangible assets (mainly books of business), from time to time the Company will dispose of a book of business (a customer list) or other intangible asset that does not produce adequate margins or fit with the Company's strategy.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2007, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 141 (revised 2007) *Business Combinations* ("FAS 141R"). FAS 141R makes substantial changes to how entities account for business combinations, establishing principles and requirements for how the acquirer:

- recognizes and measures the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree;
- recognizes and measures goodwill acquired in the business combination; and
- determines what information to disclose to enable users of financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination.

FAS 141R is effective for financial years beginning after December 15, 2008 and is effective for the Company from January 1, 2009. Adoption is prospective and early adoption is not permitted. The Company is evaluating the potential impact that the adoption of FAS 141R will have on its financial position and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No.* 51 (SFAS No. 160). SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the retained interest and gain or loss when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Upon the initial adoption of this statement, the Company will change the classification and presentation of Noncontrolling Interest in the financial statements, which is currently referred to as Minority Interest. The Company is still evaluating the impact SFAS No. 160 will have on its financial position or results of operations.

## 3. SEVERANCE COSTS

As part of the Company's 2008 expense review, the Company incurred \$24 million of severance costs in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 relating to approximately 350 positions that have been, or are in the process of being eliminated, of which \$\frac{1}{2}\text{nil}\$ was incurred in the three months ended September 30, 2008. Severance costs for these employees were recognized pursuant to the terms of their existing benefit arrangements or employment agreements.

Severance costs also arise in the normal course of business and these charges amounted to \$2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 (2007: \$2 million), of which \$1 million was incurred in the three months ended September 30, 2008 (2007: \$1 million).

## 4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income by the average number of shares outstanding during each period. The computation of diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if dilutive securities and other contracts to issue shares were exercised or converted into shares or resulted in the issue of shares that then shared in the net income of the Company. At September 30, 2008, time-based and performance-based options to purchase

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

# 4. EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

13.6 million and 5.6 million (2007: 14.3 million and 0.3 million) shares, respectively, and 1.4 million (2007: 1.6 million) restricted shares, were outstanding.

Basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Three mon Septemb		Nine months ended September 30,								
	2008	2007	2008	2007							
		(millions, except	per share data)								
Net income	\$ 36	\$ 67	\$ 241	\$ 314							
Basic average number of shares outstanding	142	143	142	146							
Dilutive effect of potentially issuable shares	_	2	_	2							
Diluted average number of shares outstanding	142	145	142	148							
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.15							
Dilutive effect of potentially issuable shares	_	(0.01)	_	(0.03)							
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.12							

Options to purchase 17.7 million shares were not included in the computation of the dilutive effect of stock options for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 because the effect was antidilutive (three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007: 1.8 million).

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

## 5. PENSION PLANS

The components of the net periodic benefit cost of the UK and US defined benefit plans are as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,								Nine	months en	ded Se			
		UK Pension Benefits							JK Per Benef					
	2008		2007	200	8	200		200	8	2007		2008	200	07
Components of net periodic benefit (income) cost:							(milli	ions)						
Service cost	\$ 9	\$	12	\$	5	\$	5	\$	28	\$ 35	\$	17	\$	16
Interest cost	29		29		10		8		90	84		29		26
Expected return on plan assets	(49)	)	(46)	(	(11)		(11)	(1	.45)	(135)	)	(35)		(33)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service gain	(1)	)	(1)		_		_		(2)	(2)		(1)		(1)
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	_		1		_		_		_	3		_		_
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	\$ (12)	) \$	(5)	\$	4	\$	2	\$ (	(29)	\$ (15)	\$	10	\$	8

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had made contributions of \$111 million and \$8 million to the UK and US defined benefit pension plans (2007: \$112 million and \$23 million), respectively. The Company expects to contribute approximately \$150 million to the UK defined benefit pension plan and \$8 million to the US plan for the full year 2008.

# 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# Claims, Lawsuits and Other Proceedings

The Company is subject to various actual and potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings relating principally to alleged errors and omissions in connection with the placement of insurance and reinsurance in the ordinary course of business. Similar to other corporations, the Company is also subject to a variety of other claims, including those relating to the Company's employment practices. Some of the claims, lawsuits and other proceedings seek damages in amounts which could, if assessed, be significant.

Errors and omissions claims, lawsuits and other proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business are covered in part by professional indemnity or other appropriate insurance. The terms of this insurance vary by policy year and self-insured risks have increased significantly in recent years. In respect of self-insured risks, the Company has established provisions which are believed to be adequate

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

in the light of current information and legal advice, and the Company adjusts such provisions from time to time according to developments

On the basis of current information, the Company does not expect that the actual claims, lawsuits and other proceedings, to which the Company is subject, or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings relating to matters of which it is aware will ultimately have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Nonetheless, given the large or indeterminate amounts sought in certain of these actions, and the inherent unpredictability of litigation, it is possible that an adverse outcome in certain matters could, from time to time, have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or cash flows in particular quarterly or annual periods.

The most significant actual or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings, of which we are currently aware are:

#### Inquiries and Investigations

In connection with the investigation commenced by the New York Attorney General in April 2004 concerning, among other things, contingent commissions paid by insurers to insurance brokers, in April 2005, the Company entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance ("NY AOD") with the New York Attorney General and the New York Superintendent of Insurance and paid \$50 million to eligible customers. As part of the NY AOD the Company also agreed not to accept contingent compensation and to disclose to customers any compensation the Company will receive in connection with providing policy placement services to the customer. The Company also resolved similar investigations commenced by the Minnesota Attorney General, the Florida Attorney General, the Florida Department of Financial Services and the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation for amounts that were not material to the Company. The Company has co-operated fully with other similar investigations by the regulators and/or attorneys general of other jurisdictions, some of which have been concluded with no indication of any finding of wrongdoing.

The European Commission issued questionnaires pursuant to its Sector Inquiry or, in respect of Norway, the European Free Trade Association Surveillance Authority, related to insurance business practices, including compensation arrangements for brokers, to at least 150 European brokers including our operations in nine European countries. The Company responded to the European Commission questionnaires and has filed the European Free Trade Association Surveillance Authority for two of its Norwegian entities. The European Commission reported on a final basis on September 25, 2007 expressing concerns over potential conflicts of interest in the industry relating to remuneration and binding authorities when assuming a dual role for clients and insurers and also over the nature of the coinsurance market. The Company continues to co-operate with both the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association Surveillance Authority.

Since August 2004, various plaintiffs have filed purported class actions in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Northern District of Illinois, the Northern District of California, the New Jersey District Court, and the Circuit Court for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida Civil Division, under a variety of legal theories, including state tort, contract, fiduciary duty and statutory theories, and federal antitrust and RICO theories. Other than a federal suit in Illinois that was voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff in May 2005, all of these federal

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

actions have been consolidated into two actions in federal court in New Jersey. One of the consolidated actions addresses employee benefits, while the other consolidated action addresses all other lines of insurance. In July 2007, class action suits, similar to the suits consolidated in New Jersey, were filed in the United States District Courts in the Southern District of Florida and the Southern District of New York. In addition to the federal actions, the Company was also named as a defendant in a purported class action in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida Civil Division. The federal actions and the Florida state action name various insurance carriers and insurance brokerage firms, including the Company, as defendants. The complaints seek monetary damages and equitable relief and make allegations regarding the practices and conduct that have been the subject of the investigation of state attorneys general and insurance commissioners, including allegations that the brokers have breached their duties to their clients by entering into contingent compensation agreements with either no disclosure or limited disclosure to clients and entered into other improper activities. The complaints also allege the existence of a conspiracy among the insurance carriers and brokers and the federal court complaints allege violations of the federal RICO statute. In separate decisions issued in August and September 2007, the Judge in the two consolidated federal actions dismissed the antitrust and RICO claims with prejudice and dismissed certain of the state claims without prejudice. Plaintiffs have filed a notice of appeal regarding these dismissal rulings and oral arguments on this appeal will be heard on April 20, 2009. In January 2008, the Judge dismissal the ERISA claims with prejudice in the employee benefits suit. Additional actions could be brought in the future by individual policyholders. The Company disputes the allegations in all of these suits and intends to defend itself vigorously

## Reinsurance Market Dispute

Various legal proceedings are pending, have been concluded or may commence between reinsurers, reinsureds and in some cases their intermediaries, including reinsurance brokers, relating to personal accident excess of loss reinsurance for the years 1993 to 1998. The proceedings principally concern allegations by reinsurers that they have sustained substantial losses due to an alleged abnormal "spiral" in the market in which the reinsurance contracts were placed, the existence and nature of which, as well as other information, was not disclosed to them by the reinsureds or their reinsurance broker. A "spiral" is a market term for a situation in which reinsureds and reinsurers reinsure each other with the effect that the same loss or portion of that loss moves through the market multiple times.

The reinsurers concerned have taken the position that, despite their decisions to underwrite risks or a group of risks, they are no longer bound by their reinsurance contracts. As a result, they have stopped settling claims and are seeking to recover claims already paid. The Company also understands that there have been at least two arbitration awards in relation to a spiral, among other things, in which the reinsurer successfully argued that it was no longer bound by parts of its reinsurance program. Willis Limited, the Company's principal insurance brokerage subsidiary in the United Kingdom, acted as the reinsurance broker or otherwise as intermediary, but not as an underwriter, for numerous personal accident reinsurance contracts, including two contracts that were involved in one of the arbitrations. Due to the small number of reinsurance brokers generally, Willis Limited was one of a small number of brokers active in the market for this reinsurance during the relevant period. Willis Limited also utilized other brokers active in this market as sub-agents, including brokers who are parties to the legal

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## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

proceedings described above, for certain contracts and may be responsible for any errors and omissions they may have made. In July 2003, one of the reinsurers received a judgment in the English High Court against certain parties, including a sub-broker Willis Limited used to place two of the contracts involved in this trial. Although neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries were a party to this proceeding or any arbitration, Willis Limited entered into tolling agreements with certain of the principals to the reinsurance contracts tolling the statute of limitations pending the outcome of proceedings between the reinsurers.

Two former clients of Willis Limited, American Reliable Insurance Company and one of its associated companies ("ARIC") and CNA Insurance Company Limited and two of its associated companies ("CNA") have each terminated their respective tolling agreements with Willis Limited and commenced litigation in the English Commercial Court against Willis Limited. ARIC has alleged conspiracy between a former Willis Limited employee and the ARIC underwriter as well as negligence and CNA has alleged deceit and negligence by the same Willis Limited employee both in connection with placements of personal accident reinsurance in the excess of loss market in London and elsewhere. The Company disputes these allegations and is vigorously defending itself in these actions. ARIC's asserted claim is approximately \$257 million (plus various unspecified claims for exemplary damages, interest and costs). Pleadings have been exchanged in both actions and the Court has fixed a preliminary date for a ten week trial commencing October 7, 2009. The Company cannot predict at this time what, if any, damages might result from this action but believes that any amounts likely to be required to resolve the claims will be covered by errors and omissions insurance. Various arbitrations continue to be active and from time to time the principals request co-operation from the Company and suggest that claims may be asserted against the Company. Such claims may be made against the Company if reinsurers do not pay claims on policies issued by them. The Company cannot predict at this time whether any such claims will be made or the damages that may be alleged.

#### Gender Discrimination Class Action

In 2008, the Company settled an action in the United States District Court in the Southern District of New York commenced against the Company in 2001 on behalf of an alleged nationwide class of present and former female officer and officer equivalent employees alleging that the Company discriminated against them on the basis of their gender and seeking injunctive relief, money damages, attorneys' fees and costs. Although the Court had denied plaintiffs' motions to certify a nationwide class or to grant nationwide discovery, it did certify a class of approximately 200 female officers and officer equivalent employees based in the Company's offices in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. The parties' settlement agreement provides for certain injunctive relief that the Company agreed to provide as well as a monetary settlement, including the amount of attorney fees plaintiffs' counsel are entitled to receive, which was not material to the Company. A former female employee, whose motion to intervene in the class action was denied, has filed a purported class action with almost identical allegations as those contained in the federal class action suit that was settled in 2008, except seeking a class period of 1998 to the time of trial (the class period in the settled suit was 1998 to the end of 2001). The Company's motion to dismiss this suit was denied and the Court did not grant the Company permission to immediately file an appeal from the denial of its motion to dismiss. The suit was recently

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## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

amended to include two additional plaintiffs. The parties are in the discovery phase of the litigation. The Company cannot predict at this time what, if any, damages might result from this action.

World Trade Center

We acted as the insurance broker, but not as an underwriter, for the placement of both property and casualty insurance for a number of entities which were directly impacted by the September 11, 2001 destruction of the World Trade Center complex, including Silverstein Properties LLC, which acquired a 99-year leasehold interest in the twin towers and related facilities from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in July 2001. Although the World Trade Center complex insurance was bound at or before the July 2001 closing of the leasehold acquisition, consistent with standard industry practice, the final policy wording for the placements was still in the process of being finalized when the twin towers and other buildings in the complex were destroyed on September 11, 2001. There have been a number of lawsuits in the United States between the insured parties and the insurers for several placements and other disputes may arise in respect of insurance placed by us which could affect the Company including claims by one or more of the insureds that we made culpable errors or omissions in connection with our brokerage activities. However, we do not believe that our role as broker will lead to liabilities which in the aggregate would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

# 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	September 30,			nber 31,
	2008			007
		(mill	ions)	
5.125% Senior notes due 2010	\$	250	\$	250
5.625% Senior notes due 2015		350		350
6.200% Senior notes due 2017		600		600
Revolving credit facility		170		50
	\$	1,370	\$	1,250

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# 8. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Supplemental disclosures regarding cash flow information and non-cash flow investing and financing activities are as follows:

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
	(millions)	
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow		
information:		
Cash payments for income taxes	\$ 30	\$ 40
Cash payments for interest	75	57
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash flow investing and financing activities:		
Liabilities accrued for additions to fixed assets	\$ 12	\$ 12
Issue of stock on acquisitions of subsidiaries	9	15
Deferred payments on acquisitions of subsidiaries	<del>-</del>	1
Acquisitions:		
Fair value of assets acquired	\$ 10	\$ 11
Less: Liabilities assumed	_	(2)
Cash acquired	_	<del>-</del>
Net assets acquired, net of cash acquired	\$ 10	\$ 9

# 9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

a) The components of comprehensive (loss) income are as follows:

	Three n end Septemi 2008	ed	Nine mont Septem 2008 ions)	
Net income	\$ 36	\$ 67	\$241	\$314
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustment (net of tax of \$nil, \$nil, \$nil and \$nil)	(59)	15	(43)	29
FAS 158 pension adjustment (net of tax of \$nil, \$nil, \$1 million and \$nil)	(1)	_	(2)	_
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments (net of tax of \$(2) million, \$(3) million, \$2 million and \$1 million)	5	7	(5)	(3)
Other comprehensive (loss) income (net of tax of \$(2) million, \$(3) million, \$3 million and \$1 million)	(55)	22	(50)	26
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$(19)	\$ 89	\$191	\$340

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## 9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

b) The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, are as follows:

	September 30, 2008		mber 31, 2007
Net foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	(27)	\$ 16
Net unrealized holding loss on investments		(1)	(1)
FAS 158 pension adjustment		(168)	(166)
Net unrealized loss on derivative instruments		(7)	(2)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	\$	(203)	\$ (153)

## 10. SEGMENT INFORMATION

During the periods presented, the Company operated through three segments: Global, North America and International. Global provides specialist brokerage and consulting services to clients worldwide for specific industrial and commercial activities and is organized by specialism. North America and International predominantly comprise our retail operations which provide services to small, medium and major corporates, accessing Global's specialist expertise when required.

The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments based on organic revenue growth and operating income. For internal reporting and segmental reporting, the following items are excluded from segmental expenses as they are not directly controlled by segment management:

- gains and losses on the disposal of operations and major properties;
- ii) foreign exchange hedging activities;
- iii) amortization of intangible assets;
- iv) significant legal and regulatory settlements which are managed centrally; and
- v) 2008 expense review costs.

With effect from January 1, 2008, the Company changed its basis of segmental allocation for central costs. In particular, all accounting adjustments for hedging transactions are now held at the Corporate level, together with certain legal costs. As a result of this change, an additional \$1 million net operating loss for full year 2007, previously reported within Corporate, has been allocated to the operating segments.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are consistent with those described in Note 2. There are no inter-segment revenues, with segments operating on a revenue-sharing basis equivalent to that used when sharing business with other third-party brokers.

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## 10. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Selected information regarding the Company's operating segments is as follows:

			Thre	ee mon	ths e	nded Sept	ember 30	, 2008			
	issions Fees	Investme Income		Othe Income	e <sup>(1)</sup> 1	Total Revenues (millions)	Deprecia and Amortiz			Ear ng Asse	erest in arnings of sociates, t of tax
Global	\$ 159	\$	8	\$ -	_	\$ 167	\$	(3)	\$ 2	21 \$	_
North America International	175 222		3 11	-	1	179 233		(4) (7)		.7 37	
Total Retail	 397	- :	14		1	412		(11)		54	6
Total Operating Segments	556		22		1	579		(14)	7	75	6
Corporate and Other <sup>(2)</sup>	_	-	_			_		(6)	(	(9)	_
Total Consolidated	\$ 556	\$ 2	22	\$	1	\$ 579	\$	(20)	\$ 6	66 \$	6

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior to January 1, 2008, the Company reported "Other Income" within "Commissions and Fees" as described in Note 2. Comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

<sup>(2)</sup> Corporate and Other includes the costs of the holding company; foreign exchange hedging activities; amortization of intangible assets; net gains and losses on disposal of operations; certain legal costs; and integration costs associated with the acquisition of HRH.

				Thr	ee mor	nths e	nded Sept	ember 30,	2007		
	Commiss and Fe		Investm Incom	ent e	Othe Incom	e <sup>(1)</sup> 1	Total Revenues (millions)	Deprecia and <u>Amortiza</u>	(		Interest in Earnings of Associates, net of tax
Global	\$	161	\$	12	\$	—	\$ 173	\$	(4)	\$ 37	\$ —
North America		180		5		5	190		(3)	32	_
International	:	201		8		2	211		(6)	27	5
Total Retail		381		13		7	401		(9)	59	5
Total Operating Segments		542		25		7	574		(13)	96	5
Corporate and Other <sup>(2)</sup>		_		_		_	_		(3)	(3)	) —
Total Consolidated	\$ :	542	\$	25	\$	7	\$ 574	\$	(16)	\$ 93	\$ 5

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior to January 1, 2008, the Company reported "Other Income" within "Commissions and Fees" as described in Note 2. Comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

<sup>(2)</sup> Corporate and Other includes the costs of the holding company; foreign exchange hedging activities; amortization of intangible assets; net gains and losses on disposal of operations; and certain legal costs.

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# 10. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2008													
		nissions Fees	Investr Incor		Othe <u>Incom</u>	e <sup>(1)</sup> R	Total	Deprecia and Amortiza	(	Operating Income		nings of ciates,		
Global	\$	627	\$	24	\$	<b></b> \$	651	\$	(10)	\$ 212	. \$	_		
North America International		559 783		11 29		2	572 812		(11) (20)	76 199				
Total Retail		1,342		40		2	1,384		(31)	275	,	29		
Total Operating Segments		1,969		64		2	2,035		(41)	487		29		
Corporate and Other <sup>(2)</sup>		_		_		_	_		(12)	(119	)	_		
Total Consolidated	\$	1,969	\$	64	\$	2 \$	2,035	\$	(53)	\$ 368	\$	29		

(1) Prior to January 1, 2008, the Company reported "Other Income" within "Commissions and Fees" as described in Note 2. Comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

(2) Corporate and Other includes the costs of the holding company; foreign exchange hedging activities; amortization of intangible assets; net gains and losses on disposal of operations; certain legal costs; the \$95 million charge for the 2008 expense review; and integration costs associated with the acquisition of HRH.

	Nine months ended September 30, 2007										
		nissions Fees		tment ome	Oth Incon	ne <sup>(1)</sup> R	Total tevenues millions)	Deprecia and Amortiza	(	Operating Income	Interest in Earnings of Associates, net of tax
Global	\$	608	\$	34	\$	— <b>\$</b>	C 40	\$	(12)	\$ 215	\$ —
North America International		558 687		15 23		12	585 712		(9) (18)	103 157	 20
Total Retail		1,245		38		14	1,297		(27)	260	20
Total Operating Segments		1,853		72		14	1,939		(39)	475	20
Corporate and Other <sup>(2)</sup>		_		_		_	_		(10)	(6	) —
Total Consolidated	\$	1,853	\$	72	\$	14 \$	1,939	\$	(49)	\$ 469	\$ 20

(1) Prior to January 1, 2008, the Company reported "Other Income" within "Commissions and Fees" as described in Note 2. Comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

(2) Corporate and Other includes the costs of the holding company; foreign exchange hedging activities; amortization of intangible assets; net gains and losses on disposal of operations; and certain legal costs.

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## 10. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Company does not routinely evaluate the total asset position by segment, and the following allocations have been made based on reasonable estimates and assumptions:

September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
(milli	ons)
\$ 11,110	\$ 9,620
1,915	1,677
1,608	1,852
3,523	3,529
14,633	13,149
328	(201)
\$ 14,961	\$ 12,948
	\$ 11,110 \$ 11,110 1,915 1,608 3,523 14,633 328

The following table reconciles total consolidated operating income, as disclosed in the operating segment tables above, to consolidated income before income taxes, interest in earnings of associates and minority interest:

		months ded		nonths ded
	Septen	ıber 30,	Septem	ıber 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007
		(mil	lions)	
Total consolidated operating income	\$ 66	\$ 93	\$ 368	\$ 469
Interest expense	(32)	(17)	(69)	(48)
Income before income taxes, interest in earnings of associates and minority interest	\$ 34	\$ 76	\$ 299	\$ 421

#### 11. SHARE BUYBACKS

On November 1, 2007, the Board authorized a new share buyback program for \$1 billion. This replaced the previous \$1 billion buyback program and its remaining \$308 million authorization. The program is an open-ended plan to repurchase the Company's shares from time to time in the open market or through negotiated sales with persons who are not affiliates of the Company. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company repurchased 2.3 million shares, for \$75 million, at an average price of \$33.12. Repurchased shares were subsequently canceled.

# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES

On July 1, 2005, Willis North America Inc. ("Willis North America") issued debt securities totaling \$600 million under its April 2003 registration statement. On March 28, 2007, Willis North America issued further debt securities totaling \$600 million under its June 2006 registration statement. The debt securities at September 30, 2008 were jointly and severally, irrevocably and fully and unconditionally

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

guaranteed by Willis Group Holdings, Willis Group Limited, Trinity Acquisition Limited, TA I Limited, TA II Limited, TA III Limited and TA IV Limited.

Presented below is condensed consolidating financial information for: i) Willis Group Holdings, which is a guarantor, on a parent company only basis; ii) the Other Guarantors which are all 100% owned subsidiaries of the parent; iii) the Issuer, Willis North America; iv) Other, which are the non-guarantor subsidiaries, on a combined basis; v) Eliminations; and vi) Consolidated Company and subsidiaries. The equity method has been used for all investments in subsidiaries.

The entities included in the Other Guarantors column are Willis Group Limited, Trinity Acquisition Limited, TA I Limited, TA II Limited, TA III Limited and TA IV Limited.

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

_			Three months ended Septer	nber 30, 2008		
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
_	Holdings	Guarantors	(millions)	Other	Liminations	Consolidated
REVENUES						
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 556	\$ —	\$ 556
Investment income	_		4	84	(66)	22
Other income	_	_	_	1		1
Total revenues	_		4	641	(66)	579
EXPENSES					()	
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(361)	2	(359)
Other operating expenses	(6)	(60)	(2)	(64)	1	(131)
Depreciation expense and	ì		ì	ì		ì
amortization of intangible assets	_	_	(2)	(15)	(3)	(20)
Net loss on disposal of operations	_	_	_	(3)	_	(3)
Total expenses	(6)	(60)	(4)	(443)	=	(513)
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	(6)	(60)		198	(66)	66
Investment income from Group						
undertakings	37	77	7	34	(155)	_
Interest expense	_	(38)	(28)	(91)	125	(32)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME						
TAXES, INTEREST IN EARNINGS						
OF ASSOCIATES AND						
MINORITY INTEREST	31	(21)	(21)	141	(96)	34
Income taxes		14	10	(38)	12	(2)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE						
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF						
ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY	31		(11)	103	(0.1)	22
INTEREST INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF	31	(7)	(11)	103	(84)	32
ASSOCIATES, NET OF TAX		_	_	6	_	6
MINORITY INTEREST, NET	_		_	J	_	U
OF TAX	_	_	_	_	(2)	(2)
EQUITY ACCOUNT FOR					(-)	(=)
SUBSIDIARIES	5	(3)	(13)	_	11	_
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 36	\$ (10)	\$ (24)	\$ 109	\$ (75)	\$ 36

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

			Three months ended Septen	ber 30, 2007		
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES			(millions)			
REVENUES						
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 542	\$ —	\$ 542
Investment income	_	_	6	48	(29)	25
Other income	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		7	<u> </u>	7
Total revenues	_	_	6	597	(29)	574
EXPENSES			0.9			
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(357)	5	(352)
Other operating expenses	(1)	7	7	(145)	16	(116)
Depreciation expense and						
amortization of intangible assets	_	_	(4)	(11)	(1)	(16)
Gain on disposal of London						
headquarters	_	_	_	3	_	3
Total expenses	(1)	7	3	(510)	20	(481)
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	(1)	7	9	87	(9)	93
Investment income from Group	` '				· · ·	
undertakings	425	2,424	119	90	(3,058)	_
Interest expense	(2)	(51)	(16)	(40)	92	(17)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES,						
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF						
ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY						
INTEREST	422	2,380	112	137	(2,975)	76
ncome taxes	<del>-</del>	(6)	1	(44)	37	(12)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN				·		
EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES						
AND MINORITY INTEREST	422	2,374	113	93	(2,938)	64
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF					, , ,	
ASSOCIATES, NET OF TAX	_	_	_	5	_	5
MINORITY INTEREST, NET						
OF TAX	_	_	_	_	(2)	(2)
EQUITY ACCOUNT FOR						
SUBSIDIARIES	(355)	(2,903)	(134)	_	3,392	_
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 67	\$ (529)	\$ (21)	\$ 98	\$ 452	\$ 67

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

			Nine months ended Septen	nber 30, 2008		
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES			(millions)			
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,969	\$ —	\$ 1,969
Investment income	_	_	14	251	(201)	64
Other income	_	_	_	2	_	2
Total revenues	_	_	14	2,222	(201)	2,035
EXPENSES						-
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(1,205)	7	(1,198)
Other operating expenses	(9)	(57)	(13)	(357)	15	(421)
Depreciation expense and						
amortization of intangible assets	_	_	(6)	(39)	(8)	(53)
Gain on disposal of London						
headquarters	_	_	_	8	_	8
Net loss on disposal of operations	<u> </u>	_		(3)		(3)
Total expenses	(9)	(57)	(19)	(1,596)	14	(1,667)
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	(9)	(57)	(5)	626	(187)	368
Investment income from Group						
undertakings	129	233	63	53	(478)	_
Interest expense	(1)	(151)	(67)	(276)	426	(69)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES, INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND						
MINORITY INTEREST	119	25	(9)	403	(239)	299
Income taxes	_	9	24	(91)	(16)	(74)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY INTEREST	119	34	15	312	(255)	225
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF					(===)	
ASSOCIATES, NET OF TAX	_	_	_	29	_	29
MINORITY INTEREST, NET OF TAX				(3)	(10)	(13)
EQUITY ACCOUNT FOR SUBSIDIARIES	122	64	(45)	_	(141)	_
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 241	\$ 98	\$ (30)	\$ 338	\$ (406)	\$ 241

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2007									
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated				
	Holdings	Guarantors	(millions)	Other	Liminations	Consonuateu				
REVENUES										
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,853	\$ —	\$ 1,853				
Investment income			16	132	(76)	72				
Other income	_	_	_	14	`	14				
Total revenues		_	16	1,999	(76)	1,939				
EXPENSES				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · ·				
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(1,102)	13	(1,089)				
Other operating expenses	(1)	19	1	(389)	29	(341)				
Depreciation expense and										
amortization of intangible assets	_	_	(7)	(34)	(8)	(49)				
Gain on disposal of London										
headquarters			<u> </u>	9		9				
Total expenses	(1)	19	(6)	(1,516)	34	(1,470)				
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	(1)	19	10	483	(42)	469				
Investment income from Group										
undertakings	552	2,542	222	155	(3,471)	_				
Interest expense	(7)	(150)	(60)	(123)	292	(48)				
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES,										
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF										
ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY										
INTEREST	544	2,411	172	515	(3,221)	421				
Income taxes	<u> </u>	(12)	16	(138)	18	(116)				
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN										
EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES										
AND MINORITY INTEREST	544	2,399	188	377	(3,203)	305				
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES, NET OF TAX				20		20				
MINORITY INTEREST, NET		<del>_</del>		20		20				
OF TAX	_	_	_	(2)	(9)	(11)				
EQUITY ACCOUNT FOR				(2)	(3)	(11)				
SUBSIDIARIES	(230)	(3,152)	(260)	_	3,642	_				
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 314	\$ (753)	\$ (72)	\$ 395	\$ 430	\$ 314				

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

	As at September 30, 2008							
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated			
			(millions)					
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 156	\$ —	\$ 156		
Fiduciary funds—								
restricted	_	_	72	1,627	_	1,699		
Short-term investments	_			35		35		
Accounts receivable	455	2,752	3,441	11,801	(8,512)	9,937		
Fixed assets	_	_	25	287	1	313		
Goodwill	_	_	_	143	1,520	1,663		
Other intangible assets	_	_	_	66		66		
Investments in associates	_	_	_	288	(51)	237		
Pension benefits asset	_	_	_	487	_	487		
Other assets	_	124	9	340	(105)	368		
Equity accounted								
subsidiaries	1,026	1,888	664	2,503	(6,081)	_		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,481	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,211	\$ 17,733	\$ (13,228)	\$ 14,961		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY								
Accounts payable	\$ 36	\$ 4,221	\$ 2,744	\$ 12,702	\$ (8,546)	\$ 11,157		
Deferred revenue and								
accrued expenses	2	_	3	284	4	293		
Net deferred tax liabilities	_	_	10	(26)	55	39		
Income taxes payable	_	109	_	12	(91)	30		
Long-term debt	<del>-</del>	<del>_</del>	1,370	_	<del>-</del>	1,370		
Liability for pension benefits	_	_	_	46	_	46		
Other liabilities	39	_	82	400	55	576		
Total liabilities	77	4,330	4,209	13,418	(8,523)	13,511		
MINORITY INTEREST		-,550	4,205	3	43	46		
STOCKHOLDERS'	<del>=</del>	<del>=</del>	<del>=</del>	3	43	40		
EQUITY	1,404	434	2	4,312	(4,748)	1,404		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS'	1,404		<u>=</u>	7,512	(4,740)	1,404		
EQUITY	\$ 1,481	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,211	\$ 17,733	\$ (13,228)	\$ 14,961		
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# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

_	As at December 31, 2007						
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	
ASSETS			(millions)				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 73	\$ 126	\$ —	\$ 200	
Fiduciary funds—		·	, ,	•		, , , , ,	
restricted	_	_	37	1,483	_	1,520	
Short-term investments	_	_	_	40	_	40	
Accounts receivable	494	2,703	4,074	9,699	(8,729)	8,241	
Fixed assets	_	· —	26	289	`	315	
Goodwill	_	_	_	186	1,462	1,648	
Other intangible assets	<del>_</del>	_	_	78	_	78	
Investments in associates	_	_	<del>-</del>	241	(48)	193	
Pension benefits asset	<del>-</del>	_	_	404	_	404	
Other assets	2	56	4	199	48	309	
Equity accounted							
subsidiaries	927	2,124	700	2,620	(6,371)	_	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,424	\$ 4,883	\$ 4,914	\$ 15,365	\$ (13,638)	\$ 12,948	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Accounts payable	\$ 37	\$ 4,030	\$ 3,570	\$ 10,339	\$ (8,711)	\$ 9,265	
Deferred revenue and							
accrued expenses	1	2	3	378	4	388	
Net deferred tax liabilities	_	_	1	(55)	59	5	
Income taxes payable	_	50	_	1	(8)	43	
Long-term debt	_	_	1,250	_	_	1,250	
Liability for pension benefits	_	_	_	43	_	43	
Other liabilities	39	_	51	417	52	559	
Total liabilities	77	4,082	4,875	11,123	(8,604)	11,553	
MINORITY INTEREST	_			3	45	48	
STOCKHOLDERS'				3	.5	.0	
EQUITY	1,347	801	39	4,239	(5,079)	1,347	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND			<del></del>	.,,	(5,515)		
STOCKHOLDERS'							

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# (Unaudited)

# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

	Nine months ended September 30, 2008					
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other ions)	Eliminations	Consolidated
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 121	\$ 23	\$ 11		\$ (210)	\$ 113
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Proceeds on disposal of fixed and intangible assets	_	_	_	3	_	3
Net cash proceeds from sale of operations	_	_	_	8	_	8
Additions to fixed assets	_	_	(5)	(61)	_	(66)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(2)	· —		(13)	_	(15)
Investments in associates	_	_		(31)	_	(31)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	_	_		3	_	3
Net cash used in investing activities	(2)	_	(5)	(91)	_	(98)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Proceeds from draw down of revolving credit facility	_	_	120	_	_	120
Repurchase of shares	(75)	· —		_	_	(75)
Proceeds from issue of shares	8	_		_	_	8
Amounts owed by and to Group undertakings	56	141	(199)	2	_	_
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	_	_	-	5	_	5
Dividends paid	(109)	(164	) —	(46)	210	(109)
Net cash used in financing activities	(120)	(23	(79)	(39)	210	(51)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1)		(73)	38		(36)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	_	_	(8)	_	(8)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1	_	- 73	126	_	200
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ —	\$ -	\$ —	\$ 156	\$ —	\$ 156

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

	Nine months ended September 30, 2007						
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer (mill		Eliminations	Consolidated	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 544	\$ 2,413			(3,047)	\$ 233	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds on disposal of fixed and intangible assets	_	_	_	21	_	21	
Additions to fixed assets	_	_	(10)	(125)	_	(135)	
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(36)	_	_	(40)	_	(76)	
Investments in associates	_	_	_	(1)	_	(1)	
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	_	_	_	12	_	12	
Net cash used in investing activities	(36)		(10)	(133)		(179)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Repayments of debt	_	_	(200)	_	_	(200)	
Senior notes issued, net of debt issuance costs	_	_	594	_	_	594	
Repurchase of shares	(457)	_	_	_	_	(457)	
Proceeds from issue of shares	17	_	_	3	_	20	
Amounts owed by and to Group undertakings	38	394	(507)		_	_	
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	_	_	_	8	_	8	
Dividends paid	(107)	(2,872)		(175)	3,047	(107)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(509)	(2,478)	(113)	(89)	3,047	(142)	
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1)	(65)	16	(38)		(88)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	_	_	10	_	10	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	2	65	46	175	_	288	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 62	\$ 147	\$ —	\$ 210	

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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## 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES

The Company filed a shelf registration on Form S-3 on June 21, 2006 under which Willis Group Holdings may offer debt securities, preferred stock, common stock and other securities. In addition, Trinity Acquisition Limited may offer debt securities ("the Subsidiary Debt Securities"). The Subsidiary Debt Securities, if issued, will be guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries.

Presented below is condensed consolidating financial information for: i) Willis Group Holdings, which will be a guarantor, on a parent company only basis; ii) the Other Guarantors, which are all wholly owned subsidiaries of the parent; iii) the Issuer, Trinity Acquisition Limited; iv) Other, which are the non-guarantor subsidiaries, on a combined basis; v) Eliminations; and vi) Consolidated Company and subsidiaries. The equity method has been used for all investments in subsidiaries.

The entities included in the Other Guarantors column at September 30, 2008 are TA I Limited, TA II Limited and TA III Limited.

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Three months ended September 30, 2008						
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	
REVENUES			(millions)				
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 556	\$ —	\$ 556	
Investment income	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	— —	88	(66)	22	
Other income	<u> </u>	_	_	1	<del>-</del>	1	
Total revenues				645	(66)	579	
EXPENSES			-	045	(00)	373	
Salaries and benefits	<u>_</u>	_	_	(361)	2	(359)	
Other operating				(501)	-	(555)	
expenses	(6)	_	12	(138)	1	(131)	
Depreciation expense	` ,			` '		,	
and amortization of							
intangible assets	_	_	_	(17)	(3)	(20)	
Net loss on disposal of					.,		
operations	_	_	_	(3)	_	(3)	
Total expenses	(6)		12	(519)		(513)	
OPERATING (LOSS)							
INCOME	(6)	_	12	126	(66)	66	
Investment income	`,						
from Group							
undertakings	37	31	20	67	(155)	_	
Interest expense	_	(8)	10	(159)	125	(32)	
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES, INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY INTEREST	31	23	42	34	(96)	34	
Income taxes		1	(5)	(10)	12	(2)	
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY		<u>.</u>	(4)	(10)	11	(2)	
INTEREST	31	24	37	24	(84)	32	
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES, NET OF TAX				6		6	
MINORITY INTEREST,	_	_	_	Ö	_	Ö	
NET OF TAX	<u></u>	_	_	<u></u>	(2)	(2)	
EQUITY ACCOUNT	<del>_</del>		<del>-</del>	<del>_</del>	(2)	(2)	
FOR SUBSIDIARIES	5	(34)	(33)	_	62	_	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 36	\$ (10)	\$ 4	\$ 30	\$ (24)	\$ 36	
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# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Three months ended September 30, 2007					
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
DEVENTUE			(millions)			
REVENUES	ф	¢	¢	¢ 540	¢.	¢ 540
Commissions and fees	\$ — —	\$ — —	\$ — —	\$ 542 54	\$ — (29)	\$ 542 25
Investment income				54 7	` '	25 7
Other income						
Total revenues				603	(29)	574
EXPENSES						
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(357)	5	(352)
Other operating						
expenses	(1)	_	(1)	(130)	16	(116)
Depreciation expense						
and amortization of						
intangible assets	=	=	=	(15)	(1)	(16)
Gain on disposal of						
London headquarters	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	3	<u> </u>	3
Total expenses	(1)		(1)	(499)	20	(481)
OPERATING (LOSS)						
INCOME	(1)	_	(1)	104	(9)	93
Investment income	( )		· · ·		(-)	
from Group						
undertakings	425	1,352	490	791	(3,058)	_
Interest expense	(2)	(3)	(9)	(95)	92	(17)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES, INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY INTEREST	422	1,349	480	800	(2,975)	76
	422				(2,973)	
Income taxes		1	(13)	(37)	3/	(12)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY						
INTEREST	422	1,350	467	763	(2,938)	64
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES, NET						
OF TAX	_	_	_	5	_	5
MINORITY INTEREST,						
NET OF TAX	_	=	<u> </u>	_	(2)	(2)
EQUITY ACCOUNT						
FOR SUBSIDIARIES	(355)	(1,879)	(978)		3,212	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 67	\$ (529)	\$ (511)	\$ 768	\$ 272	\$ 67

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Willis Group The Other		Nine months ended Septen			
	Holdings	Guarantors	The Issuer (millions)	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES			(minions)			
Commissions and fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,969	\$ —	\$ 1,969
Investment income	_	_	_	265	(201)	64
Other income	_	_	_	2	`	2
Total revenues				2,236	(201)	2,035
EXPENSES		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			(===)	
Salaries and benefits	_	_	<u> </u>	(1,205)	7	(1,198)
Other operating				(1,200)	,	(1,130)
expenses	(9)	_	12	(439)	15	(421)
Depreciation expense	(5)		+-	(100)	15	( == 1)
and amortization of						
intangible assets	_	_	<u> </u>	(45)	(8)	(53)
Gain on disposal of				(10)	(0)	(55)
London headquarters	_	_	_	8	_	8
Net loss on disposal of				0		0
operations	_	_	_	(3)	_	(3)
Total expenses	(9)		12	(1,684)	14	(1,667)
OPERATING (LOSS)	(3)		14	(1,004)	14	(1,007)
	(0)		10	550	(107)	200
INCOME Investment income	(9)	_	12	552	(187)	368
from Group	120	F0	00	100	(470)	
undertakings	129	58	99	192	(478) 426	(60)
Interest expense	(1)	(24)	(8)	(462)	426	(69)
INCOME BEFORE						
INCOME TAXES,						
INTEREST IN						
EARNINGS OF						
ASSOCIATES AND						
MINORITY						
INTEREST	119	34	103	282	(239)	299
Income taxes		6	(53)	(11)	(16)	(74)
INCOME BEFORE						
INTEREST IN						
EARNINGS OF						
ASSOCIATES AND						
MINORITY						
INTEREST	119	40	50	271	(255)	225
INTEREST IN						
EARNINGS OF						
ASSOCIATES, NET						
OF TAX	_	_	_	29	_	29
MINORITY INTEREST,						
NET OF TAX	_	_		(3)	(10)	(13)
EQUITY ACCOUNT						
FOR SUBSIDIARIES	122	58	70		(250)	_
NET INCOME	\$ 241	\$ 98	\$ 120	\$ 297	\$ (515)	\$ 241

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2007					
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
DELIENHIEC .			(millions)			
REVENUES	ф	ф	<b>#</b>	ф. 4.0F2	Φ.	Ф 1.052
Commissions and fees Investment income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,853 148	\$ — (76)	\$ 1,853 72
Other income	_	_	_	140	(76)	14
Total revenues				2,015	(76)	1,939
EXPENSES						
Salaries and benefits	_	_	_	(1,102)	13	(1,089)
Other operating	(4)		(2)	(200)	20	(2.41)
expenses	(1)	_	(3)	(366)	29	(341)
Depreciation expense and amortization of intangible assets	_	_	_	(41)	(8)	(49)
Gain on disposal of				(12)	(0)	(13)
London headquarters	_	_	_	9	_	9
Total expenses	(1)		(3)	(1,500)	34	(1,470)
OPERATING (LOSS)	(1)		(3)	(1,500)		(1,4/0)
INCOME	(1)	_	(3)	515	(42)	469
Investment income	(1)	_	(3)	515	(42)	409
from Group						
undertakings	552	1,353	570	996	(3,471)	_
Interest expense	(7)	(5)	(26)	(302)	292	(48)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES, INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY INTEREST	544	1,348	541	1,209	(3,221)	421
Income taxes	_	1	(30)	(105)	18	(116)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND MINORITY						
INTEREST	544	1,349	511	1,104	(3,203)	305
INTEREST IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES, NET						
OF TAX				20		20
MINORITY INTEREST, NET OF TAX	_	_	_	(2)	(9)	(11)
EQUITY ACCOUNT FOR SUBSIDIARIES	(230)	(2,102)	(1,235)	_	3,567	
			* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	\$ 1,122		\$ 314
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 314	\$ (753)	\$ (724)	\$ 1,122	\$ 355	\$ 314

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

<del>-</del>	As at September 30, 2008						
_	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	
ASSETS			(millions)				
ASSE15							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 156	\$ —	\$ 156	
Fiduciary funds—restricted	_	_	_	1,699	_	1,699	
Short-term investments	_	_	_	35	_	35	
Accounts receivable	455	107	1,804	16,083	(8,512)	9,937	
Fixed assets	_	_	_	312	1	313	
Goodwill	_	_	_	143	1,520	1,663	
Other intangible assets	_	_	_	66	<del>_</del>	66	
Investments in associates	_	_	_	288	(51)	237	
Pension benefits asset	_	_	_	487	<del>_</del>	487	
Other assets	<del>-</del>	8	<del>-</del>	465	(105)	368	
Equity accounted subsidiaries	1,026	1,244	492	5,312	(8,074)	_	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,359	\$ 2,296	\$ 25,046	\$ (15,221)	\$ 14,961	
LIABILITIES AND							
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Accounts payable	\$ 36	\$ 925	\$ 822	\$ 17,920	\$ (8,546)	\$ 11,157	
Deferred revenue and accrued							
expenses	2	_	_	287	4	293	
Net deferred tax liabilities	_	_	_	(16)	55	39	
Income taxes payable	_	_	90	31	(91)	30	
Long-term debt	_	_	_	1,370	_	1,370	
Liability for pension benefits	_	_	_	46	_	46	
Other liabilities	39	_	_	482	55	576	
Total liabilities	77	925	912	20,120	(8,523)	13,511	
MINORITY INTEREST				3	43	46	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,404	434	1,384	4,923	(6,741)	1,404	
OTAL LIABILITIES AND	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	· ·		<u> </u>	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,359	\$ 2,296	\$ 25,046	\$ (15,221)	\$ 14,961	

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

_			As at December 31,	2007		
	Willis Group Holdings	The Other Guarantors	The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
_			(millions)			
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 199	\$ —	\$ 200
Fiduciary funds—restricted	_	_	_	1,520	_	1,520
Short-term investments	_	_	_	40	_	40
Accounts receivable	494	157	1,684	14,635	(8,729)	8,241
Fixed assets	_	_	_	315	_	315
Goodwill	_	_	<del>-</del>	186	1,462	1,648
Other intangible assets	_	_	_	78	_	78
Investments in associates	_	_	_	241	(48)	193
Pension benefits asset	_	_	_	404	_	404
Other assets	2	2	_	257	48	309
Equity accounted subsidiaries	927	1,486	773	5,428	(8,614)	_
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,645	\$ 2,457	\$ 23,303	\$ (15,881)	\$ 12,948
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Accounts payable	\$ 37	\$ 844	\$ 806	\$ 16,289	\$ (8,711)	\$ 9,265
Deferred revenue and accrued	Ψ 3,	ψ 0++	\$ 555	Ψ 10,203	Ψ (0,711)	Ψ 3,200
expenses	1	_	_	383	4	388
Net deferred tax liabilities	_	_	_	(54)	59	500
Income taxes payable	_	_	36	15	(8)	43
Long-term debt	_	_	=	1,250	_	1,250
Liability for pension benefits	_	_	<u> </u>	43	_	43
Other liabilities	39	_	_	468	52	559
Total liabilities	77	844	842	18,394	(8,604)	11,553
MINORITY INTEREST	_	_		3	45	48
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,347	801	1,615	4,906	(7,322)	1,347
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND			· .			
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,645	\$ 2,457	\$ 23,303	\$ (15,881)	\$ 12,948

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# (Unaudited)

# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

			Nine	months ended	September 30,	ember 30, 2008				
	Willis Grou Holdings	The Ot Guaran		The Issuer	Other	Eliminations	Conso	lidated		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 12	1 \$	34	(mill	,	\$ (210)	) \$	113		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES										
Proceeds on disposal of fixed and intangible assets	-	-	_	_	3	_		3		
Net cash proceeds from sale of operations	_	-	_	_	8	_		8		
Additions to fixed assets	-	-	_	_	(66)	_		(66)		
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(	2)	_	_	(13)	_		(15)		
Investments in associates	-	-	_	_	(31)	_		(31)		
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	_	_	_	_	3	_		3		
Net cash used in investing activities	(	2)	_		(96)	_		(98)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES										
Proceeds from draw down of revolving credit facility	-	-	_	_	120	_		120		
Repurchase of shares	(7	5)	_	_	_	_		(75)		
Proceeds from issue of shares		3	_	_	_	_		8		
Amounts owed by and to Group undertakings	5	ŝ	130	(104)	(82)	_		_		
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	_	-	_	_	5	_		5		
Dividends paid	(10	9) (	164)	_	(46)	210		(109)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(12	0)	(34)	(104)	(3)	210		(51)		
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(	1)	_		(35)			(36)		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	-	_	_	(8)	_		(8)		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		1	_	_	199	_		200		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ -	- \$	_	\$ —	\$ 156	\$ —	\$	156		

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# (Unaudited)

# 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENT GUARANTOR, OTHER GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

# **Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

			Nin	e month	s ended S	September 30,	2007		
	Willis C Holdi		The Other Guarantors	The I	ccuer	Other	Eliminations	Conso	hated
		ings	Guarantors	THE	(millio		Emiliations	Conso	nuaccu
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	544	\$ 1,349	\$	540	\$ 847	\$ (3,047)	) \$	233
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES									
Proceeds on disposal of fixed and intangible assets		_	_		_	21	_		21
Additions to fixed assets		_	_		_	(135)	_		(135)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired		(36)	_		_	(40)	_		(76)
Investments in associates		_	_		_	(1)	_		(1)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments		_	_		_	12	_		12
Net cash used in investing activities		(36)	_			(143)			(179)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES									
Repayments of debt		_	_		_	(200)	_		(200)
Senior notes issued, net of debt issuance costs		_	_		_	594	_		594
Repurchase of shares		(457)	_		_	_	_		(457)
Amounts owed by and to Group undertakings		38	103		(90)	(51)	_		_
Proceeds from issue of shares		17	_		_	3	_		20
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		_	_		_	8	_		8
Dividends paid		(107)	(1,452	)	(450)	(1,145)	3,047		(107)
Net cash used in financing activities		(509)	(1,349	)	(540)	(791)	3,047		(142)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(1)	_			(87)	_		(88)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		_	_		_	10	_		10
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		2	_		_	286	_		288
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	1	\$ —	\$		\$ 209	\$ —	\$	210

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

# 14. ACQUISITION OF HILB ROGAL & HOBBS COMPANY ("HRH")

On October 1, 2008, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company ("HRH"), the eighth largest insurance and risk management intermediary in the United States.

Total consideration paid by the Company was approximately \$1.7 billion, which comprised approximately 24.4 million shares of common stock valued at \$773 million and \$942 million of cash. The total purchase price of approximately \$2.1 billion included the assumption of approximately \$400 million of HRH existing debt.

The Company funded the transaction on October 1, 2008 with \$1.0 billion from a 364-day interim credit facility and \$525 million from a \$700 million 5-year term loan facility. In addition, the Company repaid the \$170 million on the existing revolving credit facility and replaced this with a new \$300 million facility, all of which remains available to draw. Over time, the Company plans to repurchase the majority of the shares issued in connection with the merger under its existing \$1 billion buyback authorization.

# Item 2—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This discussion includes references to non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G of SEC rules. We present such non-GAAP financial measures, as we believe such information is of interest to the investment community because it provides additional meaningful methods of evaluating certain aspects of the Company's operating performance from period to period on a basis that may not be otherwise apparent on a GAAP basis. These financial measures should be viewed in addition to, not in lieu of, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008.

This discussion includes forward-looking statements, including under the heading "Summary—2008 Expense Review" and "—Financial Targets". Please see "Information Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" for certain cautionary information regarding forward-looking statements and a list of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted in the forward-looking statements.

#### SUMMARY

#### Overview

The difficult market conditions in 2007 have continued into 2008 with further rate decreases across most sectors of the market in which we operate. We believe premium rate declines averaged approximately 10 percent in North America and elsewhere during third quarter 2008.

In the reinsurance market, we continue to see a combination of declining rates and high retentions at the primary underwriter level.

Despite these difficult trading conditions, we reported 2 percent organic commissions and fee growth for third quarter 2008 and 3 percent for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, mainly reflecting growth in our International and Global Specialties operations.

Operating margin for third quarter 2008 was 11 percent, compared with 16 percent in third quarter 2007 and included a negative 3 percentage point impact from foreign exchange. Operating margin for the nine months ending September 30, 2008 was 18 percent, compared with 24 percent in 2007, of which 5 percentage points were attributable to charges for our 2008 expense review, described below.

### Market outlook

It is possible that the market may harden in 2009 as insurers seek higher premiums to cover a combination of weak investment returns,

41 significant losses in 2008 and three years of soft market underwriting.

However, this may be offset in whole or in part by potential changes in the buying behavior of some of our clients as their businesses suffer from the current global market uncertainty. In particular, financial institutions, construction, aviation, and logistics businesses such as marine cargo are most likely to be affected. Further, the global economic activity is also negatively affecting some of the international economies that have supported the strong growth in our International operations. Our employee benefits practice may also be adversely affected as businesses continue to downsize during this period of economic turmoil.

Results for third quarter 2008

Net income in third quarter 2008 was \$36 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, compared with \$67 million, or \$0.46 per diluted share, in 2007 as the benefits of increased revenues and a lower tax rate were more than offset by a \$0.09 per diluted share adverse impact from foreign exchange and integration and financing costs of \$10 million (\$7 million, or \$0.05 per diluted share, after tax) associated with the acquisition of HRH.

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Total revenues at \$579 million for third quarter 2008 were \$5 million, or 1 percent, higher than in third quarter 2007 of which 1 percent was attributable to foreign currency translation. Organic revenue growth was 2 percent reflecting net new business growth of 5 percent and a 3 percent negative impact from declining rates and other market factors.

Operating margin at 11 percent in third quarter 2008 was 5 percentage points lower than in 2007 with the decrease mainly reflecting:

- a negative 3 percentage point impact from foreign exchange movements;
- our continued investments in targeted new hires and Shaping our Future initiatives;
- · lower investment income and other income; and
- \$3 million loss on the disposal of a small US operation;

#### partly offset by

- increased productivity, with revenues per full time employee increasing to \$189,000 on a trailing 12 month basis compared with \$186,000 in full year 2007; and
- good cost control, the realization of savings from last year's Shaping our Future initiatives, and lower pension costs.

A combination of factors, including a reduction in the UK corporate tax rate and a change in our expected full year geographical mix of profits, enabled us to reduce our expected effective tax rate, excluding the tax effects of the disposal of our London headquarters and the HRH acquisition that closed October 1, 2008, to 27 percent for the full year compared with 30 percent in 2007.

Results for the nine months ended September 30, 2008

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$241 million, or \$1.70 per diluted share, compared with \$314 million, or \$2.12 per diluted share, in 2007. Total revenues at \$2,035 million were \$96 million, or 5 percent, higher than in 2007 of which 3 percent was attributable to foreign currency translation. Organic revenue growth was

42 3 percent which primarily reflected growth in our International and Global Specialties businesses.

Operating margin at 18 percent for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 6 percentage points lower than in 2007, with the decrease mainly attributable to the \$95 million charge for the 2008 expense review. Increased costs relating to new hires and other initiatives, together with higher property costs related to our new London and New York offices, were largely offset by savings from last year's Shaping our Future initiatives, a lower pension cost and good expense control.

2008 expense review

Our Shaping our Future strategy is a series of initiatives designed to deliver profitable growth. As previously announced, we decided:

to invest in further key hires and initiatives in 2008 and 2009;

and, in order to fund a portion of these initiatives,

to conduct a thorough review in 2008 of all businesses to identify additional opportunities to rationalize our expense base.

In the nine months to September 30, 2008, we incurred a pre-tax charge of \$95 million (\$68 million net of tax, equivalent to \$0.47 per diluted share) comprising:

- \$42 million to buy out remuneration packages that no longer align with the Group's overall remuneration strategy;
- \$24 million of severance costs relating to approximately 350 positions which have been, or are in the process of being, eliminated; and
- \$29 million of other operating expenses, including property and systems rationalization costs

In light of the current global economic uncertainty, we are vigorously reviewing our cost base but do not currently anticipate further charges in connection with this ongoing review. We now expect that the 2008 charges above, together with the benefits of the ongoing review, will lead to 2009 cost savings in excess of the \$45 million to \$55 million originally estimated.

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These savings are in addition to the anticipated annualized net benefit from the 2006 Shaping our Future charges which are currently estimated to be approximately \$30 million in 2008 and \$45 million by 2009.

#### Acquisitions

On October 1, 2008, we completed the acquisition of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company ("HRH"), the eighth largest insurance and risk management intermediary in the United States.

Total consideration paid by Willis was approximately \$1.7 billion, which comprised approximately 24.4 million shares of common stock valued at \$773 million and \$942 million of cash. The total purchase price of approximately \$2.1 billion included the assumption of approximately \$400 million of HRH existing debt.

The funding of the HRH transaction is discussed in "Cash and Financing" below.

#### Financial taraets

2008 targets: Our previous financial targets for 2008 assumed that the HRH acquisition would close on December 31, 2008. Consequently, our previously stated financial guidance has been revised. Our revised financial targets for 2008, which include HRH's anticipated results with effect from October 1, 2008, are:

- an adjusted operating margin (operating margin excluding net gains and losses on disposals and other one-time items) of approximately 22 percent excluding any impact from foreign exchange in the fourth quarter; and
- adjusted diluted earnings per share (diluted earnings per share excluding net gains and losses on disposals and other one-time items) in the range of \$2.60-\$2.70 excluding any impact from foreign exchange in the fourth quarter.

2009 and 2010 targets: In light of the current uncertainty in the global economy, we are reviewing our previously stated financial targets for 2009 and 2010.

While we hope to reaffirm these targets, the potential impact of the global uncertainty

on current insurance pricing and on the buying decisions of clients cannot be predicted at this time. In addition, our previously stated earnings per share targets for 2009 and 2010 assumed that we would be able to raise long term debt financing at interest rates below those currently available in the market, and of sufficient amount to enable us to buy back the majority of the shares issued in connection with the HRH acquisition. The timing, amount and cost of any long term debt financing is currently uncertain. However, we expect our future results to benefit from higher than expected HRH transaction synergies.

We expect to update financial targets for 2009 and 2010 when we release our full year 2008 results.

#### Share buybacks

On November 1, 2007, the Board authorized a new share buyback program for \$1 billion. This replaced our previous \$1 billion buyback program and its remaining \$308 million authorization.

In first half 2008, we repurchased 2.3 million shares at a cost of \$75 million under the new authorization. There were no share buybacks in third quarter 2008 and we do not expect to do any share buybacks in fourth quarter 2008.

#### Cash and financing

Cash at September 30, 2008 was \$156 million; \$44 million lower than at December 31, 2007. Net cash from operating activities of \$113 million and a net \$120 million drawdown on our revolving credit facility, together with a net \$19 million benefit from other smaller cash flows less the impact of foreign exchange, were used to fund: share buybacks of \$75 million; dividend payments of \$109 million; fixed asset additions of \$66 million of which \$39 million related to our new London headquarters building; and acquisitions of \$46 million.

Total long-term debt at September 30, 2008 was \$1,370 million (December 31, 2007: \$1,250 million) and total stockholders' equity was \$1,404 million (December 31, 2007: \$1,347 million) giving a capitalization ratio (total long-term debt to total long-term debt and

stockholders' equity) of 49 percent at September 30, 2008 compared with 48 percent at December 31, 2007.

On October 1, 2008, we funded the HRH acquisition with \$1.0 billion from a 364-day interim credit facility and \$525 million from a \$700 million 5-year term loan facility. In addition, we repaid the outstanding balance on our existing revolving credit facility and replaced this with a new \$300 million line of credit. Total long-term debt as of October 1, 2008 was \$2,725 million.

We had expected to replace the \$1 billion interim credit facility in the very near term by issuing new debt in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion. However, given the current uncertainty in the capital markets, this may not be possible.

In the event that we cannot access the debt markets or can only raise a portion of the \$1 billion required to refinance the interim bridge facility, we anticipate that we will be able to repay all or some portion of the bridge facility from a combination of:

- drawing down the remaining \$475 million available under our new 5 year facilities;
- anticipated post dividend cash flows of approximately \$400 million that we expect to generate in the next twelve months; and
- existing cash on hand of approximately \$150 million at September 30, 2008.

We provide a broad range of insurance brokerage and risk management consulting services to our worldwide clients.

Our core Global businesses include Aerospace; Energy; Marine; Construction; Financial and Executive Risks; Fine Art, Jewelry and Specie; Special Contingency Risks; and Reinsurance. Our North America and International retail businesses provide services to small, medium and major corporate clients, accessing Global's specialist expertise when required.

In our capacity as an advisor and insurance broker, we act as an intermediary between our clients and insurance carriers by advising our clients on their risk management requirements,

BUSINESS In addition, we hope to realize gross proceeds of approximately \$150 million from the sale of AND small non-core businesses.

MARKET

Over time, we also plan to repurchase the majority of the shares issued in connection with the merger under our existing \$1 billion buyback authorization.

London headquarters

We completed the move from Ten Trinity Square into our new London headquarters on Lime Street in April 2008. We entered into an agreement to lease the Lime Street building in November 2004, and took control of the building in June 2007, under a 25 year lease. Annual rentals are \$39 million per year and we have subleased or agreed to sublease approximately 25 percent of the site under leases with terms up to 15 years. The outstanding contractual obligation for lease rentals at September 30, 2008 was \$824 million and the amounts receivable from committed subleases were \$132 million.

In Mumbai, we are reaching capacity (approximately 1,000 staff) at our current site as we continue to move systems and back office processing there. Consequently, on July 25, 2008 we signed a 9 year lease for a second Mumbai site with annual lease rentals of \$1 million. We expect the new site to be operational by early 2009 and provide capacity for approximately 600 staff.

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helping clients determine the best means of managing risk, and negotiating and placing insurance risk with insurance carriers through our global distribution network.

We derive most of our revenues from commissions and fees for brokerage and consulting services and we do not determine the insurance premiums on which our commissions are generally based.

From 2000 through 2003 we benefited from a hard market with premium rates stable or increasing

During 2004, we saw a rapid transition from a hard market to a soft market, with premium rates falling in most markets. The soft market continued through 2005 and 2006 with rates declining in most sectors, with the exception of catastrophe exposed markets.

In 2007, the market softened further and this has continued into 2008 with year on year premium rate decreases averaging approximately 10 percent in North America and elsewhere.

#### Revenues

	Three i			C	hange attributable to	o:
	2008	September 30,		Foreign currency translation	Acquisitions and disposals	Organic revenue growth <sup>(ii)</sup>
Global	\$ 159	\$ 161	(1)%	%	1%	(2)%
North America	175	180	(3)%	%	(1)%	(2)%
International	222	201	10%	1%	(1)%	10%
Commissions and fees	556	542	3%	1%	%	2%
Investment income	22	25	(12)%			
Other income <sup>(i)</sup>	1	7	(86)%			
Total revenues	\$ 579	\$ 574	1%			

		Nine m end Septeml	ed		%		ge attributable t Acquisitions and	Organic revenue
	2	800		2007 <sup>(i)</sup>	change	translation	disposals	growth <sup>(ii)</sup>
Global	\$	(millio 627	ons) \$	608	3%	3%	%	%
North America		559		558	%	%	%	%
International		783		687	14%	6%	%	8%
Commissions and fees		1,969		1,853	6%	3%	<u> </u>	3%
Investment income		64		72	(11)%			
Other income <sup>(i)</sup>		2		14	(86)%			
Total revenues	\$	2,035	\$	1,939	5%			

<sup>(</sup>i) Other income represents gains on disposals of intangible assets, including books of business. Prior to January 1, 2008 these gains were reported within total commissions and fees. As a result of this change, \$5 million of income previously reported as North America commissions and fees and \$2 million previously reported as International commissions and fees in third quarter 2007 has been transferred to other income (\$12 million and \$2 million respectively for the nine months ended September 30, 2007).

Third quarter 2008 total revenues of \$579 million were \$5 million, or 1 percent, higher than in 2007, organic commissions and fees growth of 2 percent and a 1 percent benefit from foreign currency translation were offset by lower investment income, reflecting lower interest rates, and a \$6 million reduction in other income, as fewer books of business were sold.

Total revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 at \$2,035 million were \$96 million or 5 percent higher than 2007, of which 3 percent was attributable to foreign currency translation and 3 percent to organic revenue growth. These increases were partly offset by lower investment income and other income.

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<sup>(</sup>ii) Organic revenue growth excludes the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and disposals, investment income and other income from reported revenues. We use organic growth as a measure of business growth generated by operations that were part of the Group at the end of the period. Our method of calculating this measure may differ from that used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

Our International and Global operations earn a significant portion of their revenues in currencies and other than the US dollar. In both the three and nine months to September 30, 2008, reported revenues have benefited from the effect of foreign currency translation, in particular due to the year on year weakening of the dollar against the Euro, compared with 2007. However, in our Global operations, the revenue line benefit of the stronger Euro in third quarter 2008 was offset by sterling weakening against the dollar during the quarter.

Investment income was \$22 million for third quarter 2008, \$3 million lower than in 2007, and \$64 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, \$8 million lower than in 2007, with the decreases reflecting the lower average interest rates in 2008.

Organic revenue growth was 2 percent in third quarter 2008 and 3 percent for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 reflecting:

 net new business growth of 5 percent for both the three and nine months ending September 30, 2008 which comprised good

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growth in our International and Global Specialties businesses offset by lower revenues in North America and Reinsurance. Net new business growth also included the benefit of our Shaping our Future growth initiatives and a 1 percentage point improvement in client retention rates to 91 percent for the first nine months of 2008 compared with 90 percent for full year 2007;

### partly offset by

a negative 3 percent impact from premium rates and other market factors for third quarter 2008 and a negative 2 percent impact for the nine months ending September 30, 2008. The impact of significant rate decreases in both periods has been tempered by the benefit of other market factors, including higher commission rates, client profitability analyses, higher insured values and changes in limits or exposures.

Organic revenue growth by segment is discussed further in "Operating Results—Segment Information" below.

#### administrative expenses

	ended					Mille III	onus	
		end						
		Septemb	ber 30,			Septeml	ber 30,	
	2	800	2	007		2008		2007
	(millions, except percentages)						,	
Salaries and benefits	\$	359	\$	352	\$	1,198	\$	1,089
Other		131		116		421		341
General and administrative expenses	\$	490	\$	468	\$	1,619	\$	1,430
Salaries and benefits as a percentage of revenues		62%		61%		59%		56%
Other as percentage of revenues	23% 20%			21%		18%		
	_		_		_			

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Third quarter 2008

General and administrative expenses at \$490 million for third quarter 2008 were \$22 million, or 5 percent, higher than in 2007 of which 3 percent was attributable to foreign currency translation.

Salaries and benefits were 62 percent of third quarter 2008 revenues, compared with 61 percent in 2007, with the increase reflecting:

continued hiring in targeted development areas including selected US regions; targeted

International growth areas such as Spain, Italy, Denmark and Brazil; and a number of our London specialty businesses;

### partly offset by

- increased productivity: for the twelve months ended September 30, 2008 average revenues at constant exchange rates per full-time employee were approximately \$189,000 compared with \$186,000 for full year 2007;
- lower incentive compensation;

- the benefits of cost controls and previous Shaping our Future initiatives; and
- a \$5 million reduction in pension charges. This decrease was mainly attributable to an
  increase in the expected return on assets in the UK pension plan reflecting higher asset
  levels due to the significant additional contributions we have made from 2007 to date.

Other expenses were 23 percent of revenues in third quarter 2008 compared with 20 percent in 2007, with the increase largely due to a loss on foreign exchange.

The foreign exchange loss primarily related to the revaluation of our UK pension benefits asset. This asset is a sterling denominated asset but a portion of the asset is held within our UK London Market trading company, which is a US dollar denominated company for accounting purposes. As the dollar strengthened significantly against sterling during the third quarter, the revaluation of the sterling pension benefits asset gave rise to a foreign exchange loss.

We have a program that hedges our sterling cash outflows from the London Market trading company, as part of which we hedge the sterling denominated cash contributions into the UK pension plan. However, we do not hedge against the pension benefits asset or liability recognized for accounting purposes.

Nine months ended September 30, 2008

General and administrative expenses at \$1,619 million for the nine months to September 30, 2008 were \$189 million, or 13 percent, higher than in 2007 of which \$95 million was attributable to the charge for the 2008 expense review discussed above, equivalent to 5 percentage points, of which \$66 million related to salaries and benefits and \$29 million to other expenses.

Salaries and benefits were 59 percent of 2008 revenues, compared with 56 percent in 2007, with the increase reflecting:

 \$42 million to buy out remuneration packages that no longer align with the Group's overall 47 remuneration strategy, equivalent to approximately 2 percentage points;

- \$24 million of severance costs, equivalent to approximately 1 percentage point, relating
  to approximately 350 positions that have been, or are in the process of being, eliminated
  as part of the 2008 expense review; and
- continued hiring in targeted development areas;

### partly offset by

- increased productivity;
- benefits of cost controls and previous Shaping our Future initiatives; and
- a \$12 million reduction in pension charges. This decrease was mainly attributable to an
  increase in the expected return on assets in the UK pension plan reflecting higher asset
  levels due to the significant additional contributions we made in 2007 and 2008.

Other expenses were 21 percent of revenues in 2008 compared with 18 percent in 2007, with the increase mainly reflecting:

- \$29 million of costs relating to the 2008 expense review, equivalent to 1 percentage point, including property and systems rationalization costs;
- an adverse impact from foreign currency translation, equivalent to approximately 1 percentage point; and
- an additional \$19 million in rental expense, mainly relating to our new London headquarters;

### partly offset by

the benefits of our continued focus on cost control.

Operating income and margin (operating income as a percentage of revenues)

						onths	
	end	ed					
	Septeml	ber 30,	,		Septem		
2	800	2	007	2008			2007
	(millions, except percentages)						
\$	579	\$	574	\$	2,035	\$	1,939
	66		93		368		469
	11%		16%	Ď	18%		24%
	\$	September   2008     579   66	September 30   2008   2   (r	September 30,       2008     2007       (millions, 6)     574       66     93		Septem   30,   Septem	eended September 30,           2008         2007         2008           (millions, except percentages)           \$ 579         \$ 574         \$ 2,035         \$           66         93         368

Third quarter 2008

Operating margin at 11 percent in third quarter 2008 was 5 percentage points lower than in 2007 with the decrease mainly reflecting:

- a negative 3 percentage point impact from foreign exchange movements as discussed in "General and Administrative expenses" above;
- · our continued investments in targeted new hires and Shaping our Future initiatives; and
- · lower investment income;

partly offset by

 increased productivity, with revenues at constant exchange rates per full time employee increasing to \$189,000 on a trailing 12 month basis compared with \$186,000 in full year 2007; and

Depreciation and amortization for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2008 was \$4 million higher than each period in 2007. This increase included \$2 million attributable to the accelerated amortization of an intangible asset relating to a subsidiary's trading name following a decision to cease using it.

Interest expense for third quarter 2008 was \$15 million higher than in 2007 and \$21 million higher for the nine months to September 30, 2008. These increases reflect the 2008 amortization of fees for our new facilities connected with the HRH acquisition and higher average debt levels in 2008.

good cost control, the realization of savings from last year's Shaping our Future initiatives, and lower pension costs.

Operating segment margins are discussed in "Operating Results—Segment Information" below.

Nine months ended September 30, 2008

Operating margin at 18 percent for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 6 percentage points lower than in 2007, with the decrease mainly attributable to the \$95 million charge for the 2008 expense review. Increased costs relating to new hires and other initiatives, together with higher property costs were largely offset by savings from last year's Shaping our Future initiatives, a lower pension cost and good expense control.

### Depreciation and amortization

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In connection with the acquisition of HRH, we expect our annual charge for the amortization of \_intangibles to increase by approximately \$80 million.

In third quarter 2008 we amortized \$9 million of acquisition-related facility fees, comprising \$7 million for the underwriting of the \$1 billion interim facility, and \$2 million relating to the term loan fees which are being amortized over 5 years. A further \$3 million relating to the bridge facility will be expensed in fourth quarter 2008.

# Income taxes

	Three m		Nine mo	
	ende	d	ende	d
	Septemb	er 30,	Septemb	er 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(mi	lions, except	percentages	)
Income before taxes	\$ 34	\$ 76	\$299	\$421
Income taxes	2	12	74	116
Effective tax rate	6%	16%	25%	28%

The effective tax rate in third quarter 2008 was 6 percent compared with 16 percent in 2007.

A combination of factors, including a reduction in the UK corporate rate from 30 percent to 28 percent (a blended rate of 28.5 percent applies for 2008) and a change in our expected full year geographical mix of profits in 2008, led to a reduction in our expected full year effective tax rate to 27 percent, excluding the tax effects of the disposal of our London headquarters and

Net income

and diluted the HRH acquisition. This compares to 30 percent in 2007 and the expected effective tax rate of
 earnings 28 percent for the first half of 2008. The third quarter therefore benefited from both the new
 per share lower rate and a catch-up relating to the first half of the year.

There was also a \$5 million benefit in third quarter 2008 relating to the resolution of prior period tax positions compared with a \$10 million benefit in third quarter 2007.

Nine months

		end	ed						
		Septeml	er 30,		September				
	2	2008 2007				2008		2007	
			(millio	ns, except	per sh	are data)			
Net income	\$	36	\$	67	\$	241	\$	314	
Earnings per diluted share	\$	0.25	\$	0.46	\$	1.70	\$	2.12	
Average diluted number of shares outstanding		142		145		142		148	

Third quarter 2008

Net income for third quarter 2008 was \$36 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, compared with \$67 million, or \$0.46 per diluted share in the same period 2007.

The year on year impact of foreign currency decreased third quarter earnings per diluted share by \$0.09 compared with 2007.

Nine months ended September 30, 2008

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$241 million, or \$1.70 per diluted share, compared with \$314 million, or \$2.12 per diluted share in 2007.

Average diluted sharecount reduced from 148 million in 2007 to 142 million in 2008 primarily reflecting the impact of the 11.5 million shares repurchased under accelerated share repurchase programs in first half 2007. After taking into account incremental funding costs, there was a \$0.05 benefit to diluted earnings per share from these share buybacks in 2008.

Foreign currency translation had a negligible year on year impact on diluted earnings per share for the first nine months of 2008.

# OPERATING RESULTS—SEGMENT INFORMATION

We organize our business into three segments: Global, North America and International. Our Global business provides specialist brokerage and consulting services to clients worldwide for risks arising from specific industries and activities. North America and International comprise our retail operations and provide

services to small, medium and major corporations.

The following table is a summary of our operating results by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:

	Thr Sep			ee mont tember 3				
	Revenues Income Margin (millions)			Operating Margin	Revenues (mill	Opera Inco ions)		Operating Margin
Global	\$ 167	\$	21	13%	\$ 173	\$	37	21%
North America	179		17 37	9%	190		32 27	17%
International Total Retail	233 412		54	16% 13%	401		59	13% 15%
Corporate & Other <sup>(ii)</sup>	_		(9)	n/a	_		(3)	n/a
Total Consolidated	\$ 579	\$	66	11%	\$ 574	\$	93	16%

		Nine mon Septembe				nths ended er 30, 2007 <sup>(i)</sup>	
	Revenues Operating Operating Income Margin (millions)		Revenues (millions)	Operating Income	Operating Margin		
Global	\$	651	\$ 212	33%	\$ 642	\$ 215	33%
North America		572	76	13%	585	103	18%
International		812	199	25%	712	157	22%
Total Retail		1,384	275	20%	1,297	260	20%
Corporate & Other <sup>(ii)</sup>		_	(119)	n/a	_	(6)	n/a
Total Consolidated	\$	2,035	\$ 368	18%	\$ 1,939	\$ 469	24%

<sup>(</sup>i) With effect from January 1, 2008, we changed the basis of segmental allocations for certain costs. In particular, all accounting adjustments for hedging transactions are now held at the Corporate level, together with certain legal costs. As a result of this change, an additional \$3 million net operating profit for third quarter 2007, previously reported within Corporate, has been allocated to the operating segments (\$9 million loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2007).

<sup>(</sup>ii) Corporate and Other includes the costs of the holding company; foreign exchange hedging activities; amortization of intangible assets; net gains and losses on disposal of operations and properties; certain legal costs; and, in nine months ended September 30, 2008, the \$95 million charge for the 2008 expense review and integration costs associated with the acquisition of HRH.

### Global

		Three mor ended September			Nine m end Septeml	led			
	2008 2007 (millions, except percentages)				 2008 (millions, excep		2007		
Commissions and fees	\$	159	\$	161	\$ 627	\$	608		
Investment income		8		12	24		34		
Total revenues	\$	167	\$	173	\$ 651	\$	642		
Operating income	\$	21	\$	37	\$ 212	\$	215		
Organic revenue growth <sup>(i)</sup>		(2)%		2%	(2)%		2%		
Operating margin		13%		21%	33%		33%		

(i) Organic revenue growth excludes the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and disposals, investment income and other income from reported revenues. We use organic growth as a measure of business growth generated by operations that were part of the Group at the end of the period. Our method of calculating this measure may differ from that used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

Our Global operations comprise Global Specialties and Reinsurance.

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Commissions and fees were \$2 million, or 1 percent lower, in third quarter 2008 compared with 2007. There was no net impact from foreign currency translation as a benefit from the Euro strengthening year on year against the dollar was offset by a negative impact attributable to sterling weakening against the dollar. Organic revenue growth was a negative 2 percent as the benefit of growth in Global Specialties was more than offset by lower commissions and fees in Reinsurance.

Global Specialties revenue growth reflected the benefit of good growth in Marine, Financial Institutions, Bloodstock, Jewelry, Specie and Global Markets and was achieved despite significant rate reductions.

Organic revenues in Reinsurance in third quarter 2008 were adversely impacted by a combination of declining rates and a reduction in amounts reinsured. We continue to make investments in Reinsurance to strengthen capital markets and analytics capabilities, which we believe will drive future growth opportunities.

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Commissions and fees were 3 percent higher in the nine months ending September 30, 2008 compared with 2007 of which 3 percent was attributable to foreign currency translation. Organic revenue growth was flat with growth in Global Specialties offset by negative growth in Reinsurance.

Client retention levels in Global were 90 percent for the first nine months of 2008 compared with 89 percent for full year 2007.

# Operating margin

Operating margin in our Global operations was 13 percent in third quarter 2008 compared with 21 percent in 2007 and was adversely impacted by the foreign exchange loss on the UK pension benefits asset, as discussed in "*General and administrative expenses*" above.

Operating margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 at 33 percent was in line with 2007 with the benefit of Shaping our Future initiatives and lower pension costs offset by further spend on targeted hires and strategic initiatives.

# North America

_	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,				
-					2008 2007 (millions, except percentages)			
	\$	175	\$	180	\$	559	\$	558
		3		5		11		15
		1		5		2		12
-	\$	179	\$	190	\$	572	\$	585
	\$	17	\$	32	\$	76	\$	103
		(2)%		2%		%		4%
		9%		17%		13%		18%

- (i) Other income represents gains on disposals of intangible assets, including books of business. Prior to January 1, 2008 these gains were reported within total commissions and fees but were excluded from organic revenue growth with effect from April 1, 2007. As a result of this change, \$5 million of income previously reported as North America commissions and fees in third quarter 2007, has been transferred to other income (\$12 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007).
- ii) Organic revenue growth excludes the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and disposals, investment income and other income from reported revenues. We use organic growth as a measure of business growth generated by operations that were part of the Group at the end of the period. Our method of calculating this measure may differ from that used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

#### Revenues

Organic revenue growth in third quarter 2008 was a negative 2 percent, reflecting the soft market conditions, and was flat for the nine months ending September 30, 2008.

New York, Boston, Chicago and Knoxville all generated growth in excess of 5 percent, however, several offices recorded significant declines in the difficult market conditions. Client retention levels improved to 91 percent for the nine months ending September 30, 2008, 3 percentage points higher than full year 2007 with good improvements in the Northeast, Central and Western regions.

# Operating margin

Operating margin at 9 percent in third quarter 2008 was 8 percentage points lower than in 2007 and for the first nine months of 2008 was 5 percentage points lower than in 2007. The lower margins in 2008 reflected:

- the difficult market conditions; and
- continued spend on targeted hires and other initiatives;

partly offset by

• the benefit of increased revenue per full-time employee and other savings.

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,			
	2008 2007					007	
	(millions, except percentages)			(millions, except percentages)			
Commissions and fees	\$ 222	\$	201	\$	783	\$	687
Investment income	11		8		29		23
Other income <sup>(i)</sup>	_		2		_		2
Total revenues	\$ 233	\$	211	\$	812	\$	712
Operating income	\$ 37	\$	27	\$	199	\$	157
Organic revenue growth <sup>(ii)</sup>	10%		7%		8%		7%
Operating margin	16%		13%		25%		22%

- (i) Other income represents gains on disposals of intangible assets, including books of business. Prior to January 1, 2008 these gains were reported within total commissions and fees but were excluded from organic revenue growth with effect from April 1, 2007. As a result of this change, \$2 million of income previously reported as International commissions and fees in third quarter 2007, has been transferred to other income (\$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007).
- (ii) Organic revenue growth excludes the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and disposals, investment income and other income from reported revenues. We use organic growth as a measure of business growth generated by operations that were part of the Group at the end of the period. Our method of calculating this measure may differ from that used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

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#### Revenues

Commissions and fees in International were \$21 million, or 10 percent, higher in third quarter 2008 compared with 2007 and for the first nine months of 2008 were \$96 million, or 14 percent, higher than in 2007.

A significant part of International's revenues are earned in currencies other than the US dollar and foreign currency translation benefited third quarter 2008 revenues by 1 percent and the first nine months revenues by 6 percent.

Organic revenue growth of 10 percent for third quarter 2008 and 8 percent for the nine months ending September 30, 2008 was achieved despite declining rates in most countries.

The accounting estimates or assumptions that management considers to be the most important to the presentation of the Company's financial condition or operating performance were discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K

We have seen consistent growth in our International business over the last three years, with the last eleven quarters all showing growth of 5 percent or higher, with Spain, Denmark and Latin America continuing to contribute significantly.

Average client retention levels across International remained high at 91 percent.

### Operating margin

Operating margin in International was 3 percentage points higher than in 2007 for both third quarter 2008 and the nine months ended September 30, 2008, with the improvement reflecting the strong organic revenue growth and continued expense discipline.

for the year ended December 31, 2007, and our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 11, 2008. There were no significant additions or changes to these assumptions for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

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### NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

There were no new accounting standards issued during the third quarter 2008 that would have a

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

On October 1, 2008, the Company completed the acquisition of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company ("HRH").

Under the terms of the definitive merger agreement, we acquired all of the outstanding shares of common stock of HRH for \$46.00 per share, with approximately fifty-five percent of the total consideration being paid in cash and forty-five percent being paid in our stock. The total purchase price of approximately \$2.1 billion included the assumption of approximately \$400 million of HRH existing debt.

We funded the transaction on October 1, 2008 from committed bank financing, with a \$1.0 billion draw down from a 364-day interim credit facility and a \$525 million draw down from a \$700 million 5-year term loan facility. In addition, we repaid approximately \$400 million of HRH existing debt and the \$170 million outstanding balance on our existing revolving credit facility, which has been replaced by a new \$300 million facility, all of which remains available to draw.

We had expected to replace the interim credit facility in the very near term by issuing new debt in one or more series. However, given the current uncertainty in the capital markets, this may not be possible.

In the event that we cannot access the debt markets or can only raise a portion of the \$1 billion required to refinance the interim credit facility, we anticipate that we will be able to repay all or some portion of the interim credit facility from a combination of:

- drawing down the remaining \$475 million available under our new 5 year facilities, comprising \$175 million remaining on the term loan facility and \$300 million on the revolving credit facility;
- anticipated post dividend cash flows of approximately \$400 million that we expect to generate in the next twelve months; and

significant impact on the Company's reporting.

• existing cash on hand of approximately \$150 million at September 30, 2008.

In addition, we hope to realize gross proceeds of approximately \$150 million from the sale of small non-core businesses.

We will also rely on these cash resources to purchase an additional 5.5 percent of Gras Savoye for approximately \$40 million.

On November 1, 2007, the Board authorized a new share buyback program for \$1 billion. This replaced our previous \$1 billion buyback program and its remaining \$308 million authorization. In first half 2008, we repurchased 2.3 million shares at a cost of \$75 million under the new authorization. There were no share buybacks in third quarter 2008 and we do not expect to buyback any shares in fourth quarter 2008.

Over time, we plan to repurchase the majority of the shares issued in connection with the HRH merger.

### Fiduciary funds

As an intermediary, we hold funds generally in a fiduciary capacity for the account of third parties, typically as the result of premiums received from clients that are in transit to insurers and claims due to clients that are in transit from insurers. We report premiums, which are held on account of, or due from, clients as assets with a corresponding liability due to the insurers. Claims held by, or due to, us which are due to clients are also shown as both assets and liabilities. All these balances due or payable are included in accounts receivable and accounts payable on the balance sheet. We earn interest on these funds during the time between the receipt of the cash and the time the cash is paid out. Fiduciary cash must be kept in certain regulated bank accounts subject to guidelines, which generally emphasize capital preservation and liquidity, and is not generally available to service our debt or for other corporate purposes.

# Own funds

As of September 30, 2008, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$156 million, compared with \$200 million at December 31, 2007, and \$130 million of our then existing \$300 million revolving credit facility remained available to draw.

#### Operating activities

Net cash provided by operations was \$113 million in the first nine months of 2008 compared with \$233 million in the first nine months of 2007, with the decrease being mainly attributable to the reduction in net income of \$73 million and acquisition-related expenditure of approximately \$40 million, together with the timing of cash collections and other working capital movements.

#### **Investing activities**

Total net cash used in investing activities was \$98 million in the first nine months of 2008 compared with \$179 million in the same period of 2007.

Our fixed asset spend in the first nine months of 2008 was \$69 million lower than in 2007, with the decrease principally attributable to sharply reduced expenditure on our new London and US headquarters buildings following their completion.

In the first nine months of 2008 we purchased a further 4 percent of voting rights in Gras Savoye & Cie, our French associate, for \$31 million. An additional 5.5 percent of Gras Savoye will be purchased in fourth quarter 2008 for approximately \$40 million.

In the first nine months of 2007 we purchased an additional 17 percent of Coyle Hamilton Willis, our Irish subsidiary, for \$33 million; and acquired InsuranceNoodle, a US internet

Except for the following, there have been no material changes in our contractual obligations since December 31, 2007.

In the first nine months of 2008, we drew down an additional \$120 million on our revolving credit facility which took our outstanding

distributor of small business property-casualty insurance for \$29 million.

#### Financing activities

Cash used in financing activities amounted to \$51 million in the first nine months of 2008 comprising a \$120 million drawdown on our revolving credit facility, share buybacks of \$75 million and dividends of \$109 million, together with other smaller movements totaling a net \$13 million inflow.

#### Long-term debt

In the first nine months of 2008, we drew down \$120 million on our revolving credit facility, primarily to fund share buybacks and fixed asset additions related to our new London headquarters building.

In March 2007, we issued \$600 million of 10 year senior notes at 6.20 percent. We used the proceeds of the notes to fund share buybacks and to repay \$200 million on our revolving credit facility.

### Share buybacks

We repurchased 2.3 million shares for \$75 million of cash during the first nine months of 2008 compared with 11.5 million shares at a cost of \$458 million in the first nine months of 2007.

#### Dividends

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Cash dividends paid in the first nine months of 2008 were \$109 million compared with \$107 million in the same period 2007. In February 2008, the quarterly cash dividend declared was increased by 4 percent to \$0.26 per share, an annual rate of \$1.04 per share.

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balance under this facility to \$170 million at September 30, 2008.

On October 1, 2008, we drew down \$1.0 billion from a 364-day interim credit facility and \$525 million from a \$700 million 5-year term

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loan facility. Both facilities accrue interest at variable rates.

In addition, we repaid the \$170 million outstanding balance on our then existing

 $\textbf{OFF-} \qquad \text{revolving credit facility and replaced this with a new $300 million facility, all of which remains } \textbf{BALANCE} \ \text{available to draw}.$ 

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Apart from commitments, guarantees and contingencies, as disclosed in Note 6 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company has no off-balance sheet  $\,$ 

arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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# Item 3—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Except as disclosed below, there has been no material change with respect to market risk from that described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007

On October 1, 2008, the Company drew down \$1.0 billion from a 364-day interim credit facility and \$525 million from a \$700 million 5-year term loan facility. Both facilities accrue interest at variable rates. The proceeds of the draw down were used to fund the acquisition of HRH, to repay HRH's existing outstanding debt and to repay the Company's \$170 million outstanding balance on its existing revolving credit facility.

In addition, the Company replaced this revolving credit facility with a new \$300 million facility, all of which remains available to draw.

### Item 4—Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2008, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

management, including the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Group Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Group Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that the information required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to them as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1—Legal Proceedings

The information set forth in Note 6 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, provided in Part I, Item 1 of this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 1A—Risk Factors

The following is added to the risk factors described in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" included in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, as updated by Item 1A "Risk Factors" of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.

If we are unable to repay or refinance the interim credit facility, it could have a significant negative effect on our financial condition.

In connection with the HRH acquisition we entered into a 364-day interim credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion. Failure to repay or refinance the interim credit facility at or prior to maturity would constitute an event of default under the interim credit agreement and would trigger cross default provisions in our other debt instruments and agreements, potentially causing such other debt to become immediately due and payable. We will seek to refinance the interim credit facility by issuing new debt in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion. However, our access to capital is affected by prevailing conditions in the financial and capital markets and other factors beyond our control, and given the current uncertainty in the capital markets, we may not be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms or at all. If we are not able to issue new debt to repay the interim credit facility, we may have to use other sources of cash such as drawing down on our current revolving credit facility, future cash flows or cash on hand. The use of our revolving credit facility and other cash resources would restrict our financial flexibility and our ability to use such cash for other purposes and could have a significant negative impact on our liquidity.

Our business may be adversely affected by an overall decline in economic activity.

Our business and operating results may be affected by worldwide economic conditions. The demand for property and casualty insurance may be affected by the overall level of economic activity, potentially affecting both the commissions and fees generated by our brokerage business. As a result, current global economic conditions, including the current credit crisis coupled with declining consumer and business confidence, increasing energy prices, and other challenges, may have a negative impact on the buying behavior of some of our clients as their businesses suffer from these conditions. In particular, financial institutions, construction, aviation, and logistics businesses such as marine cargo appear most likely to be affected. Further, the global economic downturn is also negatively affecting some of the international economies that have supported the strong growth in our International operations. Our employee benefits practice could also be affected adversely as businesses continue to downsize during this period of economic turmoil. In addition, a growing number of insolvencies associated with an economic downturn, especially insolvencies in the insurance industry, could adversely affect our brokerage business through the loss of clients or by hampering our ability to place insurance and reinsurance business. While it is difficult to predict the consequences of any further deterioration in global economic conditions on our business, any significant reduction or delay by our clients in purchasing insurance or making payment of premiums could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

# Item 2—Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On November 1, 2007, the Board authorized a new share buyback program for \$1 billion. This replaced the previous \$1 billion buyback program and its remaining \$308 million authorization. The program is

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an open-ended plan to repurchase the Company's shares fr	om time to time in the open market or through n	egotiated sales with persons who ar	re not affiliates of the Comp	pany. The Company di	d not repurchase
any of its own common stock during the quarter covered b	y this report and the Company does not intend to	o repurchase any of its own commo	n stock during the fourth q	uarter 2008.	

### Item 3—Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

# Item 4—Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

# Item 5—Other Information

None.

#### Item 6—Exhibits

- 4.1 Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 1, 2008 among Willis North America Inc., as the Issuer; Willis Group Holdings Limited, Willis Investment UK Holdings Limited, TA I Limited, TA II Limited, TA II Limited, TA III Limited,
- 10.1 Credit Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2008, among Willis North America Inc., Willis Group Holdings Limited, the Lenders party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Swing Line Lender and Bank of America Securities LLC, as Administrative Agent and Sole Lead Arranger (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Willis Group Holdings Limited's Form 8-K filed on October 6, 2008)
- 10.2 364-day Credit Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2008, among Willis North America Inc., Willis Group Holdings Limited, the Lenders party thereto and Bank of America Securities LLC, as Administrative Agent and Sole Lead Arranger (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Willis Group Holdings Limited's Form 8-K filed on October 6, 2008)
- 10.3 Restated Form of Willis Partners Plan Option Agreement (May 6, 2008) under the Willis Group Holdings Limited 2008 Share Purchase and Option Plan
- 31.1 Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)
- 31.2 Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)
- 32.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
- 32.2 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350

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# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED (REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ PATRICK C. REGAN

Patrick C. Regan Group Chief Operating Officer and Group Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 10, 2008

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WILLIS NORTH AMERICA INC.

Issuer

WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

Parent Guarantor

WILLIS INVESTMENT UK HOLDINGS LIMITED

New Guarantor

TA LLIMITED

TA II LIMITED

TA III LIMITED

TRINITY ACQUISITION LIMITED

TA IV LIMITED

WILLIS GROUP LIMITED

the Other Guarantors

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.)

Trustee

Third Supplemental Indenture

Dated as of October 1, 2008

to the **Indenture**Dated as of July 1, 2005

as amended by **First Supplemental Indenture** 

Dated as of July 1, 2005

and

Second Supplemental Indenture

Dated as of March 28, 2007

Providing for the Guarantee of Senior Debt Securities (Unlimited as to Aggregate Principal Amount)

# THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Third Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of October 1, 2008, between Willis North America, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), Willis Group Holdings Limited, a company organized and existing under the laws of Bermuda (the "Parent Guarantor"), Willis Investment UK Holdings Limited, a company organized and existing under the laws of England and Wales (the "New Guarantor"), the existing Guarantors listed on Schedule A (the "Other Guarantors") and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.) a New York banking corporation (the "Trustee"), to the Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2005, between the Issuer, the Parent Guarantor, the Other Guarantors and the Trustee (the "Base Indenture"), as amended by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2005 (the "First Supplemental Indenture") and the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 28, 2007 (the "Second Supplemental Indenture").

# RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Issuer, the Parent Guarantor, the Other Guarantors and the Trustee have heretofore entered into the Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Issuer's unsecured senior debentures, notes or other evidences of Indebtedness (the "Securities");

WHEREAS, Section 9.01 of the Indenture permits a Guarantor to convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, provided that (a) the successor Person in the case of the Parent Guarantor, shall be a Person organized and existing under the laws of any United States jurisdiction, any state thereof, Bermuda, England and Wales or any country that is a member of the European Monetary Union and was a member of the European Monetary Union on January 1, 2004, and such Person shall expressly assume by supplemental indenture, all the obligations of the Parent Guarantor under the Indenture and the Securities and immediately after such transaction no Event of Default shall have happened or be continuing and (b) the Parent Guarantor has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that (i) such conveyance, transfer or lease and supplemental indenture comply with Article Nine of the Indenture and all the conditions precedent stated therein have been complied with and (ii) in the case of the conveyance, transfer or lease by the Parent Guarantor of its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to a Person organized other than under the laws of Bermuda, Holders of the Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such conveyance, transfer or lease had not occurred;

WHEREAS, Section 10.01(1) of the Indenture permits the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee to enter into a supplemental indenture to the Indenture without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to evidence the succession of another Person to a Guarantor and the assumption by such successor Person of the Covenants of the Guarantor in the Indenture and the Securities pursuant to Article Nine of the Indenture:

WHEREAS, Section 10.01(9) of the Indenture permits the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to enter into a supplemental indenture to make any provisions with respect to matters under the Indenture, provided such action does not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of the Securities in any material respect;

WHEREAS, the Parent Guarantor, as a Guarantor, has transferred its properties and assets (the "*Transferred Assets*") substantially as an entirety to the New Guarantor, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent Guarantor, and the New Guarantor desires to assume all the obligations of a

Guarantor under the Indenture and the Securities, including all obligations of a Guarantor under Article Sixteen of the Indenture (the "Guaranteed Obligations");

WHEREAS, the Parent Guarantor will continue to be the parent holding company of the New Guarantor and indirectly retain all its interests in the Transferred Assets and therefore desires to retain all its obligations as Parent Guarantor under the Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Trustee has agreed to enter into this Third Supplemental Indenture to reflect such assumption;

WHEREAS, the Trustee has received an Opinion of Counsel and an Officers' Certificate, pursuant to Sections 1.02, 9.01, and 10.03 of the Indenture, stating, as applicable, that (a) the execution of the Third Supplemental Indenture is authorized or permitted by the Indenture, (b) the transfer of the Parent Guarantor's properties and assets substantially as an entirety to the New Guarantor and the Third Supplemental Indenture comply with the provisions of Article Nine of the Indenture, including the absence of tax consequences specified in Section 9.01(2)(b) of the Indenture, (c) the Third Supplemental Indenture does not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities in any material respect and (d) all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture to such transaction and to the execution and delivery by the Trustee of the Third Supplemental Indenture have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Third Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the Parent Guarantor, the New Guarantor, the Other Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, each party covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the other parties and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of the holders of the Securities, as follows:

# ARTICLE ONE ASSUMPTION OF GUARANTOR OBLIGATIONS

### Section 1.1 Assumption of Guarantor Obligations.

The New Guarantor hereby assumes the Guaranteed Obligations of a Guarantor under the Indenture and the Securities;

Section 1.2 Parent Guarantor to retain all obligations as a Parent Guarantor.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of the Indenture, if applicable, and the right thereunder of the Parent Guarantor to be substituted for and released from its obligations under the Indenture, the Parent Guarantor shall continue to be the "Parent Guarantor" under the Indenture and shall retain all of its obligations as Parent Guarantor under the Indenture and the Securities, as currently in effect, including its obligations as a Guarantor pursuant to Article Sixteen, which shall remain in full force and effect as if no assumption by the New Guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations had taken place.

# Section 1.3 Agencies.

The New Guarantor hereby confirms all agency appointments made by a Guarantor under the Indenture.

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# ARTICLE TWO MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 2.1 <u>Integral Part.</u>

This Third Supplemental Indenture constitutes an integral part of the Indenture.

# Section 2.2 Adoption, Ratification and Confirmation.

The Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Third Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, and this Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided. The provisions of this Third Supplemental Indenture shall, subject to the terms hereof, supersede the provisions of the Indenture to the extent the Indenture is inconsistent herewith.

# Section 2.3 Counterparts

This Third Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

# Section 2.4 Governing Law.

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

# Section 2.5 Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

If and to the extent that any provision of the Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision required under the terms of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trust Indenture Act provision shall control.

# Section 2.6 Effect of Heading and Table of Contents.

The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

# Section 2.7 <u>Separability Clause</u>.

In case any provision in the Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

# Section 2.8 Successors and Assigns

All covenants and agreements in the Indenture by the parties hereto shall bind their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

# Section 2.9 Benefit of Indenture

Nothing in this Third Supplemental Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, any Security Registrar, any Paying Agent, and their successors hereunder, and the Holders of the Securities, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim hereunder or under the Indenture.

# Section 2.10 The Trustee

The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which are made solely by the Issuer and the Guarantors.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Third Supplemental In	ndenture to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first written above.
	WILLIS NORTH AMERICA, INC.
	By: Name: Debra Enderle Title: Vice President
	WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
	Ву:
	Name: Adam G. Ciongoli Title: General Counsel
	WILLIS INVESTMENT UK HOLDINGS LIMITED
	By: Name: Patrick C. Regan Title: Director
	TA I LIMITED
	TA II LIMITED
	TA III LIMITED
	TRINITY ACQUISITION LIMITED
	TA IV LIMITED
	WILLIS GROUP LIMITED
	By: Name: Patrick C. Regan
Signature Page to Third S	Title: Director Supplemental Indenture
	THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.), as Trustee
	By: Name: Title:
Signature Page to Third S	Supplemental Indenture

# SCHEDULE A

# OTHER GUARANTORS

TA I LIMITED

TA II LIMITED

TA III LIMITED

TRINITY ACQUISITION LIMITED

TA IV LIMITED

WILLIS GROUP LIMITED

#### Willis Partners Plan

### OPTION AGREEMENT (Amended and Restated October 21, 2008)

THIS AGREEMENT, effective as of May 6, 2008 is made by and between Willis Group Holdings Limited, hereinafter referred to as the "Company" and the individual (the "Optionee") who has duly completed, executed and delivered the Option Acceptance Form, a copy of which is set out in Schedule A attached hereto and deemed to be a part hereof and, if applicable, the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations, a copy of which is set out in Schedule B attached hereto and deemed to be a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the Company wishes to carry out the Plan (as hereinafter defined), the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board (as hereinafter defined) has determined that it would be to the advantage and best interest of the Company and its shareholders to grant the Option (as hereinafter defined) provided for herein to Optionee as an incentive for increased efforts on the part of Optionee during Optionee's employment with the Company or its subsidiaries, and has advised the Company thereof and instructed the undersigned officer to grant said Option.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Whenever the following terms are used in this Agreement, they shall have the meaning specified in the Plan or below unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary.

#### Section 1.1 - - Adjusted Earnings Per Share

"Adjusted Earnings Per Share" shall mean the adjusted earnings per share as stated by the Company in its annual financial results as published by the New York Stock Exchange.

# Section 1.2 - - Adjusted Operating Margin

"Adjusted Operating Margin" shall mean the adjusted operating margin as stated by the Company in its annual financial results as published by the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Section 1.3 - - Board

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### Section 1.4 - - Cause

"Cause" shall mean (i) Optionee's continued and/or chronic failure to adequately and/or competently perform his or her material duties with respect to the Company or its subsidiaries after having been provided reasonable notice of such failure and a period of at least ten days after

Optionee's receipt of such notice to cure and/or correct such performance failure, (ii) willful misconduct by Optionee in connection with Optionee's employment which is injurious to the Company or its subsidiaries (willful misconduct shall be understood to include, but not be limited to, any breach of the duty of loyalty owed by Optionee to the Company or its subsidiaries), (iii) conviction of any criminal act (other than minor road traffic violations not involving imprisonment), (iv) any breach of Optionee's restrictive covenants as provided in this Agreement (if applicable), in Optionee's employment agreement (if any), or any other non-compete agreement and/or confidentiality agreement entered into between Optionee and the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than an insubstantial, inadvertent and non-recurring breach), or (v) any material violation of any written Company policy after reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure such violation within ten (10) days after Optionee's receipt of such notice.

# Section 1.5 - - Committee

"Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board (or if no such committee is appointed, the Board provided that a majority of the Board are "independent directors" for the purpose of the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange).

# Section 1.6 - - Earned Date

"Earned Date" shall mean the date that the annual financial results of the Company are published by the New York Stock Exchange.

# Section 1.7 - - Earned Performance Shares

"Earned Performance Shares" shall mean shares subject to the Option in respect of which the applicable performance conditions, as set out in section 3.1, have been achieved and shall become exercisable as set out in section 3.2.

# Section 1.8 - - Good Reason

"Good Reason" shall mean (i) a reduction in Optionee's base salary or a material adverse reduction in Optionee's benefits other than (a) in the case of base salary, a reduction that is offset by an increase in Optionee's bonus opportunity upon the attainment of reasonable performance targets established by the Board, (b) a general reduction in the compensation or benefits of, or a shift in the general compensation or benefits schemes affecting, a broad group of employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (c) in the case of base salary, a reduction which is imposed in accordance with normal administration and application of a producer compensation plan, if applicable to Optionee, (ii) a material adverse reduction in Optionee's principal duties and responsibilities, which continues beyond ten days after written notice by Optionee to the Company or the applicable Subsidiary of such reduction or (iii) a significant transfer of Optionee away from Optionee's primary service area or primary workplace, other than as permitted by Optionee's existing service contracts; provided, however, that Optionee shall have a period of ten days following any of the foregoing occurrences or the last event in a series of events which culminate in providing the basis for such notice during which such Optionee may claim that a basis for a Good Reason termination by Optionee has occurred.

# Section 1.9 - - Grant Date

"Grant Date" shall be May 6, 2008.

# Section 1.10 - - Option

"Option" shall mean the option to purchase common shares of the Company granted in accordance with this Agreement.

# Section 1.11 - - Option Exercise Price

"Option Exercise Price" shall mean the exercise price of the common shares of the Company covered by the Option, as set forth in Section 2.2 of this Agreement.

# Section 1.12 - - Permanent Disability

Optionee shall be deemed to have a "Permanent Disability" if Optionee meets the requirements of the definition of such term, or of an equivalent term, as defined in the Company's or Subsidiary's long-term disability plan applicable to Optionee or, if no such plan is applicable, in the event Optionee is unable by reason of physical or mental illness or other similar disability, to perform the material duties and responsibilities of his job for a period of 180 consecutive business days out of 270 business days.

### Section 1.13 - - Plan

"Plan" shall mean the Willis Group Holdings Limited 2008 Share Purchase and Option Plan, as amended from time to time.

#### Section 1.14 - - Pronouns

The masculine pronoun shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular the plural, where the context so indicates.

### Section 1.15 - - Secretary

"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Company.

#### Section 1.16 - - Shares or Common Shares

"Shares" or "Common Shares" means common shares of the Company which may be authorised but unissued.

#### Section 1.17 - - Subsidiary

"Subsidiary" shall mean a direct and/or indirect subsidiary of the Company as well as any associate company which is designated by the Company as being eligible for participation in the Plan.

#### ARTICLE II

#### GRANT OF OPTIONS

#### Section 2.1 - - Grant of Options

On and as of the Grant Date the Company grants to Optionee an Option to purchase any part or all of an aggregate number of Shares, as stated in Schedule A to this Agreement, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. In circumstances where Optionee is required to enter into the Restrictive Covenant agreement set forth in Schedule B, Optionee agrees that the grant of an Option pursuant to this Agreement is sufficient consideration for Optionee entering into such agreement.

Optionee acknowledges and agrees that the Company may provide grants of an Option and/or Shares pursuant to this Plan in lieu of any grants the Company is obligated to make under any pre-existing plans, agreements or letters and that such grants when made pursuant to this Plan shall fully discharge the Company's obligations to make any such grant under any pre-existing plan, agreement or letter.

# Section 2.2 - - Exercise Price

Subject to Section 2.4, the exercise price of each Share subject to the Option shall be as stated in Schedule A to this Agreement.

### Section 2.3 - - Employment Rights

Subject to the terms of the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations where applicable, the rights and obligations of Optionee under the terms of his office or employment with the Company or any Subsidiary shall not be affected by his participation in this Plan or any right which he may have to participate in it and Optionee hereby waives any and all rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the termination of his office or employment for any reason whatsoever insofar as those rights arise or may arise from his ceasing to have rights under or be entitled to exercise any Option as a result of such termination.

# Section 2.4 - - Adjustments in Options Pursuant to Merger, Consolidation, etc.

Subject to Section 10 of the Plan, in the event that the outstanding Shares subject to an Option are, from time to time, changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of Shares or other securities, by reason of a recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, stock dividend, spin-off, stock combination, Change of Control (as defined in the Plan), merger or other similar event, the Board shall make an appropriate and equitable adjustment in the number and kind of Shares and/or the amount of consideration as to which or for which, as the case may be, such Option, and/or portions thereof then unexercised, shall be exercisable. Any such adjustment made by the Board shall be final and binding upon Optionee, the Company and all other interested persons.

# Section 2.5 - - Employer Costs

In the case of Optionees who are U.K. residents, the grant of this Option shall be conditional upon the execution of a joint election with his employing company to accept the liability for employer's National Insurance arising on exercise, sale or release of the Option. In the case of Optionees resident in any other country (excluding the USA), such Optionee agrees that if his employing company incurs any social security or payroll costs or taxes on exercise, sale or release of the Option he shall, if requested, reimburse the employing company in respect thereof.

# ARTICLE III

# PERIOD OF EXERCISABILITY

# Section 3.1 - - Commencement of Earning

3.1(a) Subject to 3.1(b), the Shares subject to Option shall become Earned Performance Shares subject to the Participant being in the employment of the Company or any Subsidiary at each respective date and provided the performance conditions applicable are achieved.

- (b) The performance conditions are:
- (i) One-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares with effect from the Earned Date in respect of the year ending December 31, 2008 if in respect of 2008 the Company achieves an Adjusted Earnings Per Share of not less than \$2.85 and further one-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares if in respect of 2008 the Company achieves an Adjusted Operating Margin of not less than 24%. Shares that are eligible to become Earned Performance Shares by virtue of this sub-section shall be referred to as "2008 Performance Shares";
- (ii) One-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares with effect from the Earned Date in respect of the year ending December 31, 2009 if in respect of 2009 the Company achieves an Adjusted Earnings Per Share of not less than \$3.15 and further one-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares if in respect of 2009 the Company achieves an Adjusted Operating Margin of not less than 24%. Shares that are eligible to become Earned Performance Shares by virtue of this sub-section shall be known as "2009 Performance Shares":
- (iii) One-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares with effect from the Earned Date in respect of the year ended December 31, 2010 if in respect of 2010 the Company achieves an Adjusted Earnings Per Share of not less than \$4.05 and further one-sixth of the Shares subject to the Option shall become Earned Performance Shares if in respect of 2010 the Company achieves an Adjusted Operating Margin of not less than 27%. Shares that are eligible to become Earned Performance Shares by virtue of this sub-section shall be referred to as "2010 Performance Shares";
  - (iv) The 2008 and 2009 Performance Shares that are subject to the achievement of an Adjusted Earnings Per Share target and have not become Earned Performance Shares in

accordance with sub-sections (b)(i) and (b)(ii) above will become Earned Performance Shares with effect from the Earned Date in respect of the year ending December 31, 2010 if the Adjusted Earnings Per Share target for 2010 of not less than \$4.05 is achieved.

- (v) The 2008 and 2009 Performance Shares that are subject to the achievement of an Adjusted Operating Margin target and have not become Earned Performance Shares in accordance with subsections (b)(i) and (b)(ii) above will become Earned Performance Shares with effect from the Earned Date in respect of the year ending December 31, 2010 if the Adjusted Operating Margin target for 2010 of not less than 27% is achieved.
  - (c) All Shares subject to an Option that do not become Earned Performance Shares in accordance with sub-sections 3.1 (b)(i) to (b)(v) shall be forfeited as from the Earned Date in 2010.

### Section 3.2 - Commencement of Vesting and Exercisability

(a) The Earned Performance Shares shall vest and become exercisable as follows:

	Percentage of Earned Performance Shares
Third anniversary of date of grant	50%
Fourth anniversary of date of grant	25%
Fifth anniversary of date of grant	25%

- (b) In the event of a termination of Optionee's employment as a result of Death or Permanent Disability, then (i) the Earned Performance Shares and the Option in respect thereof shall become immediately exercisable with respect to all Common Shares underlying such Option as set forth in Section 3.3 (b)(ii) and (ii) any portion of the Option which then has not become an Earned Performance Share shall immediately terminate and will at no time be exercisable.
- (c) In the event of a termination of Optionee's employment for any reason other than Death or Permanent Disability, then (i) the Earned Performance Shares that have vested and become exercisable and the Option in respect thereof shall remain exercisable as set forth in Section 3.3 (b)(iii) or 3.3 (b)(iv) below and (ii) the Option over Earned Performance Shares that have not yet vested shall immediately terminate and will at no time become exercisable, except that the Board may, for termination of employment for reasons other than Cause, determine in its discretion that the Option over Earned Performance Shares that have not yet vested and become exercisable, shall become exercisable.
- (d) In the event of a termination of Optionee's employment for any reason other than set out in (b) and (c) above and subject to section 3.3 all Options will lapse with effect from that date of termination.

# Section 3.3 - - Expiration of Options

- (a) The Option shall immediately lapse upon:
  - (i) Termination of Optionee's employment, subject to, and except as otherwise specified within, the terms and conditions of Section 3.2 above; or
  - (ii) Optionee's failure to execute the Agreement for Restrictive Covenants, if applicable, and Other Obligations pursuant to Article V below within 45 days of the Grant Date; or
    - (iii) Optionee's failure to execute the form of joint election with his employing company as described in Section 2.5 above within 45 days of the Grant Date; or
    - (iv) Optionee's failure to execute and deliver the Option Acceptance Form within 45 days of the Grant Date.
- (b) The Option over Earned Performance Shares that have become vested and exercisable in accordance with Section 3.2 will cease to be exercisable by Optionee upon the first to occur of the following events:
  - (i) The seventh anniversary of the Grant Date; or
  - (ii) The first anniversary of the date of Optionee's termination of employment by reason of Death or Permanent Disability; or
  - (iii) Ninety days after the date of any termination of Optionee's employment by the Company for Cause or by Optionee without Good Reason; or
  - (iv) Ninety days after the date of termination of Optionee's employment other than as set forth in Section 3.2(b) or (c), above or where the Board has exercised its discretion in accordance with Section 3.2(c)(ii), the period shall be six calendar months after the date of termination;
  - (v) If the Board so determines pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan, the effective date of a Change of Control, merger, amalgamation pursuant to Bermuda law, or other consolidation of the Company or group of companies collectively known as Willis Group, or other similar event, as provided in the Plan, so long as Optionee has a reasonable opportunity to exercise his Options prior to such effective date.

# ARTICLE IV

# EXERCISE OF OPTION

# Section 4.1 - - Person Eligible to Exercise

During the lifetime of Optionee, only he may exercise an Option or any portion thereof. After the death of Optionee, any exercisable portion of an Option may, prior to the time when an Option becomes unexercisable under Section 3.3, be exercised by his personal representative or by any person empowered to do so under Optionee's will or under then applicable laws of inheritance.

# Section 4.2 - - Partial Exercise

Any exercisable portion of an Option or the entire Option, if then wholly exercisable, may be exercised in whole or in part at any time prior to the time when the Option or portion thereof becomes unexercisable under Section 3.3; provided, however, that any partial exercise shall be for whole Shares only.

# Section 4.3 - - Manner of Exercise

An Option, or any exercisable portion thereof, may be exercised solely by delivering to the Secretary or his office all of the following prior to the time when the Option or such portion becomes may exercisable under Section 3.3:

- (a) Notice in writing signed by Optionee or the other person then entitled to exercise the Option or portion thereof, stating that the Option or portion thereof is thereby exercised, such notice complying with all applicable rules established by the Board and made available to Optionee (or such other person then entitled to exercise the Option);
- (b) Full payment (in cash, by cheque, electronic transfer, by way of a cashless exercise as approved by the Company, by way of surrender of Shares to the Company or by a combination thereof) for the Shares with respect to which such Option or portion thereof is exercised;
- (c) Full payment to the Company or any Subsidiary ("Group Member") by which Optionee is employed, of all amounts which, under federal, state or local law, it is required to withhold upon exercise of the Option; and

- (d) In a case where any Group Member is obliged to (or would suffer a disadvantage if it were not to) account for any tax (in any jurisdiction) for which Optionee is liable by virtue of the exercise of the Option and/or for any social security contributions recoverable from the person in question (together, the "Tax Liability"), Optionee has either:
  - (i) made full payment to the Group Member of an amount equal to the Tax Liability, or
  - (ii) entered into arrangements acceptable to that or another Group Member to secure that such a payment is made (whether by authorizing the sale of some or all of the Shares on his behalf and the payment to the Group Member of the relevant amount out of the proceeds of sale);
- (e) In the event the Option or any portion thereof shall be exercised pursuant to Section 4.1 by any person or persons other than Optionee, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Option.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may in the case of U.S. resident employees of the Company or any Subsidiary require an opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to it to the effect that any subsequent transfer of Shares acquired on exercise of an Option does not violate the Act, and may issue stop-transfer orders in the U.S. covering such Shares.

#### Section 4.4 - - Conditions to Issuance of Share Certificates

The Shares deliverable upon the exercise of an Option, or any portion thereof, may be either previously authorized but unissued Shares or issued Shares held by any other person. Such Shares shall be fully paid. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for Shares granted upon the exercise of an Option or portion thereof prior to fulfillment of all of the following conditions:

- (a) The obtaining of approval or other clearance from any state or federal governmental agency which the Board shall, in its absolute discretion, determine to be necessary or advisable; and
  - (b) The lapse of such reasonable period of time following the exercise of the Option as the Board may from time to time establish for reasons of administrative convenience.

#### Section 4.5 - - Rights as Shareholder

The holder of an Option shall not be, nor have any of the rights or privileges of, a shareholder of the Company in respect of any Shares that may be received upon the exercise of the Option or any portion thereof unless and until certificates representing such shares shall have been issued by the Company to such holder.

#### ARTICLE V

# AGREEMENT OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

### Section 5 - Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations

In consideration of the grant of an Option, Optionee shall enter into the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule B. In the event Optionee does not sign and return the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations within 45 days of the Grant Date the Options shall lapse pursuant to section 3.3(a) (ii). If no such agreement is required, Schedule B shall state none or not applicable.

#### ARTICLE VI

# MISCELLANEOUS

# Section 6.1 - - Administration

The Board shall have the power to interpret the Plan and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan as are consistent therewith and to interpret or revoke any such rules. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Board shall be final and binding upon Optionee, the Company and all other interested persons. No member of the Board shall be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made in good faith with respect to the Plan or the Options. In its absolute discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Board under the Plan and this Agreement.

# Section 6.2 - - Options Not Transferable

Neither the Options nor any interest or right therein or part thereof shall be subject to the debts, contracts or engagements of Optionee or his successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempted disposition thereof shall be null and void and of no effect; provided, however, that this Section 6.2 shall not prevent transfers made solely for estate planning purposes or under a will or by the applicable laws of inheritance.

# Section 6.3 - - Binding Effect

The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and accrue to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

# Section 6.4 - - Notices

Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement to the Company shall be addressed to the Company at the following address:

Willis Group Holdings Limited c/o Willis Group Limited 51 Lime Street London England EC3M 7DQ Attention: Company Secretary

and any notice to be given to Optionee shall be at the address set forth in the Option Acceptance Form.

By a notice given pursuant to this Section 6.4, either party may hereafter designate a different address for notices to be given to him. Any notice that is required to be given to Optionee shall, if Optionee is then deceased, be given to Optionee's personal representatives if

such representatives have previously informed the Company of their status and address by written notice under this Section 6.4. Any notice shall have been deemed duly given when enclosed in a properly sealed envelope or wrapper addressed as aforesaid, deposited (with postage prepaid) in a post office or branch post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service or the United Kingdom's Post Office or in the case of a notice given by an Optionee resident outside the United States of America or the United Kingdom, with a recognized international courier service.

# Section 6.5 - - Titles

Titles are provided herein for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

The Options shall be subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Plan, to the extent applicable to the Options. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

# Section 6.7 - - Amendment

This Agreement may be amended only by a document executed by the parties hereto, which specifically states that it is amending this Agreement.

# Section 6.8 - - Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of Bermuda; provided, however, that the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations, if applicable, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws specified in that agreement.

### Section 6.9 - - Jurisdiction

The courts of Bermuda shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceeding and to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and, for such purposes, the parties hereto irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such courts; provided, however, where applicable, that with respect to the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants and Other Obligations the courts specified in such agreement shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceeding and to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with that agreement.

# Section 6.10 - - Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Company and Optionee have each executed this Agreement.

WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Michael P Chitty
Name: Michael P Chitty
Title: Company Secretary

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)

#### I, Joseph J. Plumeri, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Willis Group Holdings Limited;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 10 2008

By: /s/ JOSEPH J. PLUMERI

Joseph J. Plumeri

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)

I. Patrick C. Regan, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Willis Group Holdings Limited;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 10 2008

By: /s/ PATRICK C. REGAN
Patrick C. Regan
Group Chief Operating Officer and
Group Chief Financial Officer

# **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, of Willis Group Holdings Limited (the "Company"), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Joseph J. Plumeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, certify that:

- $(1) \quad \text{The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 and 1934 are the securities of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934 are the se$
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 10 2008

By:	/s/ JOSEPH J.PLUMERI
	Joseph J. Plumeri
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Willis Group Holdings Limited and will be retained by Willis Group Holdings Limited and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, of Willis Group Holdings Limited (the "Company"), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Patrick C. Regan, Group Chief Operating Officer and Group Chief Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, certify that:

- $(1) \quad \text{The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 and 1934 are the securities of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934; and 1934 are the securities Exchange Act of 1934 are the se$
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 10 2008

By:	/s/ PATRICK C. REGAN
	Patrick C. Regan
	Group Chief Operating Officer and
	Group Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Willis Group Holdings Limited and will be retained by Willis Group Holdings Limited and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.