



## Reinsurance Group of America Reports 24 Percent Increase In Operating Earnings For Second Quarter; 14 Percent Increase in Operating Earnings Per Share

July 27, 2000

ST. LOUIS, July 27, 2000 – Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (NYSE:RGA), one of North America's leading providers of life reinsurance, reported operating earnings from continuing operations of \$32.0 million for the second quarter, up 24 percent from \$25.7 million in the prior year. Operating earnings from continuing operations of \$0.64 per diluted share were up 14 percent from \$0.56 per diluted share in the prior year. Net income for the quarter, including capital gains and losses and discontinued operations, totaled \$18.9 million, or \$0.38 per diluted share, compared to earnings of \$20.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share in the prior year. Earnings per diluted share for the second quarter of 2000 reflect the impact of 4.8 million new shares purchased by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc. (NYSE:MET), in November 1999.

Second quarter net premiums increased 9 percent, to \$345.4 million from \$316.8 million in 1999. Premiums in North America increased 13 percent, from \$262.8 million to \$296.4 million. Premiums were down \$9.8 million in the Latin America segment, where the company sold its Chilean operations in April. Consolidated investment income was down 6 percent to \$82.3 million from \$87.5 million, primarily due to the company's exit from funding agreement reinsurance effective at the end of September 1999.

President and Chief Executive Officer A. Greig Woodring commented, "We are pleased to report solid earnings growth for the quarter, led by the strength of our North American operations. Mortality results in our North American operations were favorable, and were in line with our expectations for the international operations. On a consolidated basis, premium growth came from core business flow, since we did not process any new in-force blocks of business during the quarter. Considering these factors, premiums are in line with our expectations for all operating segments. We continue to evaluate opportunities for in-force transactions which are typically slow to develop, and the timing of which can be difficult to predict."

Woodring continued, "Our core operations in North America continue to drive our results. Premiums in the U.S. segment for the quarter totaled \$250.2 million versus \$221.6 million in the prior year quarter, a 13 percent increase. Premiums in Canada were up 12 percent, to \$46.1 million. Operating income in North America increased almost 20 percent for the quarter.

"RGAs international operations reported a modest operating loss. Premiums were \$49.0 million. We are pleased with the activity level in the international markets. The establishment of RGA Reinsurance UK Limited in the first quarter has led to increased activity in the UK market for us. Premiums in our Asia Pacific operations were up 39 percent and mortality was in line with expectations. We continue to make progress in these markets. As previously reported, we completed the sale of our direct Chilean operations on April 27. This sale resulted in an \$8.6 million realized loss on a pre-tax basis. That loss relates primarily to the realization of accumulated foreign currency depreciation over the holding period of our net investment."

Woodring concluded, "The improvement in the first half's operating performance was encouraging. We continue to see favorable trends for the life reinsurance market, particularly in North America, and look forward to continued growth in the second half of 2000. Also, during May we executed a \$140 million senior unsecured, revolving credit facility with a syndicate of large banks. This facility, under which we have drawn \$70 million, increases our financial flexibility and will provide funds to support new business growth, primarily in our core operations."

For the first half of 2000, the company reported operating earnings from continuing operations of \$58.9 million, an increase of 23 percent over the prior-year total of \$47.7 million. Operating earnings per diluted share from continuing operations totaled \$1.18, an increase of 13 percent over the \$1.04 reported the year before. Net premiums totaled \$674.9 million compared to \$670.5 million the year before.

The company announced that its board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.06 per share, payable August 28 to shareholders of record as of August 7.

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, through its subsidiaries, RGA Reinsurance Company and RGA Life Reinsurance Company of Canada, is among the largest providers of life reinsurance in North America. In addition to its North American operations, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated has subsidiary companies or branch offices in Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Spain, Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Worldwide, the Company has over \$480 billion of life reinsurance in force, and assets of \$5.8 billion. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company owns approximately 58 percent of RGAs outstanding shares.

Statements in this press release regarding the business of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated which are not historical facts, including, without limitation, statements and information relating to the Company's future financial performance and growth potential, the effect of mortality rates and experience, claims levels, and other statements related to the Company's business are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements should be evaluated together with the many risks and uncertainties that affect our business, including those mentioned in this document and the cautionary statements described in the periodic reports filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For a discussion of these risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, you are advised to consult the section named "Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which discussions are incorporated by reference into this document.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30, _	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$345,400	\$316,765	\$674,943	\$670,524
Net investment income	82,292	87,491	156,302	172,534
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(10,892)	578	(15,524)	495
Other income	2,475	4,473	5,688	8,861
Total revenues	419,275	409,307	821,409	852,414
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	267,666	246,652	533,405	547,079
Interest credited	27,176	43,691	48,475	83,243
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	62,179	56,698	113,662	105,909
Other expenses	19,260	15,550	39,225	31,754
Interest expense	3,775	2,273	7,309	4,229
Total benefits and expenses	380,056	364,864	742,076	772,214
Income from continuing operations before taxes and minority interest				
	39,219	44,443	79,333	80,200
Income taxes	18,084	18,446	33,732	32,116

Income from continuing				
operations before				
minority interest	21,135	25,997	45,601	48,084
Minority interest	(275)	350	287	459
Net income from continuing				
operations	21,410	25,647	45,314	47,625
Discontinued operations:				
Loss from				
discontinued				
operations,				
net of taxes	(2,506)	(4,971)	(5,988)	(4,992)
Net income	\$ 18,904	\$ 20,676	\$ 39,326	\$ 42,633

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(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended
(Unaudited)	June 30,	June 30,

	2000	1999	2000	1999
Earnings per share from				
continuing operations:				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.05
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.04
Diluted earnings before				
realized investment gains/ (losses)	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.04
Earnings per share from net				
income:				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.94
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.93
Weighted average number of				
common and common equivalent				
shares outstanding				
(in thousands)	50,043	45,861	50,085	45,874

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REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Business Summary

(Unaudited)	At or For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2000	1999
Gross life reinsurance in force (in billions)		
North American business	\$ 431.7	\$ 336.6
International business	53.0	54.0
Gross life reinsurance written (in billions)		
North American business	58.5	56.4
International business	2.6	14.5
Consolidated cash and invested assets		
(in millions)	4,429.9	5,463.3
Invested asset book yield		
trailing three months	7.36%	6.70%
Investment portfolio mix		
Cash and short-term investments	4.79%	4.98%
Fixed maturity securities	56.26%	70.91%
Mortgage loans	2.90%	4.39%
Policy loans	15.08%	9.51%
Funds withheld at interest	20.45%	9.83%
Other invested assets	0.52%	0.38%
Book value per share outstanding	\$ 15.80	\$ 15.38
Book value per share outstanding, before		
impact of FAS 115	17.79	16.37
Treasury stock	1,718,120	1,141,944

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REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

U.S. OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands)

Six Months Ended June 30, 2000

Non-traditional

(Unaudited)	Traditional	Asset- Intensive	Financial Reinsurance	Total U.S.
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$ 496,528	\$ 1,044	\$ --	\$ 497,572
Investment income, net of related expenses	70,441	36,700	--	107,141
Realized investment (losses), net	(4,414)	(85)	--	(4,499)
Other revenue	(77)	399	3,240	3,562
Total revenues	562,478	38,058	3,240	603,776
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	383,357	742	--	384,099
Interest credited	22,905	23,064	--	45,969

Policy acquisition				
costs and other				
insurance expenses	70,315	9,799	1,961	82,075
Other operating				
expenses	12,442	277	37	12,756
Total benefits				
and expenses	489,019	33,882	1,998	524,899
Income before				
income				
taxes and				
minority				
interest	\$ 73,459	\$ 4,176	\$ 1,242	\$ 78,877

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U.S. OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands)

Six Months Ended June 30, 1999

Non-traditional

	Asset-	Financial	Total
(Unaudited)	Traditional	Intensive	Reinsurance
			U.S.

Revenues:

Net premiums	\$489,095	\$ 843	\$ --	\$ 489,938
Investment income, net of related expenses	59,833	73,620	--	133,453
Realized investment (losses), net	(5,575)	(3,374)	--	(8,949)
Other revenue	5	819	6,896	7,720
Total revenues	543,358	71,908	6,896	622,162
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	375,682	730	--	376,412
Interest credited	19,460	62,639	--	82,099
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	75,147	1,968	5,063	82,178
Other operating expenses	10,474	352	58	10,884
Total benefits and expenses	480,763	65,689	5,121	551,573
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 62,595	\$ 6,219	\$ 1,775	\$ 70,589

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REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

CANADIAN OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)	Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2000	1999
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$ 87,173	\$ 76,873
Investment income, net of related expenses	30,284	23,972
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(647)	6,253
Other revenue	127	(62)
Total revenues	116,937	107,036
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	79,965	75,818
Interest credited	494	905
Policy acquisition costs and other		
insurance expenses	10,780	9,719
Other operating expenses	4,168	3,426
Total benefits and expenses	95,407	89,868
Income before income taxes		
and minority interest	\$ 21,530	\$ 17,168

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REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

OTHER INTERNATIONAL

(Dollars in thousands)

Six Months Ended June 30, 2000

(Unaudited)	Latin America		Total		
	Rein- Direct	Asia Pacific	Other Markets	Inter- national	
Revenues:					
Net premiums	\$19,670	\$18,592	\$41,203	\$10,733	\$ 90,198
Investment income, net of related expenses	9,229	3,395	2,051	691	15,366
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(8,503)	(415)	19	318	(8,581)
Other revenue	138	15	741	1,102	1,996
Total revenues	20,534	21,587	44,014	12,844	98,979
Benefits and expenses:					
Claims and other policy benefits	22,525	14,549	24,638	7,629	69,341
Interest credited	417	1,595	--	--	2,012
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	2,289	1,576	14,668	2,274	20,807
Other operating					

expenses	4,793	1,542	4,754	4,777	15,866
Interest expense	--	--	297	--	297
Total benefits and expenses	30,024	19,262	44,357	14,680	108,323
Income/(loss) before income taxes and minority interest	\$(9,490)	\$ 2,325	\$ (343)	\$(1,836)	\$(9,344)

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OTHER INTERNATIONAL

(Dollars in thousands)

Six Months Ended June 30, 1999

(Unaudited)	Latin America		Total		
	Direct	Rein- surance	Asia Pacific	Other Markets	Inter- national

Revenues:

Net premiums	\$22,267	\$37,974	\$32,321	\$11,150	\$103,712
Investment income, net of related expenses	6,674	1,235	1,356	528	9,793
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	12	268	(33)	120	367

Other revenue	78	--	386	612	1,076
Total revenues	29,031	39,477	34,030	12,410	114,948
Benefits and expenses:					
Claims and other					
policy benefits	23,128	35,128	27,164	9,429	94,849
Interest credited	240	--	--	--	240
Policy acquisition					
costs and other					
insurance expenses	2,074	658	10,444	835	14,011
Other operating					
expenses	3,206	2,177	3,960	3,379	12,722
Interest expense	--	--	232	--	232
Total benefits and					
expenses	28,648	37,963	41,800	13,643	122,054
Income/(loss) before					
income taxes and					
minority interest	\$ 383	\$ 1,514	\$(7,770)	\$(1,233)	\$(7,106)