



Reinsurance Group Of America Reports First-Quarter Results

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ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 25, 2005--Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (NYSE:RGA), a leading global provider of life reinsurance, reported net income for the first quarter of \$66.6 million, or \$1.04 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$61.7 million, or \$0.98 per diluted share, in the prior-year quarter. RGA uses a non-GAAP financial measure called operating income as a basis for analyzing financial results. The definition of operating income and reconciliations to GAAP net income are provided in the following tables. Operating income increased 16 percent to \$60.4 million from \$52.1 million, while diluted operating earnings per share rose 14 percent to \$0.95 from \$0.83 in the year-ago quarter. First-quarter net premiums totaled \$901.8 million compared to \$813.9 million a year ago. Net investment income totaled \$157.1 million versus \$133.6 million the year before.

A. Greig Woodring, president and chief executive officer, commented, "On a consolidated basis, bottom-line results were in line with expectations, with strong results in Canada and some of the international businesses offsetting poor mortality experience in the U.S. The U.S. segment reported pre-tax net income of \$66.0 million compared with \$70.2 million in the prior-year quarter, while pre-tax operating income decreased to \$56.6 million from \$65.3 million. An unusually high number of large claims during the quarter was the primary driver for the mortality experience in the U.S. Net premiums rose 7 percent to \$568.1 million from \$532.4 million in the prior year, slightly behind our expected full-year growth rate of at least 10 percent. The fundamentals in the U.S. market remain strong.

"For the quarter, our Canada operations reported pre-tax net income of \$24.2 million compared to \$15.9 million a year ago. Pre-tax operating income was up 60 percent to \$23.4 million from \$14.6 million. Strong premium levels, favorable mortality and a stronger Canadian dollar contributed to the results. Net premiums increased \$13.7 million, or 23 percent for the quarter, and totaled \$73.8 million. Approximately \$5.1 million of the increase in net premiums and approximately \$1.8 million of the increase in pre-tax operating income were the result of a favorable currency exchange rate.

"Other International operations, which include our Asia Pacific and Europe and South Africa segments, reported 18 percent growth in net premiums, increasing to \$259.6 million from \$220.7 million. Stronger foreign currencies contributed approximately \$8.1 million to the premium growth. Pre-tax net income totaled \$19.5 million compared to \$13.1 million in the prior-year quarter. Pre-tax operating income for the quarter more than doubled to \$19.6 million from \$9.6 million in the prior year, with foreign currency appreciation contributing approximately \$1.3 million to current quarter pre-tax operating income. Results were strong in Europe and South Africa while Asia Pacific was adversely affected by large claims in Japan. During the quarter we strengthened our presence in South Korea when regulators approved our branch license. We expect our office in China to be up and running during the second quarter. As previously indicated, quarterly results in our international operations may be more volatile than our North American operations due to the smaller size and relative maturity of this business."

Woodring concluded, "We reported a good quarter, despite the weakness in the U.S. results. Our segments outside the U.S. combined to contribute nearly \$43 million of the \$90 million in consolidated pre-tax operating income for the quarter, a clear indication that we are creating diverse sources of mortality-based earnings."

The company also announced that its board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.09, payable May 31 to shareholders of record as of May 9.

A conference call to discuss the company's first-quarter results will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 26. Interested parties may access the call by dialing 800-262-1292 (domestic) or 719-457-2680 (international). The access code is 804742. A live audio webcast of the conference call will be available on the company's investor relations web page at www.rgare.com. A replay of the conference call will be available at the same address for 15 days following the conference call. A replay of the conference call will also be available via telephone through May 3 at 888-203-1112 (domestic) or 719-457-0820, access code 804742.

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, through its subsidiaries, is among the largest global providers of life reinsurance. In addition to its U.S. and Canadian operations, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated has subsidiary companies or offices in Australia, Barbados, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. Worldwide, the company has approximately \$1.5 trillion of life reinsurance in force, and assets of \$14.4 billion. MetLife, Inc. is the beneficial owner of approximately 51 percent of RGA's outstanding shares.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, statements relating to projections of the earnings, revenues, income or loss, future financial performance and growth potential of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and its subsidiaries (which we refer to in the following paragraphs as "we," "us" or "our"). The words "intend," "expect," "project," "estimate," "predict," "anticipate," "should," "believe," and other similar expressions also are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. Future events and actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those set forth in, contemplated by or underlying the forward-looking statements.

Numerous important factors could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements including, without limitation, (1) adverse changes in mortality, morbidity or claims experience, (2) changes in our financial strength and credit ratings or those of MetLife, Inc. ("MetLife"), the beneficial owner of a majority of our common shares, or its subsidiaries, and the effect of such changes on our future results of operations and financial condition, (3) inadequate risk analysis and underwriting, (4) general economic conditions or a prolonged economic downturn affecting the demand for insurance and reinsurance in our current and planned markets, (5) the availability and cost of collateral necessary for regulatory reserves and capital, (6) market or economic conditions that adversely affect our ability to make timely sales of investment securities, (7) risks inherent in our risk management and investment strategy, including changes in investment portfolio yields due to interest rate or credit quality changes, (8) fluctuations in U.S. or foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, or securities and real estate markets, (9) adverse

litigation or arbitration results, (10) the adequacy of reserves, resources and accurate information relating to settlements, awards and terminated and discontinued lines of business, (11) the stability of and actions by governments and economies in the markets in which we operate, (12) competitive factors and competitors' responses to our initiatives, (13) the success of our clients, (14) successful execution of our entry into new markets, (15) successful development and introduction of new products and distribution opportunities, (16) our ability to successfully integrate and operate reinsurance business that we acquire, (17) regulatory action that may be taken by state Departments of Insurance with respect to us, MetLife, or its subsidiaries, (18) our dependence on third parties, including those insurance companies and reinsurers to which we cede some reinsurance, third-party investment managers and others, (19) the threat of natural disasters or terrorist attacks anywhere in the world where we or our clients do business, (20) changes in laws, regulations, and accounting standards applicable to us, our subsidiaries, or our business, (21) the effect of our status as a holding company and regulatory restrictions on our ability to pay principal of and interest on our debt obligations, and (22) other risks and uncertainties described in this document and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward-looking statements should be evaluated together with the many risks and uncertainties that affect our business, including those mentioned in this document and described in the periodic reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. We do not undertake any obligations to update these forward-looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Operating Income

RGA uses a non-GAAP financial measure called operating income as a basis for analyzing financial results. This measure also serves as a basis for establishing target levels and awards under RGA's management incentive programs. Management believes that operating income, on a pre-tax and after-tax basis, better measures the ongoing profitability and underlying trends of the company's continuing operations, primarily because that measure excludes the effect of net realized capital gains and losses, as well as changes in the fair value of embedded derivatives and related deferred acquisition costs. These items tend to be highly variable, primarily due to the credit market and interest rate environment and are not necessarily indicative of the performance of the company's underlying businesses. Additionally, operating income excludes any net gain or loss from discontinued operations and the cumulative effect of any accounting changes, which management believes are not indicative of the company's ongoing operations. The definition of operating income can vary by company and is not considered a substitute for GAAP net income.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of Net Income From Continuing Operations to Operating Income (Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2005	2004
GAAP net income-continuing operations	\$67,264	\$62,994
Realized investment (gains)/losses	(2,732)	(12,684)
Change in value of embedded derivatives	(14,664)	(989)
DAC offsets for embedded derivatives and realized investment (gains)/losses, net	10,553	2,767
Operating income	\$60,421	\$52,088

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of Pre-tax Net Income From Continuing Operations to Pre-tax Operating Income (Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005

	Pre-tax net income (loss)	Realized investment (gains)/ losses, net	Change in value of embedded derivatives, net	Pre-tax operating income (loss)
U.S. Operations:				
Traditional	\$ 45,076	\$ 423	\$ --	\$ 45,499
Asset Intensive	17,626	(2,977) (1)	(6,853) (2)	7,796
Financial Reinsurance	3,282	--	--	3,282
Total U.S.	65,984	(2,554)	(6,853)	56,577
Canada Operations	24,209	(834)	--	23,375

Asia Pacific Operations	4,772	79	--	4,851
Europe & South Africa	14,758	(43)	--	14,715
Other Intl Operations	19,530	36	--	19,566

Corporate & Other	(9,188)	(100)	--	(9,288)
Consolidated	\$100,535	\$ (3,452)	\$(6,853)	\$ 90,230

(1) Asset Intensive is net of \$527 DAC offset.

(2) Asset Intensive is net of DAC offsets of \$15,708 included in change in deferred acquisition cost associated with change in value of embedded derivative.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004			
	Pre-tax net income (loss)	Realized investment (gains)/ losses, net	Change in value of embedded derivatives, net	Pre-tax operating income (loss)
U.S. Operations:				
Traditional	\$64,032	\$(7,558)	\$ --	\$ 56,474
Asset Intensive	3,508	(87)(1)	2,678(2)	6,099
Financial Reinsurance	2,707	--	--	2,707
Total U.S.	70,247	(7,645)	2,678	65,280
Canada Operations	15,920	(1,309)	--	14,611
Asia Pacific Operations	6,797	(347)	--	6,450
Europe & South Africa	6,260	(3,159)	--	3,101
Other Intl Operations	13,057	(3,506)	--	9,551
Corporate & Other	(4,409)	(5,899)	--	(10,308)
Consolidated	\$94,815	\$(18,359)	\$2,678	\$79,134

(1)Asset Intensive is net of \$57 DAC offset

(2)Asset Intensive is net of DAC offsets of \$4,200 included in change in deferred acquisition cost associated with change in value of embedded derivative.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2005	2004
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$901,820	\$813,874
Investment income, net of related expenses	157,053	133,560
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	3,979	18,416
Change in value of embedded derivatives	22,561	1,522
Other revenues	10,803	11,850
Total revenues	1,096,216	979,222
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	738,053	647,054
Interest credited	55,053	47,018
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	143,976	143,068
Change in deferred acquisition cost associated with change in value of embedded derivatives	15,708	4,200
Other operating expenses	33,006	33,529
Interest expense	9,885	9,538
Total benefits and expenses	995,681	884,407

Income from continuing operations before income taxes	100,535	94,815
Provision for income taxes	33,271	31,821
Income from continuing operations	67,264	62,994
Discontinued operations:		
Loss from discontinued accident and health operations, net of income taxes	(707)	(894)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	--	(361)
Net income	\$ 66,557	\$ 61,739

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2005	2004
Earnings per share from continuing operations:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.01
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.00
Diluted earnings before realized investment gains/(losses), change in value of embedded derivatives, and related deferred acquisition costs	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.83
Earnings per share from net income:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.99
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.98
Weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding (in thousands)	63,854	62,708

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Business Summary

(Unaudited)	At or For the	
	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2005	2004
Gross life reinsurance in force (in billions)		
North American business	\$1,125.3	\$1,003.0
International business	\$ 366.6	\$ 310.5
Gross life reinsurance written (in billions)		
North American business	\$ 42.7	\$ 47.3
International business	\$ 25.2	\$ 30.5
Consolidated cash and invested assets (in millions)	\$10,963.0	\$9,607.7

Invested asset book yield - trailing three months excluding funds withheld	5.75%	5.83%
Investment portfolio mix		
Cash and short-term investments	1.48%	2.88%
Fixed maturity securities	55.94%	50.53%
Mortgage loans	5.60%	5.25%
Policy loans	8.73%	9.40%
Funds withheld at interest	26.27%	29.79%
Other invested assets	1.98%	2.15%
Short-term debt (in millions)	\$ 55.4	\$ --
Long-term debt (in millions)	\$ 349.7	\$ 404.1
Book value per share outstanding	\$ 36.79	\$ 33.11
Book value per share outstanding, before impact of FAS 115(a)	\$ 33.42	\$ 29.44
Total stockholder's equity (in millions)	2,303.5	2,060.9
Total stockholder's equity, before impact of FAS 115(a) (in millions)	2,092.7	1,832.8
Treasury shares	513,918	883,067
Common stock outstanding	62,614,355	62,245,206

(a) Book value per share outstanding and total stockholders' equity, before impact of FAS 115, is a non-GAAP financial measure that management believes is important in evaluating the balance sheet ignoring the effect of mark-to-market adjustments that primarily relate to changes in interest rates and credit spreads on investment securities since they were acquired.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
U.S. OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005

	Traditional	Asset- Intensive	Financial Reinsurance	Total U.S.
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$ 566,894	\$ 1,224	\$ --	\$568,118
Investment income, net of related expenses	55,231	58,272	41	113,544
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(423)	3,504	--	3,081
Change in value of embedded derivatives	--	22,561	--	22,561
Other revenues	921	1,047	7,304	9,272
Total revenues	622,623	86,608	7,345	716,576
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	483,261	(1,684)	2	481,579
Interest credited	14,007	40,251	--	54,258
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	71,017	13,369	2,624	87,010
Change in deferred ac- quisition cost associated with change in value of embedded derivatives	--	15,708	--	15,708
Other operating expenses	9,262	1,338	1,437	12,037
Total benefits and expenses	577,547	68,982	4,063	650,592
Income before income taxes	\$ 45,076	\$ 17,626	\$ 3,282	\$ 65,984

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004			
	Traditional	Asset-Intensive	Financial Reinsurance	Total U.S.
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$ 531,211	\$ 1,182	\$ --	\$532,393
Investment income, net of related expenses	54,053	45,467	43	99,563
Realized investment gains, net	7,558	144	--	7,702
Change in value of embedded derivatives	--	1,522	--	1,522
Other revenues	1,334	1,670	6,380	9,384
Total revenues	594,156	49,985	6,423	650,564
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	430,891	(1,021)	--	429,870
Interest credited	12,078	34,494	--	46,572
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	75,431	7,645	2,294	85,370
Change in deferred acquisition cost associated with change in value of embedded derivatives	--	4,200	--	4,200
Other operating expenses	11,724	1,159	1,422	14,305
Total benefits and expenses	530,124	46,477	3,716	580,317
Income before income taxes	\$ 64,032	\$ 3,508	\$ 2,707	\$ 70,247

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
CANADIAN OPERATIONS
(Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
(Unaudited)	2005	2004
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$ 73,756	\$ 60,148
Investment income, net of related expenses	28,760	23,980
Realized investment gains, net	834	1,309
Other revenues	34	38
Total revenues	103,384	85,475
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	68,646	59,366
Interest credited	357	377
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	6,713	7,083
Other operating expenses	3,459	2,729
Total benefits and expenses	79,175	69,555
Income before income taxes	\$ 24,209	\$ 15,920

Europe & South Africa
(Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
(Unaudited)	2005	2004
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$141,358	\$117,203

Investment income, net of related expenses	2,555	1,544
Realized investment gains, net	43	3,159
Other revenues	52	438
Total revenues	144,008	122,344
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	96,332	81,997
Interest credited	363	--
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	26,396	29,031
Other operating expenses	5,660	4,682
Interest expense	499	374
Total benefits and expenses	129,250	116,084
Income before income taxes	\$ 14,758	\$ 6,260

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Asia Pacific
(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2005	2004
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$118,207	\$103,539
Investment income, net of related expenses	6,228	3,735
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(79)	347
Other revenues	(187)	635
Total revenues	124,169	108,256
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	90,660	74,845
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	23,655	21,530
Other operating expenses	4,674	4,742
Interest expense	408	342
Total benefits and expenses	119,397	101,459
Income before income taxes	\$ 4,772	\$ 6,797

CORPORATE AND OTHER
(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2005	2004
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$ 381	\$ 591
Investment income, net of related expenses	5,966	4,738
Realized investment gains, net	100	5,899
Other revenues	1,632	1,355
Total revenues	8,079	12,583
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	835	976
Interest credited	75	69
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	203	54
Other operating expenses	7,176	7,071
Interest expense	8,978	8,822
Total benefits and expenses	17,267	16,992

Income before income taxes

\$ (9,188) \$ (4,409)

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