

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**

**RGA CAPITAL TRUST III  
RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV**

(Exact name of registrants as specified in their respective charters)

Missouri  
Delaware  
Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

46-1627032  
41-6521118  
41-6521120  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706  
(636) 736-7000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrants' principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**


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Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered / Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit / Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price / Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock(3)	
Debt Securities(3)	
Preferred Stock(3)	
Depository Shares(3)	
Warrants(4)	
Purchase Contracts of RGA(5)	(1)(2)
Units(6)	
Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust III	
Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust IV	
Guarantees by RGA of the Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV(7)(8)	

- (1) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.
- (2) Includes such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (“RGA”), such indeterminate number or amount of depository shares, warrants, purchase contracts and units of RGA, such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities of RGA, and such indeterminate number of shares of preferred securities (“preferred securities”) of RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV (the “RGA trusts”) as may from time to time be issued by RGA or the RGA trusts at indeterminate prices. Debt securities of RGA may be issued and sold to the RGA Trusts, in which event such debt securities may later be distributed to the holders of preferred securities of the RGA Trusts upon a dissolution of any such RGA Trust and the distribution of the assets thereof.
- (3) Also includes such indeterminate number of shares of preferred stock and common stock or amount of debt securities as may be issued upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities or preferred stock that provide for conversion into or exchange for other securities. Also consists of such indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, depository shares or other securities of RGA to be issuable by RGA upon settlement of the warrants, purchase contracts or units of RGA. Debt securities of RGA may be issued and sold to the RGA trusts, in which event such debt securities may later be distributed to the holders of preferred securities of the RGA trusts upon a dissolution of any such RGA trust and the distribution of the assets thereof.
- (4) There is being registered hereunder an indeterminate amount and number of warrants, representing rights to purchase debt securities, common stock or preferred stock registered hereunder.
- (5) Each purchase contract of the registrant obligates the registrant to sell, and the holder thereof to purchase, an indeterminate number of debt securities, shares of common stock, preferred stock, depository shares or warrants of RGA or preferred securities of an RGA Trust.
- (6) Each unit consists of any combination of two or more of the securities being registered hereby or debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. Treasury securities.
- (7) Includes the rights of holders of the preferred securities under the guarantees of preferred securities and back-up undertakings, consisting of obligations of RGA to provide certain indemnities in respect of, and pay and be responsible for, certain expenses, costs, liabilities and debts of, as applicable, the RGA trusts as set forth in the indenture and any applicable supplemental indentures thereto and the debt securities issued to the RGA trusts, in each case as further described in the registration statement.
- (8) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees or any back-up undertakings.
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PROSPECTUS

# Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated

16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706  
(636) 736-7000

Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock,  
Purchase Contracts, Warrants and Units

RGA Capital Trust III  
RGA Capital Trust IV

Preferred Securities Fully, Irrevocably and Unconditionally Guaranteed  
on a Subordinated Basis as described in this Document by  
Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated

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Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV may offer the securities listed above, including units consisting of any two or more of such securities, from time to time.

When RGA, RGA Capital Trust III or RGA Capital Trust IV decide to sell a particular series of securities, we will prepare a prospectus supplement or other offering material describing those securities. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any other offering material carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell any securities by us or, where required, by any selling security holders, unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement and any applicable other offering material.

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**Investing in these securities involves risks. Consider carefully the [risk factors](#) on page 1 of this prospectus.**

We or any selling security holders may offer or sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or through a combination of any of these methods, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The details of any such offering and the plan of distribution will be set forth in a prospectus supplement for such offering.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGA". As of May 22, 2017, the closing price of our common stock was \$125.20.

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**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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**The date of this prospectus is May 24, 2017.**

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## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risk. You should carefully consider the specific risks discussed or incorporated by reference into the applicable prospectus supplement, together with all the other information contained in the prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement. You should also consider the risks, uncertainties and assumptions discussed under the caption “Risk Factors” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. These risk factors may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the “SEC,” in the future.

## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

In this prospectus, “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Company” and “RGA” refer to Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis (but excluding the RGA trusts), unless we state or the context implies otherwise, including, without limitation, with respect to descriptions of the notes or their terms or provisions (which are obligations of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated but not any of its subsidiaries).

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, which we refer to as the “RGA trusts,” filed with the SEC, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf process, we, any RGA trust or selling security holder may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we, any RGA trust or selling security holder may offer. Each time RGA, any RGA trust or selling security holder sells securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of the securities being offered. A prospectus supplement may include a discussion of any risk factors or other specific considerations applicable to those securities or to us. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference therein as described under “Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference” and additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”

We are not offering the securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer is prohibited.

You should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement and in any other offering material, including the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not, and the RGA trusts and the selling security holders have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any supplement to this prospectus, or any other offering material is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of these documents.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

RGA is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As a result, RGA files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Here are ways you can review and obtain copies of this information:

**What is Available**

Paper copies of information

On-line information, free of charge

Information about the SEC's Public Reference Rooms

**Where to Get it**

SEC's Public Reference Room  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SEC's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>  
Call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330

We and the RGA trusts have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, which we refer to as the "Securities Act," that registers the distribution of these securities. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits and schedules, contains additional relevant information about us and the securities. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit certain information included in the registration statement from this prospectus. You can get a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the sources listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, <http://www.rgare.com>, under "Investors — Financial Information." Information contained in our Internet website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by other information that is included in or incorporated by reference into this document.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (File No. 1-11848). These documents contain important information about us.

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017.
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed May 15, 2017, May 19, 2017 and May 24, 2017 (other than the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed).
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated November 17, 2008, including any other amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We incorporate by reference any additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (other than those made pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other information “furnished” to the SEC) on or after the date of this prospectus, and the termination of the offering of the securities. These documents may include periodic reports, like Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as Proxy Statements. Any material that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and replace the information previously filed with the SEC.

For purposes of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement in such document. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC on its website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You can also obtain these documents from us, without charge (other than exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference), by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated  
16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706  
Attention: Investor Relations  
(636) 736-7000

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document and the documents incorporated by reference into this document contain both historical and forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical facts, but rather reflect our current expectations, estimates and projections concerning future results and events. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and include, without limitation, words such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “may,” “could,” “intend,” “intent,” “belief,” “estimate,” “plan,” “project,” “predict,” “should,” “foresee,” “likely,” “will” or other similar words or phrases. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that are difficult to predict and that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to vary materially from what is expressed in or indicated by such forward-looking statements. We cannot make any assurance that projected results or events will be achieved.

The risk factors set forth or incorporated by reference in the section entitled “Risk Factors” in this document, and the matters discussed in RGA’s SEC filings, including the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” sections of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, which reports are incorporated by reference in this document, among others, could affect future results, causing these results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements included and incorporated by reference in this document are only made as of the date of this document or the respective documents incorporated by reference herein, as applicable, and we disclaim any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, unless we are obligated to do so under federal securities laws.

See “Risk Factors” and “Where You Can Find More Information.”

Numerous important factors could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements including, without limitation:

- adverse capital and credit market conditions and their impact on our liquidity, access to capital and cost of capital;
- the impairment of other financial institutions and its effect on our business;
- requirements to post collateral or make payments due to declines in market value of assets subject to our collateral arrangements;
- the fact that the determination of allowances and impairments taken on our investments is highly subjective;
- adverse changes in mortality, morbidity, lapsation or claims experience;
- changes in our financial strength and credit ratings and the effect of such changes on our future results of operations and financial condition;
- inadequate risk analysis and underwriting;
- general economic conditions or a prolonged economic downturn affecting the demand for insurance and reinsurance in our current and planned markets;
- the availability and cost of collateral necessary for regulatory reserves and capital;
- market or economic conditions that adversely affect the value of our investment securities or result in the impairment of all or a portion of the value of certain of our investment securities, that in turn could affect regulatory capital;



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- market or economic conditions that adversely affect our ability to make timely sales of investment securities;
- risks inherent in our risk management and investment strategy, including changes in investment portfolio yields due to interest rate or credit quality changes;
- fluctuations in U.S. or foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, or securities and real estate markets;
- adverse litigation or arbitration results;
- the adequacy of reserves, resources and accurate information relating to settlements, awards and terminated and discontinued lines of business;
- the stability of and actions by governments and economies in the markets in which we operate, including ongoing uncertainties regarding the amount of U.S. sovereign debt and the credit ratings thereof;
- competitive factors and competitors' responses to our initiatives;
- the success of our clients;
- successful execution of our entry into new markets;
- successful development and introduction of new products and distribution opportunities;
- our ability to successfully integrate acquired blocks of business and entities;
- action by regulators who have authority over our reinsurance operations in the jurisdictions in which we operate;
- our dependence on third parties, including those insurance companies and reinsurers to which we cede some reinsurance, third-party investment managers and others;
- the threat of natural disasters, catastrophes, terrorist attacks, epidemics or pandemics anywhere in the world where we or our clients do business;
- interruption or failure of our telecommunication, information technology or other operational systems, or our failure to maintain adequate security to protect the confidentiality or privacy of personal or sensitive data stored on such systems;
- changes in laws, regulations, and accounting standards applicable to RGA, our subsidiaries, or our business;
- the effect of our status as an insurance holding company and regulatory restrictions on our ability to pay principal of and interest on our debt obligations; and
- other risks and uncertainties described in this document, including under the caption "Risk Factors" and in our other filings with the SEC.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT RGA**

We are an insurance holding company that was formed on December 31, 1992. We have grown to become a leading global provider of traditional and non-traditional life and health reinsurance with operations in the United States, Latin America, Canada, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. Through our operating subsidiaries, we are engaged in traditional reinsurance, including individual and group life and health, disability, and critical illness reinsurance, and non-traditional reinsurance, including longevity reinsurance, asset-intensive reinsurance, and financial reinsurance. Through a predecessor, we have been engaged in the business of life reinsurance since 1973. At March 31, 2017, we had consolidated assets of approximately \$53.8 billion, stockholders' equity of \$7.4 billion and assumed reinsurance in force of approximately \$3.1 trillion.

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Our executive office is located at 16600 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706, and our telephone number is (636) 736-7000.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we, the RGA trusts, or the selling security holders may offer. Each time we or either of the RGA trusts sell securities, we will provide and, in the case of the selling security holders, we may provide, a prospectus supplement or other offering material that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. We will file each prospectus supplement with the SEC. The prospectus supplement or other offering material may also add, update or supplement information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any other offering material, together with additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 2.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE RGA TRUSTS

Each of the RGA trusts is a statutory trust formed under Delaware law. Each RGA trust exists for the exclusive purposes of:

- issuing and selling its preferred securities and common securities;
- using the proceeds from the sale of its preferred securities and common securities to acquire RGA's junior subordinated debt securities; and
- engaging in only those other activities that are related to those purposes.

All of the common securities of each trust will be directly or indirectly owned by RGA. The common securities will rank equally, and payments will be made proportionally, with the preferred securities. However, if an event of default under the amended and restated trust agreement of the respective RGA trust has occurred and is continuing, the cash distributions and liquidation, redemption and other amounts payable on the common securities will be subordinated to the preferred securities in right of payment. We will directly or indirectly acquire common securities in an amount equal to at least 3% of the total capital of each RGA trust. The preferred securities will represent the remaining 97% of such trusts' capital.

RGA will guarantee the preferred securities of each RGA trust as described later in this prospectus.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, each RGA trust has a term of up to 55 years but may terminate earlier, as provided in its amended and restated trust agreement. Each RGA trust's business and affairs will be conducted by the trustees appointed by us. According to the amended and restated trust agreement of each RGA trust, as the holder of all of the common securities of an RGA trust, we can increase or decrease the number of trustees of each trust, subject to the requirement under Delaware law that there be a trustee in the State of Delaware and to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Trust Indenture Act"). The amended and restated trust agreement will set forth the duties and obligations of the trustees. A majority of the trustees of each RGA trust will be employees or officers of or persons who are affiliated with RGA, whom we refer to as "administrative trustees."

One trustee of each RGA trust will be an institution, which we refer to as the "property trustee," that is not affiliated with RGA and has a minimum amount of combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000, which will act as property trustee and as indenture trustee for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, under the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the property trustee will maintain exclusive control of a segregated, non-interest bearing "payment account" established with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to hold all payments made on the junior subordinated debt securities for the benefit of the holders of the trust securities of each RGA trust. In addition, unless the property trustee maintains a principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, one trustee of each RGA trust will be an institution having a principal place of business in, or a natural person resident of, the State of Delaware, which we refer to as the "Delaware trustee." As the direct or indirect holder of all of the common securities, RGA will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace any of, or increase or reduce the number of, the trustees of each RGA trust, except that if an event of default under the junior subordinated indenture has occurred and is continuing, only the holders of preferred securities may remove the Delaware trustee or the property trustee. RGA will pay all fees and expenses related to the RGA trust and the offering of the preferred securities and the common securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, the property trustee for each RGA trust will be The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Delaware trustee for each RGA trust will be BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware, an affiliate of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., and its address in the

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state of Delaware is Bellevue Park Corporate Center, 301 Bellevue Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19809. The principal place of business of each RGA trust is c/o Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, 16600 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706, telephone (636) 736-7000.

The RGA trusts will not have separate financial statements. The statements would not be material to holders of the preferred securities because the trusts will not have any independent operations. Each of the trusts exists solely for the reasons provided in the amended and restated trust agreement and summarized above. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, RGA will pay all fees and expenses related to each RGA trust and the offering of its preferred securities, including the fees and expenses of the trustee.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement or other offering material, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of any securities offered by RGA for general corporate purposes, including the funding of our reinsurance operations. Except as otherwise described in a prospectus supplement or other offering material, the proceeds from the sale by any RGA trust of any preferred securities, together with any capital contributed in respect of common securities, will be loaned to RGA in exchange for RGA's junior subordinated debt securities. Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement or other offering material, we will use the borrowings from the RGA trusts for general corporate purposes, including the funding of our reinsurance operations. Such general corporate purposes may include, but are not limited to, repayments of our indebtedness or the indebtedness of our subsidiaries. Pending such use, the proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities or similar assets. The prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to an offering will contain a more detailed description of the use of proceeds of any specific offering of securities. Except as may otherwise be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not receive any proceeds from any sales of securities by any selling security holder.

## SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS

We may register securities covered by this prospectus for re-offers and resales by any selling security holders to be named in a prospectus supplement. Because we are a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, we may add secondary sales of securities by any selling security holders by filing a prospectus supplement with the SEC. We may register these securities to permit selling security holders to resell their securities when they deem appropriate. A selling security holder may resell all, a portion or none of such security holder's securities at any time and from time to time. Selling security holders may also sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of their securities in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. We do not know when or in what amounts any selling security holders may offer securities for sale under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We may pay some or all expenses incurred with respect to the registration of the securities owned by the selling security holders. We will provide a prospectus supplement naming any selling security holders, the amount of securities to be registered and sold and any other terms of securities being sold by each selling security holder.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIO OF COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS TO EARNINGS

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to fixed charges, excluding interest credited under reinsurance contracts, for the periods indicated.

For purposes of computing the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of net earnings from continuing operations adjusted for the provision for income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest and discount on all indebtedness, distribution requirements of wholly-owned subsidiary trust preferred securities and floating rate insured notes and one-third of annual rentals, which we believe is a reasonable approximation of the interest factor of such rentals. We have not paid a preference security dividend for any of the periods presented and accordingly have not separately shown the ratio of combined fixed charges and preference dividends to earnings for these periods.

The information below regarding RGA's ratio of earnings to fixed charges excluding interest credited under reinsurance contracts is not required; however, we believe it provides useful information on the coverage of fixed charges that are not related to our products.

	<u>Years Ended December 31,</u>					<u>Three Months</u>
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Ended</u> <u>March 31, 2017</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.3
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges excluding interest credited under reinsurance contracts	8.4	5.5	9.8	5.4	7.2	5.1

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

We, any RGA trust, or any selling security holder may offer or sell from time to time, in one or more offerings, the following securities:

- debt securities, which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated;
- shares of common stock;
- shares of preferred stock;
- depositary shares;
- warrants exercisable for debt securities, common stock or preferred stock;
- purchase contracts;
- preferred securities of an RGA trust that are guaranteed by RGA; or
- units consisting of two or more of such securities or debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. treasury securities.

This prospectus contains a summary of the material general terms of the various securities that we, any RGA trust, or any selling security holder may offer. The specific terms of the securities will be described in a prospectus supplement or other offering material, which may be in addition to or different from the general terms summarized in this prospectus. Where applicable, the prospectus supplement or other offering material will also describe any material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities offered and indicate whether the securities offered are or will be listed on any securities exchange. The summaries contained in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplements or other offering material do not contain all of the information or restate the agreements under which the securities may be issued and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the actual agreements relating to any securities because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as a holder of the securities. If you would like to read the agreements, they will be on file with the SEC, as described under “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 2 and “Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference” on page 3.

The terms of any offering, the initial offering price, the net proceeds to us and any other relevant provisions will be contained in the prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to such offering.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF RGA

The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth the material terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement or other offering material may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may apply to the debt securities so offered and any changes to or differences from those general terms will be described in the prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to such debt securities. The debt securities will be either our senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, or our junior subordinated debt securities, which may, but need not be, issued in connection with the issuance by an RGA trust of its trust preferred securities.

### The Indentures

The senior and subordinated debt securities will be issued in one or more series under an Indenture dated as of August 21, 2012 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The junior subordinated debt securities will be issued in one or more series under a Junior Subordinated Indenture, to be entered into between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The statements

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herein relating to the debt securities and the indentures are summaries and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, the detailed provisions of the applicable indenture. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the Indenture in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference here or in the applicable prospectus supplement. Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, which has been filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 21, 2012 and incorporated by reference in this registration statement. The Indenture is, and the Junior Subordinated Indenture will be, subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act. The description of the indentures set forth below assumes that we have entered into both of the indentures. We will execute the Junior Subordinated Indenture when and if we issue junior subordinated debt securities.

### **General**

The indentures do not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities which we may issue. We may issue debt securities under the indentures up to the aggregate principal amount authorized by our board of directors from time to time. Except as may be described in a prospectus supplement or other offering material, the indentures will not limit the amount of other secured or unsecured debt that we may incur or issue.

The debt securities will be our unsecured general obligations. The senior debt securities will rank with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to all our present and future senior indebtedness to the extent and in the manner set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, the junior subordinated debt securities that we may issue to one of the RGA trusts will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to all our present and future indebtedness, including any senior and subordinated debt securities issued under the indenture to the extent and in the manner set forth in the junior subordinated indenture. See “— Subordination,” beginning on page 17. The indentures will provide that the debt securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. We may authorize the issuance and provide for the terms of a series of debt securities pursuant to a supplemental indenture.

We are a holding company. As a result, we may rely primarily on dividends or other payments from our operating subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on our outstanding debt obligations, and to make dividend distributions on our capital stock. The principal source of funds for these operating subsidiaries comes from their current operations. We can also utilize investment securities maintained in our portfolio for these payments.

Applicable insurance regulatory and other legal restrictions limit the amount of dividends and other payments our subsidiaries can make to us. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to guarantee or otherwise pay amounts due under the debt securities. Therefore, the debt securities will be effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities and commitments of our subsidiaries, including claims under reinsurance contracts, debt obligations and other liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business. As of March 31, 2017, our consolidated short- and long-term indebtedness aggregated approximately \$2.8 billion and our subsidiaries had approximately \$42.2 billion of outstanding liabilities reflected in our financial statements, which includes \$441.7 million of liabilities associated with the floating rate insured notes issued by our subsidiary, Timberlake Financial, L.L.C., \$149.4 million of liabilities associated with the collateral financing obtained by our subsidiary, RGA Reinsurance Company (Barbados) Ltd. and \$234.4 million of liabilities associated with the asset-backed notes issued by our subsidiary, Chesterfield Financial Holdings LLC. We will disclose material changes to these amounts in any prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to an offering of our debt securities. In the event of a default on any debt securities, the holders of the debt securities will have no right to proceed against the assets of any insurance subsidiary. If the subsidiary were to be liquidated, the liquidation would be conducted under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction. Our right to receive distributions of assets in any liquidation of a subsidiary would be subordinated to the claims of the subsidiary’s creditors, except to the extent any claims of ours as a creditor would be recognized. Any recognized claims of ours would be subordinated to any prior security interest held by any other creditors of the subsidiary and obligations of the subsidiary that are senior to those owing to us.

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The applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to the particular series of debt securities will describe specific terms of the debt securities offered thereby, including any terms that are additional or different from those described in this prospectus (Section 3.1 of each indenture).

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

None of our shareholders, officers or directors, past, present or future, will have any personal liability with respect to our obligations under the indenture or the debt securities on account of that status. (Section 1.14 of each indenture).

### **Form and Denominations**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form, without coupons, and will be denominated in U.S. dollars issued in denominations of U.S. \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. (Section 3.2 of each indenture).

### **Global Debt Securities**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement or other offering material for a particular series of debt securities, each series of debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in global form that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository identified in the prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to that series. Global securities will be registered in the name of the depository, which will be the sole direct holder of the global securities. Any person wishing to own a debt security must do so indirectly through an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that, in turn, has an account with the depository.

*Special Investor Considerations for Global Securities.* Under the terms of the indentures, our obligations with respect to the debt securities, as well as the obligations of each trustee, run only to persons who are registered holders of debt securities. For example, once we make payment to the registered holder, we have no further responsibility for that payment even if the recipient is legally required to pass the payment along to an individual investor but fails to do so. As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to transfers of debt securities.

An investor should be aware that when debt securities are issued in the form of global securities:

- the investor cannot have debt securities registered in his or her own name;
- the investor cannot receive physical certificates for his or her debt securities;
- the investor must look to his or her bank or brokerage firm for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities;
- the investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance or other institutions that are required by law to hold the physical certificates of debt that they own;
- the depository's policies will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to the investor's interest in the global security; and
- the depository will usually require that interests in a global security be purchased or sold within its system using same-day funds.

Neither we nor the trustees have any responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in the global security, and neither we nor the trustees supervise the depository in any way.



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*Special Situations When the Global Security Will Be Terminated.* In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate, and interests in the global security will be exchanged for physical certificates representing debt securities. After that exchange, the investor may choose whether to hold debt securities directly or indirectly through an account at the investor's bank or brokerage firm. In that event, investors must consult their banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in debt securities transferred to their own names so that they may become direct holders.

The special situations where a global security is terminated are:

- when the depository notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depository, unless a replacement is named;
- when an event of default on the debt securities has occurred and has not been cured; or
- when and if we decide to terminate a global security. (Section 3.4 of each indenture).

A prospectus supplement or other offering material may list situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to a particular series of debt securities. When a global security terminates, the depository, and not us or one of the trustees, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

### **Original Issue Discount Securities**

Debt securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount and may bear no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. Important federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any such debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Indexed Securities**

If the amount of payments of principal of, and premium, if any, or any interest on, debt securities of any series is determined with reference to any type of index or formula or changes in prices of particular securities or commodities, the federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such index or formula and securities or commodities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

### **Foreign Currencies**

If the principal of, and premium, if any, or any interest on, debt securities of any series are payable in a foreign or composite currency, the restrictions, elections, federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such currency will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

### **Payment**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, payments in respect of the debt securities will be made in the designated currency at the office or agency of RGA maintained for that purpose as RGA may designate from time to time, except that, at the option of RGA, interest payments, if any, on debt securities may be made by checks mailed to the holders of debt securities entitled thereto at their registered addresses. (Section 3.7 of each indenture).

### **Payment of Interest With Respect to Debt Securities**

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, payment of any installment of interest on debt securities will be made to the person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest. (Section 3.7 of each indenture).

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### **Transfer and Exchange**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, debt securities will be transferable or exchangeable at the agency of RGA maintained for such purpose as designated by RGA from time to time. Debt securities may be transferred or exchanged without service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge imposed in connection with such transfer or exchange. (Section 3.5 of each indenture).

### **Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance, Sale of Assets and Other Transfers**

We may not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into, whether or not we are the surviving corporation, or sell, assign, convey, transfer or lease substantially all of our properties and assets, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to any person, unless:

- we are the surviving corporation or the surviving corporation or other person is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or one of the 50 states, any U.S. territory or the District of Columbia, and assumes the obligation to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on all the debt securities and to perform or observe all covenants of each indenture; and
- immediately after the transaction, there is no event of default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, under each indenture. (Section 9.1 of each indenture).

Upon the consolidation, merger or sale, the successor corporation formed by the consolidation, or into which we are merged or to which the sale is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for us under each indenture. (Section 9.2 of each indenture).

Unless a prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to a particular series of debt securities provides otherwise, the indenture and the terms of the debt securities will not contain any covenants designed to afford holders of any debt securities protection in a highly leveraged or other transaction involving us, whether or not resulting in a change of control, which may adversely affect holders of the debt securities.

### **Option to Extend Interest Payment Period**

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, we will have the right, as long as no event of default under the applicable series of debt securities has occurred and is continuing, at any time and from time to time during the term of the series of debt securities to defer the payment of interest on one or more series of debt securities for the number of consecutive interest payment periods specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, subject to the terms, conditions and covenants, if any, specified in the prospectus supplement or other offering material, provided that no extension period may extend beyond the stated maturity of the debt securities. Material United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to these debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, at the end of the extension period, we will pay all interest then accrued and unpaid together with interest on accrued and unpaid interest compounded semiannually at the rate specified for the debt securities to the extent permitted by applicable law. However, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, during the extension period neither we nor any of our subsidiaries may:

- declare or pay dividends on, make distributions regarding, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of our capital stock, other than:

(1) purchases of our capital stock in connection with any employee or agent benefit plans or the satisfaction of our obligations under any contract or security outstanding on the date of the event requiring us to purchase capital stock,

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(2) in connection with the reclassifications of any class or series of our capital stock, or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for or into another class or series of our capital stock,

(3) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of our capital stock in connection with the conversion or exchange provisions of that capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged,

(4) dividends or distributions in our capital stock, or rights to acquire capital stock, or repurchases or redemptions of capital stock solely from the issuance or exchange of capital stock, or

(5) any non-cash dividends declared in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan by us;

- make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by us that rank equally with or junior to the debt securities;
- make any guarantee payments regarding the foregoing, other than payments under our guarantee of the preferred securities of any RGA trust; or
- redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the junior subordinated debt securities or any preferred securities of an RGA trust.

Prior to the termination of any extension period, as long as no event of default under the applicable indenture has occurred and is continuing, we may further defer payments of interest, subject to the above limitations set forth in this section, by extending the interest payment period; provided, however, that, the extension period, including all previous and further extensions, may not extend beyond the maturity of the debt securities.

Upon the termination of any extension period and the payment of all amounts then due, we will have the right to commence a new extension period, subject to the above limitations set forth in this section. No interest will be payable during an extension period; instead, interest will only be due and payable at the end of the extension period. However, we will have the right to prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest accrued during an extension period. We do not currently intend to exercise our right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the debt securities. In the case of our junior subordinated debt securities, if the property trustee is the sole holder of such debt securities, we will give the administrative trustees and the property trustee notice of our selection of an extension period two business days before the earlier of (1) the next succeeding date on which distributions on the preferred securities are payable or (2) the date the administrative trustees are required to give notice to the New York Stock Exchange, or other applicable self-regulatory organization, or to holders of the preferred securities of the record or payment date of the distribution, but in any event, at least one business day before such record date. The administrative trustees will give notice of our selection of the extension period to the holders of the preferred securities. If the property trustee is not the sole holder of such debt securities, or in the case of the senior and subordinated debt securities, we will give the holders of these debt securities notice of our selection of an extension period at least two business days before the earlier of (1) the next succeeding interest payment date or (2) the date upon which we are required to give notice to the New York Stock Exchange, or other applicable self-regulatory organization, or to holders of such debt securities of the record or payment date of the related interest payment. (Article XVII of the junior subordinated indenture).

### **Modification or Amendment of the Indentures**

*Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.* Without the consent of any holders, we and the trustee may enter into one or supplemental indentures for certain purposes, including:

(1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to our rights and the assumption by such successor of the covenants contained in each indenture;

(2) to add to our covenants for the benefit of all or any series of debt securities, or to surrender any of our rights or powers;

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(3) to add any additional events of default;

(4) to change or eliminate any provisions, as long as any such change or elimination is effective only when there are no outstanding debt securities of any series created before the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of the provisions being changed or eliminated;

(5) to provide security for or guarantee of the debt securities;

(6) to supplement any of the provisions to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities in accordance with such indenture;

(7) to establish the form or terms of debt securities in accordance with each indenture;

(8) to provide for the acceptance of the appointment of a successor trustee for any series of debt securities or to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the indenture by more than one trustee;

(9) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision of any indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision, to eliminate any conflict with the Trust Indenture Act or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such indenture which are not inconsistent with any provision of the indenture, as long as the additional provisions do not adversely affect the interests of the holders in any material respect;

(10) to change the conversion rights;

(11) to make any change that does not adversely affect the interests of the holders in any material respect; or

(12) in the case of the junior subordinated indenture, to modify the subordination provisions thereof, except in a manner which would be adverse to the holders of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities of any series then outstanding. (Section 10.1 of each indenture).

*Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Holders.* If we receive the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected, we may enter into supplemental indentures with the trustee for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of each indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders under the indenture of such debt securities. As long as any of the preferred securities of an RGA trust remain outstanding, no modification of the related junior subordinated indenture may be made that requires the consent of the holders of the related junior subordinated debt securities, no termination of the related junior subordinated indenture may occur, and no waiver of any event of default under the related junior subordinated indenture may be effective, without the prior consent of the holders of a majority of the aggregate liquidation amount of the preferred securities of such RGA trust.

However, unless we receive the consent of all of the affected holders, we may not enter into supplemental indentures that would, with respect to the debt securities of such holders:

(1) conflict with the required provisions of the Trust Indenture Act;

(2) except as described in any prospectus supplement or other offering material:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest, if any, on, any debt security,
- reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof; provided, however, that a requirement to offer to repurchase debt securities will not be deemed a redemption for this purpose,
- change the currency or currencies in which the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on such debt security is denominated or payable,

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- reduce the amount of the principal of a discount security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, any payment under any sinking fund or analogous provisions for any debt security,
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity thereof, or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date, or
- adversely affect the right to convert any debt security into shares of our common stock if so provided;

(3) reduce the requirement for majority approval of supplemental indentures, or for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of either indenture or certain defaults; or

(4) modify any provisions of either indenture relating to waiver of past defaults with respect to that series, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of such indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holders of each such debt security of each series affected thereby. (Section 10.2 of each indenture).

It is not necessary for holders of the debt securities to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it is sufficient if the holders approve the substance thereof. (Section 10.2 of each indenture).

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the indenture to which it relates with respect to one or more particular series of debt securities or which modifies the rights of the holders of debt securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, will be deemed not to affect the rights under such indenture of the holders of debt securities of any other series. (Section 10.2 of each indenture).

## **Subordination**

The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to all our present and future senior indebtedness to the extent and in the manner set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material. In the junior subordinated indenture, RGA has covenanted and agreed that any junior subordinated debt securities issued thereunder are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all present and future senior indebtedness to the extent provided in the indenture. (Section 16.1 of the junior subordinated indenture). Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, the junior subordinated indenture defines the term “senior indebtedness” with respect to each respective series of junior subordinated debt securities, to mean the principal, premium, if any, and interest on:

- all indebtedness of RGA, whether outstanding on the date of the issuance of subordinated debt securities or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, which is for money borrowed, or which is evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any business, properties or assets, including securities;
- any indebtedness of others of the kinds described in the preceding clause for the payment of which RGA is responsible or liable as guarantor or otherwise; and
- amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, deferrals and refundings of any such indebtedness.

In the case of the junior subordinated indenture, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, senior indebtedness also includes all subordinated debt securities issued under the indenture. The senior indebtedness will continue to be senior indebtedness and entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of the senior indebtedness or extension or renewal of the senior indebtedness. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, senior indebtedness will not include (A) indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for

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services obtained in the ordinary course of business and (B) any indebtedness which by its terms is expressly made pari passu, or equal in rank and payment, with or subordinated to the junior subordinated debt securities. (Section 16.2 of the junior subordinated indenture).

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, no direct or indirect payment, in cash, property or securities, by set-off or otherwise, shall be made or agreed to be made on account of the junior subordinated debt securities or interest thereon or in respect of any repayment, redemption, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of such junior subordinated debt securities, if:

- RGA defaults in the payment of any principal, or premium, if any, or interest on any senior indebtedness, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or declaration or otherwise; or
- an event of default occurs with respect to any senior indebtedness permitting the holders to accelerate the maturity and written notice of such event of default, requesting that payments on junior subordinated debt securities cease, is given to RGA by the holders of senior indebtedness, unless and until such default in payment or event of default has been cured or waived or ceases to exist. (Section 16.4 of the junior subordinated indenture).

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, all present and future senior indebtedness, which shall include subordinated indebtedness in the case of our junior subordinated debt securities, including, without limitation, interest accruing after the commencement of any proceeding described below, assignment or marshaling of assets, shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made by RGA on account of junior subordinated debt securities in the event of:

- any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, composition or other similar proceeding relating to RGA, its creditors or its property;
- any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up of RGA, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings;
- any assignment by RGA for the benefit of creditors; or
- any other marshaling of the assets of RGA.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials, in any such event, payments or distributions which would otherwise be made on junior subordinated debt securities will generally be paid to the holders of senior indebtedness, or their representatives, in accordance with the priorities existing among these creditors at that time until the senior indebtedness is paid in full. (Section 16.3 of the junior subordinated indenture). No present or future holder of any senior indebtedness will be prejudiced in the right to enforce the subordination of junior subordinated debt securities by any act or failure to act on the part of RGA. (Section 16.9 of the junior subordinated indenture).

Senior indebtedness will only be deemed to have been paid in full if the holders of such indebtedness have received cash, securities or other property which is equal to the amount of the outstanding senior indebtedness. After payment in full of all present and future senior indebtedness, holders of junior subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of any holders of senior indebtedness to receive any further payments or distributions that are applicable to the senior indebtedness until all the junior subordinated debt securities are paid in full. In matters between holders of junior subordinated debt securities and any other type of RGA's creditors, any payments or distributions that would otherwise be paid to holders of senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities and that are made to holders of junior subordinated debt securities because of this subrogation will be deemed a payment by RGA on account of senior indebtedness and not on account of junior subordinated debt securities. (Section 16.7 of the junior subordinated indenture).

The junior subordinated indenture provides that the foregoing subordination provisions may be changed, except in a manner which would be adverse to the holders of junior subordinated debt securities of any series

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then outstanding. (Sections 10.1 and 10.2 of the junior subordinated indenture). The prospectus supplement or other offering materials relating to such junior subordinated debt securities would describe any such change.

The prospectus supplement or other offering materials delivered in connection with the offering of a series of subordinated debt or junior subordinated debt securities will set forth a more detailed description of the subordination provisions applicable to any such debt securities.

If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities, the accompanying prospectus supplement or other offering materials or information incorporated by reference will set forth the approximate amount of indebtedness senior to such subordinated or junior subordinated indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date. The indenture and the junior subordinated indenture place no limitation on the amount of additional senior indebtedness that may be incurred by RGA. RGA expects from time to time to incur additional indebtedness constituting senior indebtedness. See “—General” on page 11 for a summary of our indebtedness at March 31, 2017.

### **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, an event of default with respect to any series of debt securities issued under each of the indentures means:

- default in the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, on, any debt security of such series when due;
- default for 30 days in the payment of any interest upon any debt security of such series when it becomes due and payable, except where we have properly deferred the interest, if applicable;
- default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment when due by the terms of a debt security of such series, and the continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- default for 90 days after we receive notice as provided in the applicable indenture in the performance of any covenant or breach of any warranty in the indenture governing that series;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership, or, with respect to the junior subordinated debt securities, the dissolution of the RGA trust; or
- any other events which we specify for that series, which will be indicated in the prospectus supplement or other offering material for that series. (Section 5.1 of each indenture).

Within 90 days after a default in respect of any series of debt securities, the trustee, or property trustee, if applicable, must give to the holders of such series notice of all uncured and unwaived defaults by us known to it. However, except in the case of default in payment, the trustee may withhold such notice if it determines that such withholding is in the interest of such holders. (Section 6.2 of each indenture).

If an event of default occurs in respect of any outstanding series of debt securities and is continuing, the trustee under the indenture, the property trustee under the junior subordinated indenture or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of those securities, of all of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately by written notice thereof to us, and to the trustee or property trustee, if applicable, if given by the holders of the debt securities. Upon any such declaration, such principal or specified amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, and premium, if payable, will become immediately due and payable. However, with respect to any debt securities issued under the junior subordinated indenture, the payment of principal and interest on such debt securities shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XVI of the junior subordinated indenture. In addition, at any time after such a declaration of acceleration but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, the holders of a majority in principal

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amount of outstanding debt securities of that series may, subject to specified conditions, rescind and annul such acceleration if all events of default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal, or premium, if any, or interest on debt securities of such series have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture. (Section 5.2 of each indenture).

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, may waive any past default and its consequences, except that they may not waive an uncured default in payment or a default which cannot be waived without the consent of the holders of all outstanding securities of that series; provided that the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities may rescind and annul a declaration of acceleration, as described above. (Section 5.13 of each indenture).

Within four months after the close of each fiscal year, we must file with the trustee a statement, signed by specified officers, stating whether or not such officers have knowledge of any default under the indenture and, if so, specifying each such default and the nature and status of each such default. (Section 11.2 of each indenture).

Subject to provisions in the applicable indenture relating to its duties in case of default, the trustee, or property trustee, if applicable, is not required to take action at the request of any holders of debt securities, unless such holders have offered to the trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it. (Section 6.3 of each indenture).

Subject to such indemnification requirements and other limitations set forth in the applicable indenture, if any event of default has occurred, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting proceedings for remedies available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, in respect of such series. (Section 5.12 of each indenture).

### **Defeasance; Satisfaction and Discharge**

*Legal or Covenant Defeasance.* Each indenture provides that we may be discharged from our obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series, as described below. These provisions will apply to any debt securities, unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement or other offering material. The prospectus supplement or other offering material will describe any defeasance provisions that apply to other types of debt securities. (Section 14.1 of each indenture).

At our option, we may choose either one of the following alternatives:

- We may elect to be discharged from any and all of our obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series, except for, among other things, certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of such series, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of such series, and to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions relating to the treatment of funds held by the trustee for defeasance. We refer to this as “legal defeasance.”
- Alternatively, we may omit to comply with the covenants described under the heading “—Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance, Sale of Assets and Other Transfers” and any additional covenants which may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, and any omission to comply with those covenants will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the debt securities of that series. We refer to this as “covenant defeasance.”

In either case, we will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. Government Obligations that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge each installment of principal, including any mandatory sinking fund payments,



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premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities. This discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel or an Internal Revenue Service ruling to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance. (Section 14.2 of each indenture).

In addition, with respect to the junior subordinated indenture, in order to be discharged, no event or condition shall exist that, pursuant to certain provisions described under “— Subordination” above, would prevent us from making payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on junior subordinated debt securities at the date of the irrevocable deposit referred to above. (Section 14.2 of the junior subordinated indenture).

*Covenant Defeasance and Events of Default.* In the event we exercise our option to effect covenant defeasance with respect to any series of debt securities and the debt securities of that series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and/or U.S. Government Obligations on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

“U.S. Government Obligations” means securities which are (1) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (2) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and will also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that, except as required by law, such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt. (Section 14.2 of each indenture).

We may exercise our legal defeasance option even if we have already exercised our covenant defeasance option. (Section 14.2 of each indenture).

There may be additional provisions relating to defeasance which we will describe in the prospectus supplement or other offering material. (Section 14.1 of each indenture).

### **Conversion or Exchange**

Any series of the senior or subordinated debt securities may be convertible or exchangeable into common or preferred stock or other debt securities registered under the registration statement relating to this prospectus. The specific terms and conditions on which such debt securities may be so converted or exchanged will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material. Those terms may include the conversion or exchange price, provisions for conversion or exchange, either mandatory, at the option of the holder, or at our option, whether we have an option to convert debt securities into cash, rather than common stock, and provisions under which the number of shares of common or preferred stock or other securities to be received by the holders of debt securities would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. (Section 15.1 of each indenture).

### **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York. (Section 1.11 of each indenture).

## Regarding the Trustee

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the trustee under the indenture and the junior subordinated indenture relating to the junior subordinated debt securities which may be offered to the RGA trusts. We have entered, and from time to time may continue to enter, into banking or other relationships with such trustees or their affiliates, including The Bank of New York Mellon. For example, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is successor trustee of the indentures relating to our 6.45% Senior Notes due 2019, our 5.00% Senior Notes due 2021, and our Variable Rate Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2065 and is trustee of the indenture relating to our 6.20% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Debentures due 2042, our 4.70% Senior Notes due 2023, our 3.95% Senior Notes due 2026, and our 5.75% Fixed-To-Floating Rate Subordinated Debentures due 2056. The Bank of New York Mellon is a lender under our syndicated revolving credit facility, dated September 25, 2014. These entities and their affiliates also provide other banking and financial services to us.

If the trustee is or becomes one of our creditors, the indenture limits the right of the trustee to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claims as security or otherwise. The trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions. However, if after a specified default has occurred and is continuing, it acquires or has a conflicting interest (such as continuing to serve as trustee with respect to outstanding notes or debentures or continuing to be a creditor of RGA in certain circumstances), it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days or receive permission from the SEC to continue as a trustee or resign.

There may be more than one trustee under each indenture, each with respect to one or more series of debt securities. (Section 1.1 of each indenture). Any trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and a successor trustee may be appointed to act with respect to such series. (Section 6.10 of each indenture).

If two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of debt securities, each trustee will be a trustee of a trust under the indenture separate from the trust administered by any other such trustee. Except as otherwise indicated in this prospectus, any action to be taken by the trustee may be taken by each such trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is trustee under the indenture.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF RGA

The following is a summary of the material terms of our capital stock and the provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws. It also summarizes some relevant provisions of the Missouri General and Business Corporation Law, which we refer to as Missouri law. Since the terms of our articles of incorporation, and bylaws, and Missouri law, are more detailed than the general information provided below, you should only rely on the actual provisions of those documents and Missouri law. If you would like to read those documents, they are on file with the SEC, as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 2.

### General

RGA’s authorized capital stock consists of 150 million shares of capital stock, of which:

- 140 million shares are designated as common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; and
- 10 million shares are designated as preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

As of March 31, 2017, RGA had approximately 64.4 million shares of common stock outstanding, and approximately 14.7 million shares issuable upon exercise or settlement of outstanding options or other awards.

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The outstanding shares of common stock are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

### **Common Stock**

Subject to the prior rights of the holders of any shares of preferred stock which later may be issued and outstanding, holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by us out of legally available funds, and, if we liquidate, dissolve, or wind up RGA, to share ratably in all remaining assets after we pay liabilities. We are prohibited from paying dividends under our credit agreement unless, at the time of declaration and payment, certain defaults would not exist under such agreement. Under certain circumstances, we may be contractually prohibited from paying dividends on our common stock due to restrictions associated with certain of our debt securities. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters presented to a vote of shareholders, including the election of directors. Holders of common stock have no cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any stock or other securities and there are no conversion rights or redemption or sinking fund provisions for the common stock.

We may issue additional shares of authorized common stock without shareholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

Computershare, P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170, is the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGA".

### **Preferred Stock**

Our articles of incorporation vest our board of directors with authority to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock from time to time in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as may be stated in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance of such stock adopted from time to time by the board of directors. Our board of directors is expressly authorized to fix or determine:

- the specific designation of the shares of the series;
- the consideration for which the shares of the series are to be issued;
- the rate and times at which, and the conditions under which, dividends will be payable on shares of that series, and the status of those dividends as cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date or dates from which dividends shall be cumulative;
- the price or prices, times, terms and conditions, if any, upon which the shares of the series may be redeemed;
- the rights, if any, which the holders of shares of the series have in the event of our dissolution or upon distribution of our assets;
- from time to time, whether to include the additional shares of preferred stock which we are authorized to issue in the series;
- whether or not the shares of the series are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities of RGA, including shares of our common stock or shares of any other series of our preferred stock, the price or prices or the rate or rates at which conversion or exchange may be made, and the terms and conditions upon which the conversion or exchange right may be exercised;
- if a sinking fund will be provided for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series and, if so, to fix the terms and the amount or amounts of the sinking fund; and
- any other preferences and rights, privileges and restrictions applicable to the series as may be permitted by law.

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All shares of the same series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the times from which cumulative dividends, if any, on those shares will be cumulative. The shares of different series may differ, including as to rank, as may be provided in our articles of incorporation, or as may be fixed by our board of directors as described above. We may from time to time amend our articles of incorporation to increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of preferred stock.

The material terms of any series of preferred stock being offered by us will be described in the prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to that series of preferred stock. If so indicated in the prospectus supplement or other offering material and if permitted by the articles of incorporation and by law, the terms of any such series may differ from the terms set forth below. That prospectus supplement may not restate the amendment to our articles of incorporation or the board resolution that establishes a particular series of preferred stock in its entirety. We urge you to read that amendment or board resolution because it, and not the description in the prospectus supplement or other offering material, will define your rights as a holder of preferred stock. The certificate of amendment to our articles of incorporation or board resolution will be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and with the SEC.

*Dividend Rights.* One or more series of preferred stock may be preferred as to payment of dividends over our common stock or any other stock ranking junior to the preferred stock as to dividends. In that case, before any dividends or distributions on our common stock or stock of junior rank, other than dividends or distributions payable in common stock, are declared and set apart for payment or paid, the holders of shares of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by our board of directors. We will pay those dividends either in cash, shares of common stock or preferred stock or otherwise, at the rate and on the date or dates indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. With respect to each series of preferred stock entitled to cumulative dividends, the dividends on each share of that series will be cumulative from the date of issue of the share unless some other date is set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the series. Accruals of dividends will not bear interest. We are prohibited from paying dividends under our credit agreement unless, at the time of declaration and payment, a default would not exist under the agreement.

*Rights upon Liquidation.* The preferred stock may be preferred over common stock, or any other stock ranking junior to the preferred stock with respect to distribution of assets, as to our assets so that the holders of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to be paid, upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up and before any distribution is made to the holders of common stock or stock of junior rank, the amount set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, in this case the holders of preferred stock will not be entitled to any other or further payment. If upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up our net assets are insufficient to permit the payment in full of the respective amounts to which the holders of all outstanding preferred stock are entitled, our entire remaining net assets will be distributed among the holders of each series of preferred stock in an amount proportional to the full amounts to which the holders of each series are entitled.

*Redemption.* All shares of any series of preferred stock will be redeemable, if at all, to the extent set forth in the prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to the series.

*Conversion or Exchange.* Shares of any series of preferred stock will be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock or preferred stock or other securities, if at all, to the extent set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

*Preemptive Rights.* No holder of shares of any series of preferred stock will have any preemptive or preferential rights to subscribe to or purchase shares of any class or series of stock, now or hereafter authorized, or any securities convertible into, or warrants or other evidences of optional rights to purchase or subscribe to, shares of any series, now or hereafter authorized.

*Voting Rights.* Except as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material and subject to provisions in our articles of incorporation relating to the rights of our common stock, the holders of

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voting preferred stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of preferred stock held by them on all matters properly presented to shareholders. Except as otherwise provided in the amendment to our articles of incorporation or the directors resolution that creates a specified class of preferred stock, the holders of common stock and the holders of all series of preferred stock will vote together as one class. In addition, currently under Missouri law, even if shares of a particular class or series of stock are not otherwise entitled to a vote on any matters submitted to the shareholders, amendments to the articles of incorporation which adversely affect those shares require a vote of the class or series of which such shares are a part, including amendments which would:

- increase or decrease the aggregate number or par value of authorized shares of the class or series;
- create a new class of shares having rights and preferences prior or superior to the shares of the class or series;
- increase the rights and preferences, or the number of authorized shares, of any class having rights and preferences prior to or superior to the rights of the class or series; or
- alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the shares of such class or series so as to affect such shares adversely.

Most of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries, and thus our ability to pay dividends on any series of preferred stock is dependent on their financial condition, results of operations, cash requirements and other related factors. Our subsidiaries are also subject to restrictions on dividends and other distributions contained under applicable insurance laws and related regulations.

Depending upon the rights of holders of the preferred stock, an issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of common stock by delaying or preventing a change of control of RGA, making removal of the management of RGA difficult, or restricting the payment of dividends and other distributions to the holders of common stock.

As described under “Description of Depositary Shares of RGA,” we may, at our option, elect to offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts, each representing an interest, to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement for the particular series of the preferred stock, in a share of the particular series of the preferred stock issued and deposited with a preferred stock depositary. All shares of preferred stock offered by this prospectus, or issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of securities, will, when issued, be fully paid and non-assessable.

### **Certain Effects of Authorized but Unissued Stock**

We may issue additional shares of common stock or preferred stock without shareholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange, for a variety of corporate purposes, including raising additional capital, corporate acquisitions, and employee benefit plans. The existence of unissued and unreserved common and preferred stock may enable us to issue shares to persons who are friendly to current management, which could discourage an attempt to obtain control of RGA through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest, or otherwise, and protect the continuity of management and possibly deprive you of opportunities to sell your shares at prices higher than the prevailing market prices. We could also use additional shares to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of RGA pursuant to the operation of the rights plan or otherwise. See also “— Anti-Takeover Provisions in the RGA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws” below.

### **Limitation on Liability of Directors; Indemnification**

Our articles of incorporation limit the liability of our directors to RGA and its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by Missouri law. Our articles of incorporation provide that RGA will indemnify each person (other than a party plaintiff suing on his own behalf or in the right of RGA) who at any time is serving or has served as a director or officer of RGA against any

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claim, liability or expense incurred as a result of this service, or as a result of any other service on behalf of RGA, or service at the request of RGA as a director, officer, employee, member or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, trade or industry association or other enterprise (whether incorporated or unincorporated, for-profit or not-for-profit), to the maximum extent permitted by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, RGA will indemnify any such person who was or is a party (other than a party plaintiff suing on his own behalf or in the right of RGA), or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including, but not limited to, an action by or in the right of RGA) by reason of such service against expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding. We have entered into indemnification agreements with our officers and directors providing for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The inclusion of these provisions in our articles of incorporation may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and may discourage or deter RGA or its shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors for breach of their duty of care, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited RGA and its shareholders.

### **Anti-Takeover Provisions in the RGA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**

Some of the provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws and Section 351.459 of the Missouri corporation statute could have the following effects, among others:

- delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of RGA;
- delaying, deferring or preventing the removal of our existing management or directors;
- deterring potential acquirors from making an offer to our shareholders; and
- limiting our shareholders' opportunity to realize premiums over prevailing market prices of our common stock in connection with offers by potential acquirors.

The following is a summary of some of the provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws that could have the effects described above.

*Classified Board of Directors.* Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that our board of directors will be divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. Each class, to the extent possible, will be equal in number. The size of our board of directors will not be less than three and our board of directors can amend the number of directors by majority vote. Each class holds office until the third annual shareholders' meeting for election of directors following the most recent election of such class.

*Directors, and Not Shareholders, Fix the Size of the Board of Directors of RGA.* Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that the number of directors will be fixed from time to time exclusively pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of our board of directors, but in no event will it consist of less than three directors. In accordance with our bylaws, our board of directors currently has fixed the number of directors at eleven.

*Directors are Removed for Cause Only.* Missouri law provides that, unless a corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise, the holders of a majority of the corporation's voting stock may remove any director from office. Our articles of incorporation provide that shareholders may remove a director only "for cause" and with the approval of the holders of 85% of RGA's voting stock. Our board of directors may remove a director, with or without cause, only in the event the director fails to meet the qualifications stated in the bylaws for election as a director or in the event the director is in breach of any agreement between such director and RGA relating to such director's service as RGA's director or employee.

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*Board Vacancies to Be Filled by Remaining Directors and Not Shareholders.* Any vacancy created by any reason prior to the expiration of the class in which the vacancy occurs will be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum. A director elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors may be filled by the board of directors and will be added to such class of directors so that all classes of directors will be as nearly equal in number as possible.

*Shareholders May Only Act by Written Consent Upon Unanimous Written Consent.* As required by Missouri law, our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide for shareholder action by unanimous written consent only.

*No Special Meetings Called by Shareholders.* Our articles of incorporation provide that special meetings may only be called by the chairman of our board of directors, our president, or a majority of our board of directors. Only such business will be conducted, and only such proposals acted upon, as are specified in the notice of the special meeting.

*Advance Notice for Shareholder Proposals and Director Nominations.* Our articles of incorporation contain provisions requiring that advance notice be delivered to RGA of any business to be brought by a shareholder before an annual meeting and providing for procedures to be followed by shareholders in nominating persons for election to our board of directors. Ordinarily, the shareholder must give notice at least 60 days but not more than 90 days before the meeting, but if we give less than 70 days' notice of the meeting, then the shareholder must give notice within ten days after we mail notice of the meeting or make other public disclosure of the meeting. The notice must include a description of the proposal, the reasons for the proposal, and other specified matters. Additionally, our bylaws supplement the advance notice requirements included in our articles of incorporation by, among other things, requiring shareholder proponents to disclose all ownership interests in us, certain information about proposed director nominees, any material interest of the shareholder proponent or beneficial owner in the business proposed for the meeting. The bylaws also require that these disclosures be updated and supplemented, if necessary and that the shareholder proposing business or making a nomination must appear at the meeting for the proposal to be considered. Our board may reject any proposals that have not followed these procedures or that are not a proper subject for shareholder action in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

*Bylaws May Be Amended by Directors and Not Shareholders.* Our articles of incorporation provide that our bylaws may be amended only by the majority of the entire board of directors. Shareholders will not be able to amend the bylaws without first amending our articles of incorporation.

*Supermajority Vote Required to Amend Specified Provisions.* Our articles of incorporation provide that amendment of the following provisions requires an affirmative vote of at least 85% of the outstanding capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class:

- provisions regarding certain shareholder rights;
- provisions relating to directors;
- provisions related to shareholders' meetings;
- provisions specifying the procedure for amendment of bylaws;
- provisions relating to indemnification and related matters; and
- provisions relating to the amendment of the articles of incorporation.

*Exclusive Forum Provision.* Our bylaws provide for the designation of any state court located in St. Louis County, Missouri, or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri as the exclusive forum for certain shareholder litigation such as derivative claims, breach of fiduciary duty claims, claims pursuant to the General and Business Corporation Law of Missouri, our articles of incorporation or our bylaws, claims governed by the internal affairs doctrine and actions to interpret, enforce or determine the validity of our articles of incorporation or our bylaws, unless we otherwise consent to another jurisdiction.

## Missouri Statutory Provisions

Missouri law also contains certain provisions which may have an anti-takeover effect and otherwise discourage third parties from effecting transactions with us, including control share acquisition and business combination statutes.

*Business Combination Statute.* Missouri law contains a “business combination statute” which restricts certain “business combinations” between us and an “interested shareholder,” or affiliates of the interested shareholder, for a period of five years after the date of the transaction in which the person becomes an interested shareholder, unless either such transaction or the interested shareholder’s acquisition of stock is approved by our board on or before the date the interested shareholder obtains such status.

The statute also provides that, after the expiration of such initial five-year period, business combinations are prohibited for an additional five-year period unless:

- the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting stock, other than the stock owned by the interested shareholder, or any affiliate or associate of such interested shareholder, approve the business combination; or
- the business combination satisfies certain detailed fairness and procedural requirements.

A “business combination” for this purpose includes a merger or consolidation, some sales, leases, exchanges, pledges and similar dispositions of corporate assets or stock and any reclassifications or recapitalizations that generally increase the proportionate voting power of the interested shareholder. An “interested shareholder” for this purpose generally means any person who, together with his or her affiliates and associates, owns or controls 20% or more of the outstanding shares of the corporation’s voting stock.

A Missouri corporation may opt out of coverage by the business combination statute by including a provision to that effect in its governing corporate documents. We have not done so.

The business combination statute may make it more difficult for a 20% beneficial owner to effect other transactions with us and may encourage persons that seek to acquire us to negotiate with our board prior to acquiring a 20% interest. It is possible that such a provision could make it more difficult to accomplish a transaction which shareholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interest.

*Control Share Acquisition Statute.* Missouri also has a “control share acquisition statute” that would limit the rights of a shareholder to vote some or all of the shares that it holds, in case of a shareholder whose acquisition of shares results in that shareholder having voting power, when added to the shares previously held by such shareholder, to exercise or direct the exercise of more than a specified percentage of RGA’s outstanding stock (beginning at 20%). The statute exempts some types of acquisitions and provides a procedure for an acquiring shareholder to obtain shareholder approval to permit such shareholder to vote these shares. However, as permitted by the statute, RGA previously amended its bylaws to provide that the control share acquisition statute will not apply to control share acquisitions of RGA’s stock, but may elect to become subject to such statute by a further amendment to its bylaws.

*Takeover Bid Disclosure Statute.* Missouri’s “takeover bid disclosure statute” requires that, under some circumstances, before making a tender offer that would result in the offeror acquiring control of us, the offeror must file certain disclosure materials with the Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Securities.

*Insurance Holding Companies Act.* We are regulated in Missouri as an insurance holding company. Under the Missouri Insurance Holding Companies Act and related regulations, the acquisition of control of a domestic insurer must receive prior approval by the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, which we refer to as the “Department.” Missouri law provides that a transaction will



be approved if the Department finds that the transaction would, among other things, not violate the law or be contrary to the interests of the insureds of any participating domestic insurance corporations. The Department may approve any proposed change of control subject to conditions.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES OF RGA

The description of any deposit agreement and any related depositary shares and depositary receipts in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement or other offering material of certain provisions are summaries of the material provisions of that deposit agreement and of the depositary shares and depositary receipts. These descriptions do not include all terms of those agreements and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. The applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material will describe the terms of any depositary shares and depositary receipts in more detail; and we urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement and the deposit agreement because they, and not our summaries and descriptions, will define your rights as holders of the depositary shares and depositary receipts. The applicable prospectus supplement will also state whether any of the generalized provisions summarized below do not apply to the depositary shares or depositary receipts being offered. The forms of the relevant documents will be filed with the SEC and will be available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" above.

### General

We may elect to have shares of preferred stock represented by depositary shares. The shares of any series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company we select. The prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to a series of depositary shares will set forth the name and address of this preferred stock depositary. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, proportionately, to all the rights, preferences and privileges of the preferred stock represented by such depositary share, including dividend, voting, redemption, conversion, exchange and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement, each of which will represent the applicable interest in a number of shares of a particular series of the preferred stock described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

A holder of depositary shares will be entitled to receive the shares of preferred stock, but only in whole shares of preferred stock, underlying those depositary shares. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the whole number of shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to that holder at the same time a new depositary receipt for the excess number of depositary shares.

### Dividends and Other Distributions

The preferred stock depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions in respect of the series of preferred stock represented by the depositary shares to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, to the extent possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders. The depositary, however, will distribute only the amount that can be distributed without attributing to any depositary share a fraction of one cent, and any undistributed balance will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the depositary for distribution to record holders of depositary receipts then outstanding.

If there is a distribution other than in cash in respect of the preferred stock, the preferred stock depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, insofar as possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders, unless the preferred stock depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such a distribution. In that case, the preferred stock depositary may, with our approval, adopt any method that it deems equitable and practicable to effect the distribution, including a public or private sale of the property and distribution of the net proceeds from the sale to the holders.

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The amount distributed in any of the above cases will be reduced by any amount we or the preferred stock depositary are required to withhold on account of taxes.

### **Conversion and Exchange**

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to provisions relating to its conversion or exchange as set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, each record holder of depositary receipts will have the right or obligation to convert or exchange the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts pursuant to those provisions.

### **Redemption of Depositary Shares**

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to redemption, the depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the preferred stock depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of the preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary. Whenever we redeem a share of preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary, the preferred stock depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date a proportionate number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock that were redeemed. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the aggregate redemption price payable with respect to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or proportionately as we may determine.

After the date fixed for redemption, the depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of the depositary shares will cease, except the right to receive the redemption price. Any funds that we deposit with the preferred stock depositary relating to depositary shares which are not redeemed by the holders of the depositary shares will be returned to us after a period of two years from the date the funds are deposited by us.

### **Voting**

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares are entitled to vote, the preferred stock depositary will mail the information contained in the notice to the record holders of the depositary receipts. Each record holder of the depositary receipts on the record date, which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock, may then instruct the preferred stock depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying that holder's depositary shares. The preferred stock depositary will try to vote the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares in accordance with the instructions, and we will agree to take all reasonable action which the preferred stock depositary deems necessary to enable the preferred stock depositary to do so. The preferred stock depositary will abstain from voting the preferred stock to the extent that it does not receive specific written instructions from holders of depositary receipts representing the preferred stock.

### **Record Date**

Subject to the provisions of the deposit agreement, whenever:

- any cash dividend or other cash distribution becomes payable;
- any distribution other than cash is made;
- any rights, preferences or privileges are offered with respect to the preferred stock;
- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of any meeting at which holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of preferred stock are entitled to notice; or

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- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of the mandatory conversion of or any election by us to call for the redemption of any preferred stock, the preferred stock depositary will in each instance fix a record date, which will be the same as the record date for the preferred stock, for the determination of the holders of depositary receipts:
  - who will be entitled to receive dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of any sale, or
  - who will be entitled to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting or to receive notice of the meeting or the redemption or conversion.

### **Withdrawal of Preferred Stock**

Upon surrender of depositary receipts at the principal office of the preferred stock depositary, upon payment of any unpaid amount due the preferred stock depositary, and subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, the owner of the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts is entitled to delivery of the number of whole shares of preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by the depositary shares. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the preferred stock depositary will deliver to the holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing the excess number of depositary shares. Holders of preferred stock that are withdrawn will not be entitled to deposit the shares that have been withdrawn under the deposit agreement or to receive depositary receipts.

### **Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement**

We and the preferred stock depositary may at any time agree to amend the form of depositary receipt and any provision of the deposit agreement. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters the rights of holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. The deposit agreement may be terminated by us or by the preferred stock depositary only if all outstanding shares have been redeemed or if a final distribution in respect of the underlying preferred stock has been made to the holders of the depositary shares in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

### **Charges of Preferred Stock Depositary**

We will pay all charges of the preferred stock depositary including charges in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock, the initial issuance of the depositary receipts, the distribution of information to the holders of depositary receipts with respect to matters on which preference stock is entitled to vote, withdrawals of the preferred stock by the holders of depositary receipts or redemption or conversion of the preferred stock, except for taxes (including transfer taxes, if any) and other governmental charges and any other charges expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be at the expense of holders of depositary receipts or persons depositing preferred stock.

### **Miscellaneous**

Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary will be liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond our control in performing any obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of the preferred stock depositary under the deposit agreement are limited to performing its duties under the agreement without negligence or bad faith. Our obligations under the deposit agreement are limited to performing our duties in good faith. Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary is obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the preferred stock depositary may rely on advice of or information from counsel, accountants or other persons that they believe to be competent and on documents that they believe to be genuine.

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The preferred stock depositary may resign at any time or be removed by us, effective upon the acceptance by its successor of its appointment. If we have not appointed a successor preferred stock depositary and the successor depositary has not accepted its appointment within 60 days after the preferred stock depositary delivered a resignation notice to us, the preferred stock depositary may terminate the deposit agreement. See “—Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement” above.

### **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS OF RGA**

We may issue warrants to purchase debt or equity securities. We may issue warrants independently or as part of a unit with other securities, including, without limitation, preferred securities issued by the RGA trusts. Warrants sold with other securities as a unit may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

The prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to any warrants we are offering will include specific terms relating to the offering, including a description of any other securities sold together with the warrants. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- the title of the warrants;
- the aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the prices of the warrants may be payable;
- the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities or rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies or indices, purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which those numbers may be adjusted;
- the exercise price of the warrants and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which such price is payable;
- the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;
- the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued as a unit;
- if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;
- if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;
- any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;
- any terms relating to the modification of the warrants; and
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange, exercise or redemption of the warrants.

Warrants issued for securities other than our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or the preferred securities of an RGA trust will not be exercisable until at least one year from the date of sale of the warrant.

We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material that will describe the material terms of the warrants we are offering under this prospectus, as well as the complete warrant agreement, including the form of warrant certificate, because they, and not our summaries and descriptions, will define your

rights as holders of the warrants. We will incorporate by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part the form of warrant agreement that describes the terms of the warrants we are offering from reports we file with the SEC as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” above.

## DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS OF RGA

We may issue purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and us to sell to the holders, a number or amount of debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or depository shares or warrants or trust preferred securities of an RGA trust at a future date or dates. The price per equity security and the number of securities may be fixed at the time the purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula stated in the purchase contracts. The purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the purchase contracts. These payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

The prospectus supplement or other offering material relating to any purchase contracts we are offering will specify the material terms of the purchase contracts and any applicable pledge or depository arrangements, including one or more of the following:

- The stated amount that a holder will be obligated to pay under the purchase contract in order to purchase our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares or warrants, or trust preferred securities of an RGA Trust or the formula by which such amount shall be determined.
- The settlement date or dates on which the holder will be obligated to purchase such securities. The prospectus supplement will specify whether the occurrence of any events may cause the settlement date to occur on an earlier date and the terms on which an early settlement would occur.
- The events, if any, that will cause our obligations and the obligations of the holder under the purchase contract to terminate.
- The settlement rate, which is a number that, when multiplied by the stated amount of a purchase contract, determines the number of securities that we or an RGA trust will be obligated to sell and a holder will be obligated to purchase under that purchase contract upon payment of the stated amount of that purchase contract. The settlement rate may be determined by the application of a formula specified in the prospectus supplement. If a formula is specified, it may be based on the market price of such securities over a specified period or it may be based on some other reference statistic.
- Whether the purchase contracts will be issued separately or as part of units consisting of a purchase contract and an underlying security with an aggregate principal amount equal to the stated amount. Any underlying securities will be pledged by the holder to secure its obligations under a purchase contract.
- The type of underlying security, if any, that is pledged by the holder to secure its obligations under a purchase contract. Underlying securities may be our debt securities, depository shares, preferred securities, common stock, warrants or debt obligations, trust preferred securities of an RGA trust or government securities.
- The terms of the pledge arrangement relating to any underlying securities, including the terms on which distributions or payments of interest and principal on any underlying securities will be retained by a collateral agent, delivered to us or be distributed to the holder.
- The amount of the contract fee, if any, that may be payable by us to the holder or by the holder to us, the date or dates on which the contract fee will be payable and the extent to which we or the holder, as applicable, may defer payment of the contract fee on those payment dates.

The contract fee may be calculated as a percentage of the stated amount of the purchase contract or otherwise.

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We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material that will describe the material terms of the purchase contracts that we are offering under this prospectus, as well as the instruments that contain the terms of any securities that are subject to those purchase contracts, because they, and not our summaries and descriptions, will define your rights as holders of the purchase contracts. Certain of those instruments, or forms of those instruments, have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and supplements to those instruments or forms may be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part from reports we file with the SEC as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” above.

### **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, we may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit may also include debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. Treasury securities. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The prospectus supplement or other offering material will describe:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be held or transferred separately;
- a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material that will describe the material terms of the units that we are offering under this prospectus, as well as the complete instruments that contain the terms of the securities comprising the units, because they, and not our summaries and descriptions, will define your rights as holders of the units. Certain of those instruments, or forms of those instruments, have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and supplements to those instruments or forms may be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part from reports we file with the SEC as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” above.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SECURITIES OF THE RGA TRUSTS**

Each RGA trust may issue, from time to time, one series of preferred securities having terms described in the prospectus supplement or other offering material. Preferred securities may be issued either independently or as part of a unit with other securities, including, without limitation, warrants to purchase common stock of RGA. Preferred securities sold with other securities as a unit may be attached to or separate from the other securities. The proceeds from the sale of each trust’s preferred and common securities will be used by such trust to purchase a series of junior subordinated debt securities issued by RGA. The junior subordinated debt securities will be held in trust by the trust’s property trustee for the benefit of the holders of such preferred and common securities. Each amended and restated trust agreement has been or will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The property trustee for each trust, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor to The Bank of New York, an independent trustee, will act as indenture trustee for the preferred securities for purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act. The preferred securities will have the terms, including distributions, redemption, voting, liquidation rights, maturity date or dates and the other preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions as are established by the administrative trustees in accordance with the applicable amended and restated trust agreement or as are set forth in the amended and restated trust agreement or made part of the amended and restated trust agreement by the Trust Indenture Act.

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Such terms, rights and restrictions will mirror the terms of the junior subordinated debt securities held by the applicable trust and will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material.

All preferred securities offered by the prospectus will be guaranteed by us to the extent set forth below under “Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA.” The guarantee issued by us to each RGA trust, when taken together with our obligations under the junior subordinated debt securities issued to any RGA trust and under the applicable indenture and any applicable supplemental indentures, and our obligations under each amended and restated trust agreement, including the obligation to pay expenses of each RGA trust, will provide a full and unconditional guarantee by us of amounts due on the preferred securities issued by each RGA trust. The payment terms of the preferred securities will be the same as the junior subordinated debt securities issued to the applicable RGA trust by us.

Each amended and restated trust agreement authorizes the administrative trustees to issue on behalf of the applicable trust one series of common securities having terms, including distributions, redemption, voting and liquidation rights, and restrictions that are established by the administrative trustees in accordance with the amended and restated trust agreement or that are otherwise set forth in the amended and restated trust agreement. The terms of the common securities issued by each RGA trust will be substantially identical to the terms of the preferred securities issued by the RGA trust. The common securities will rank equally, and payments will be made proportionately, with the preferred securities of that trust. However, if an event of default under the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust has occurred and is continuing, the cash distributions and liquidation, redemption and other amounts payable on the common securities will be subordinated to the preferred securities in right of payment. The common securities will also carry the right to vote and to appoint, remove or replace any of the trustees of the RGA trust. RGA will own, directly or indirectly, all of the common securities of each RGA trust.

The financial statements of any RGA trust that issues preferred securities will be reflected in our consolidated financial statements with the preferred securities shown as company-obligated mandatorily-redeemable preferred securities of a subsidiary trust under “minority interest.” We will include in a footnote to our audited consolidated financial statements, statements that the applicable RGA trust is wholly-owned by us and that the sole asset of the RGA trust is the junior subordinated debt securities, indicating the principal amount, interest rate and maturity date of the junior subordinated debt securities.

### **Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Preferred Securities**

If an event of default occurs, and is continuing, under the amended and restated trust agreement of either RGA trust, the holders of the preferred securities of that trust may rely on the property trustee to enforce its rights as a holder of the subordinated debt securities against RGA. Additionally, those who together hold a majority of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of an RGA trust’s preferred securities will have the right to:

- direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the property trustee; or
- direct the exercise of any trust or power that the property trustee holds under the amended and restated trust agreement, including the right to direct the property trustee to exercise the remedies available to it as a holder of the junior subordinated debt securities.

If such a default occurs and the event is attributable to RGA’s failure to pay interest or principal on the junior subordinated debt securities when due, including any payment on redemption, and this debt payment failure is continuing, a preferred securities holder of the trust may directly institute a proceeding for the enforcement of this payment. Such a proceeding will be limited, however, to enforcing the payment of this principal or interest only up to the value of the aggregate liquidation amount of the holder’s preferred securities as determined after the due date specified in the applicable series of junior subordinated debt securities. RGA will be subrogated to the holder’s rights under the applicable amended and restated trust agreement to the extent of any payment it makes to the holder in connection with such a direct action, and RGA may set off against any such payment that it makes under the applicable preferred securities guarantee.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES OF RGA

Set forth below is a summary of information concerning the guarantees that will be executed and delivered by us for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of preferred securities. Summaries of any other terms of any guarantee that are issued will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material. Each guarantee has been or will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor to The Bank of New York will act as the preferred securities guarantee trustee. The terms of each guarantee will be set forth in the guarantee and will include the terms made part of the guarantee by the Trust Indenture Act and will be available as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 2.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, we will agree, to the extent set forth in each guarantee, to pay in full to the holders of the preferred securities, the payments and distributions to be made with respect to the preferred securities, except to the extent paid by the applicable RGA trust, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which the RGA trust may have or assert. The following payments or distributions with respect to the preferred securities, to the extent not paid by the RGA trust and to the extent that such RGA trust has funds available for these payments or distributions, will be subject to the guarantee:

- any accrued and unpaid distributions that are required to be paid on the preferred securities;
- the redemption price for any preferred securities called for redemption by the RGA trust; and
- upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the RGA trust, other than in connection with the distribution of junior subordinated debt securities to the holders of preferred securities in exchange for preferred securities or the redemption of all of the preferred securities upon maturity or redemption of the subordinated debt securities, the lesser of:

- (i) the sum of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on the preferred securities to the date of payment, or
- (ii) the amount of assets of the RGA trust remaining for distribution to holders of the preferred securities in liquidation of the RGA trust.

We may satisfy our obligation to make a guarantee payment by making a direct payment of the required amounts to the holders of preferred securities or by causing the applicable RGA trust to pay the amounts to the holders.

Each guarantee will not apply to any payment of distributions except to the extent the applicable RGA trust has funds available to make the payment. If we do not make interest or principal payments on the junior subordinated debt securities purchased by the RGA trust, the RGA trust will not pay distributions on the preferred securities issued by the RGA trust and will not have funds available to make the payments.

### Covenants of RGA

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, in each guarantee of the payment obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities, we will covenant that, so long as any preferred securities issued by the RGA trust remain outstanding, if there has occurred any event which would constitute an event of default under the guarantee or under the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust, then RGA will not:

- declare or pay any dividends on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock, other than:
  - (1) dividends or distribution of shares of common stock of RGA;



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(2) any declaration of a non-cash dividend in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan, or the issuance of stock under any such plan in the future, or the redemption or repurchase of any such rights outstanding under a shareholder rights plan; or

(3) purchases of common stock of RGA related to the rights under any of RGA's benefits plans for its directors, officers or employees;

- make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued or guaranteed by RGA that rank equal with or junior to the subordinated debt securities issued to the applicable RGA trust, other than payments made in order to satisfy RGA's obligations under the applicable preferred securities guarantee; and
- redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the debt securities issued to the applicable RGA trust or any of the preferred securities.

### **Modification of the Guarantees; Assignment**

Except for any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of holders of preferred securities, in which case no consent of the holders will be required, each guarantee of the payment obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities may be amended only with the prior approval of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the outstanding preferred securities of the RGA trust. The manner of obtaining any approval of holders of the preferred securities will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement. All guarantees and agreements contained in a guarantee of the obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities will bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of RGA and will inure to the benefit of the holders of the preferred securities of the applicable RGA trust then outstanding.

### **Events of Default**

An event of default under a preferred securities guarantee will occur upon our failure to perform any of our payment or other obligations under the guarantee. The holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the preferred securities to which the preferred securities guarantee relates will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the preferred securities guarantee trustee with respect to the guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the preferred securities guarantee trustee under the guarantee.

If we have failed to make a guarantee payment under a guarantee, a record holder of preferred securities to which the guarantee relates may directly institute a proceeding against us for enforcement of the guarantee for the payment to the record holder of the preferred securities to which the guarantee relates of the principal of or interest on the applicable subordinated debt securities on or after the respective due dates specified in the junior subordinated debt securities, and the amount of the payment will be based on the holder's proportionate share of the amount due and owing on all of the preferred securities to which the guarantee relates. We have waived any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the applicable RGA trust or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against us. The record holder in the case of the issuance of one or more global preferred securities certificates will be The Depository Trust Company, or its nominee, acting at the direction of the beneficial owners of the preferred securities.

We will be required to provide annually to the preferred securities guarantee trustee a statement as to the performance of our obligations under each outstanding preferred securities guarantee and as to any default in our performance.

## **Termination**

Each preferred securities guarantee will terminate as to the preferred securities issued by the applicable RGA trust:

- upon full payment of the liquidation value or redemption price of all preferred securities of the RGA trust;
- upon distribution of the junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trust to the holders of all of the preferred securities of the RGA trust; or
- upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust upon termination and liquidation of the RGA trust.

Each preferred securities guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of preferred securities issued by the applicable RGA trust must restore payment of any sums paid under the preferred securities or the preferred securities guarantee.

## **Status of the Guarantees**

The preferred securities guarantees will constitute our unsecured obligations and, unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, will rank as follows:

- subordinated and junior in right of payment to all of RGA's present and future liabilities, including subordinated debt securities issued under RGA's indenture and described above under "Description of Debt Securities of RGA — Subordination," except those liabilities made equivalent by their terms;
- equivalently with:
  - (1) the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by us and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by us in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any of our affiliates;
  - (2) the applicable junior subordinated debt securities; and
  - (3) any other liabilities or obligations made equivalent by their terms; and
- senior to our common stock and any preferred or preference stock or other liabilities made equivalent or subordinate by their terms.

The terms of the preferred securities provide that each holder of preferred securities by acceptance of the preferred securities agrees to the subordination provisions and other terms of our guarantee relating to the preferred securities.

Each preferred securities guarantee will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. This means that the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce its rights under the guarantee without instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity.

## **Information Concerning the Preferred Securities Guarantee Trustee**

The preferred securities guarantee trustee, before the occurrence of a default under a preferred securities guarantee, undertakes to perform only the duties that are specifically set forth in the guarantee and, after a default under a guarantee, will exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the preferred securities guarantee trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by a preferred securities guarantee at the request of any holder of preferred securities to which the guarantee relates unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by the preferred securities guarantee trustee in exercising any of its powers; but the foregoing shall not relieve the trustee, upon the occurrence of an event of default under such guarantee, from exercising the rights and powers vested in it by such guarantee.

## **Expense Agreement**

We will, pursuant to an agreement as to expenses and liabilities entered into by us and each RGA trust under its amended and restated trust agreement, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee to each person or entity to whom the trust becomes indebted or liable, the full payment of any costs, expenses or liabilities of the trust, other than obligations of the trust to pay to the holders of the preferred securities or other similar interests in the trust the amounts due to the holders pursuant to the terms of the preferred securities or other similar interests, as the case may be. Third party creditors of the trust may proceed directly against us under the expense agreement, regardless of whether they had notice of the expense agreement.

## **Governing Law**

The preferred securities guarantees will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

### **EFFECT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES AND THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES**

As set forth in the amended and restated trust agreements of each RGA trust, the sole purpose of the RGA trusts is to issue the preferred securities and common securities evidencing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of each of the trusts, and to invest the proceeds from such issuance and sale in RGA's junior subordinated debt securities.

As long as payments of interest and other payments are made when due on the junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trusts, such payments will be sufficient to cover distributions and payments due on the preferred securities and common securities because of the following factors:

- the aggregate principal amount of such junior subordinated debt securities will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the preferred securities and common securities;
- the interest rate and the interest and other payment dates on such junior subordinated debt securities will match the distribution rate and distribution and other payment dates for the preferred securities;
- RGA shall pay, and the trusts shall not be obligated to pay, directly or indirectly, all costs, expenses, debt, and obligations of the trusts, other than with respect to the preferred securities and common securities; and
- the amended and restated trust agreement of each trust will further provide that the trustees shall not take or cause or permit the trust to, among other things, engage in any activity that is not consistent with the purposes of the applicable trust.

Payments of distributions, to the extent funds for such payments are available, and other payments due on the preferred securities, to the extent funds for such payments are available, are guaranteed by RGA as and to the extent set forth under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA." If RGA does not make interest payments on the junior subordinated debt securities purchased by the applicable trust, it is expected that the applicable trust will not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on the preferred securities and the preferred securities guarantee will not apply, since the preferred securities guarantee covers the payment of distributions and other payments on the preferred securities only if and to the extent that RGA has made a payment of interest or principal on the junior subordinated debt securities held by the applicable trust as its sole asset. However, the preferred securities guarantee, when taken together with RGA's obligations under the junior subordinated debt securities and the junior subordinated indenture and its obligations under the respective amended and restated trust agreements, including its obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the trust, other than with respect to the preferred securities and common securities, provide a full and unconditional guarantee, on a subordinated basis, by RGA of amounts due on the preferred securities.

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If RGA fails to make interest or other payments on the junior subordinated debt securities when due, taking account of any extension period, the amended and restated trust agreement provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the preferred securities affected thereby, using the procedures described in any accompanying prospectus supplement, may direct the property trustee to enforce its rights under the junior subordinated debt securities. If a debt payment failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of preferred securities may institute a direct action for payment after the respective due date specified in the junior subordinated debt securities. In connection with such direct action, RGA will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of preferred securities under the amended and restated trust agreement to the extent of any payment made by RGA to such holder of preferred securities in such direct action. RGA, under the guarantee, acknowledges that the guarantee trustee shall enforce the guarantee on behalf of the holders of the preferred securities. If RGA fails to make payments under the guarantee, the guarantee provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the preferred securities may direct the trustee to enforce its rights thereunder. Any holder of preferred securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against RGA to enforce the guarantee trustee's rights under the guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the trust, the guarantee trustee, or any other person or entity.

RGA and each of the RGA trusts believe that the above mechanisms and obligations, taken together, provide a full and unconditional guarantee by RGA on a subordinated basis of payments due on the preferred securities. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA," beginning on page 36.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary termination, winding-up or liquidation of an RGA trust involving the liquidation of the junior subordinated debt securities, the holders of the preferred securities will be entitled to receive, out of assets held by such RGA trust, the liquidation distribution in cash. Upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy, the property trustee, as holder of the junior subordinated debt securities, would be a subordinated creditor of ours. Therefore, the property trustee would be subordinated in right of payment to all of our senior and subordinated debt, but is entitled to receive payment in full of principal and interest before any of our shareholders receive payments or distributions. Since we are the guarantor under the preferred securities guarantees and have agreed to pay for all costs, expenses and liabilities of the RGA trusts other than the obligations of the trusts to pay to holders of the preferred securities the amounts due to the holders pursuant to the terms of the preferred securities, the positions of a holder of the preferred securities and a holder of the junior subordinated debt securities relative to our other creditors and to our shareholders in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy are expected to be substantially the same.

### **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We, any RGA trust, or any selling security holder may offer or sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or through a combination of any of these methods, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will describe the details of any such offering and the plan of distribution for any securities offering by us, any RGA trust or any selling security holder in a supplement to this prospectus or other offering material.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the common stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the common stock may not be sold unless it has been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, William L. Hutton, Esq., Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of RGA, will issue an opinion about the legality of the common stock issued by us, as well as the preferred stock, depositary shares, warrants, purchase contracts and units of RGA under Missouri law, and Bryan Cave LLP will issue an opinion about the legality of the debt securities of RGA and the preferred securities guarantees of RGA. Mr. Hutton is paid a salary and bonus by RGA, participates in certain employee benefit plans of RGA and beneficially owns shares of Common Stock, performance contingent share units and stock appreciation rights. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., our special Delaware counsel, will issue an opinion about the legality of the trust preferred securities.

## **EXPERTS**

The financial statements, and the related financial statement schedules, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedules have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions:

SEC Registration Fee	\$	(1)
Accounting Fees and Expenses		(2)
Legal Fees and Expenses		(2)
Printing and Engraving Expenses		(2)
Trustee Fees		(2)
Miscellaneous		(2)
Total		(2)

(1) Omitted because the registration fee is being deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) and 457(r).

(2) Because an indeterminate amount of securities are covered by this registration statement, the expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of securities are not currently determinable.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Officers and Directors.**

Section 351.355(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that a corporation may indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation in any action, suit or proceeding other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Section 351.355(2) provides that the corporation may indemnify any such person in any action or suit by or in the right of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that he may not be indemnified in respect of any matter in which he has been adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the corporation, unless authorized by the court. Section 351.355(3) provides that a corporation may indemnify any such person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he has been successful in defense of such action, suit or proceeding and if such action, suit or proceeding is one for which the corporation may indemnify him under Section 351.355(1) or (2). Section 351.355(7) provides that a corporation shall have the power to give any further indemnity to any such person, in addition to the indemnity otherwise authorized under Section 351.355, provided such further indemnity is either (i) authorized, directed or provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation or any duly adopted amendment thereof or (ii) is authorized, directed or provided for in any by-law or agreement of the corporation which has been adopted by a vote of the stockholders of the corporation, provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such person's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct.

The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of RGA filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this registration statement contain provisions indemnifying its directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent authorized specifically by Sections 351.355(1), (2), (3) and (7). RGA has entered into indemnification contracts with the officers and directors of RGA. The contracts provide that RGA under certain circumstances may self-insure against directors' and officers' liabilities now insured under the policy of insurance referred to below and will

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provide indemnity to the fullest extent permitted by law against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts, paid or incurred in any action or proceeding, including any act on behalf of RGA, on account of their service as directors or officers of RGA, any subsidiary of RGA or any other company or enterprise when they are serving in such capacities at the request of RGA, excepting only cases where the conduct of such person is adjudged to be knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct.

Our articles of incorporation limit the liability of our directors to us or any of our shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted under Missouri law.

The form of Underwriting Agreement to be filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this registration statement will provide for the mutual indemnification of RGA and any Underwriters, their respective controlling persons, directors and certain of their officers, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

RGA maintains a policy of insurance under which the directors and officers are insured, subject to the limits of the policy, against certain losses, as defined in the policy, arising from claims made against such directors and officers by reason of any wrongful acts, as defined in the policy, in their respective capacities as directors or officers.

Under the amended and restated trust agreement of each trust, RGA will agree to indemnify each of the administrative trustees of such trust (or any predecessor trustee for such trust), and to hold harmless such administrative trustee against any loss, damage, claims, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of such trust agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under such trust agreement.

### **Item 16. Exhibits.**

See Exhibit Index.

### **Item 17. Undertakings.**

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

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*Provided, however,* that: paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, each undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.



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(6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(7) Insofar as indemnification of liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, each of the registrants has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by a registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 24, 2017.

**REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED**

By: /s/ Todd C. Larson

**Todd C. Larson**  
**Senior Executive Vice President and Chief**  
**Financial Officer**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Todd C. Larson, William L. Hutton, Brian W. Haynes, and each of them (with full power of each to act alone), severally, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and her and to execute in his or her name, place and stead (individually and in any capacity stated below) any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments), and any additional registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all documents and instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental regulatory authority), each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents to have power to act with or without the others and to have full power and authority to do and to perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned every act whatsoever necessary or advisable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any of the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities indicated and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ J. Cliff Eason</u> <b>J. Cliff Eason</b>	Chairman of the Board and Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Anna Manning</u> <b>Anna Manning</b>	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ William J. Bartlett</u> <b>William J. Bartlett</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Arnoud W.A. Boot</u> <b>Arnoud W.A. Boot</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ John F. Danahy</u> <b>John F. Danahy</b>	Director	May 24, 2017

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<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Christine R. Detrick</u> <b>Christine R. Detrick</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Patricia L. Guinn</u> <b>Patricia L. Guinn</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Alan C. Henderson</u> <b>Alan C. Henderson</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Frederick J. Sievert</u> <b>Frederick J. Sievert</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Stanley B. Tulin</u> <b>Stanley B. Tulin</b>	Director	May 24, 2017
<u>/s/ Todd C. Larson</u> <b>Todd C. Larson</b>	Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	May 24, 2017

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV certify that they have reasonable grounds to believe that they meet all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and have duly caused this registration statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 24, 2017.

RGA CAPITAL TRUST III

By: Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, as Depositor

By: /s/ Todd C. Larson

**Todd C. Larson**  
**Senior Executive Vice President and**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

By: Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, as Depositor

By: /s/ Todd C. Larson

**Todd C. Larson**  
**Senior Executive Vice President and**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

- 1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement.\*
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of RGA (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to RGA's current report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 25, 2008).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of RGA (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to RGA's current report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on July 18, 2014).
- 4.1 Indenture, dated as of August 21, 2012, between RGA and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to RGA's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 21, 2012, filed with the SEC on August 21, 2012)
- 4.2 Form of Junior Subordinated Indenture (incorporated by reference to the registrants' registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-176104, 333-176104-01 and 333-176104-02), filed with the SEC on August 5, 2011).
- 4.3 Form of Purchase Contract Agreement and Units (including form of related security certificate).\*
- 4.4 Form of Pledge Agreement for Purchase Contract and Units.\*
- 4.5 Certificate of Trust of RGA Capital Trust III (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the registrants' registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-108200, 333-108200-01 and 333-108200-02), filed with the SEC on August 25, 2003).
- 4.6 Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust III (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the registrants' registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-108200, 333-108200-01 and 333-108200-02), filed with the SEC on August 25, 2003).
- 4.7 Certificate of Trust of RGA Capital Trust IV (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the registrants' registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-108200, 333-108200-01 and 333-108200-02), filed with the SEC on August 25, 2003).
- 4.8 Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust IV (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 to the registrants' registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-108200, 333-108200-01 and 333-108200-02), filed with the SEC on August 25, 2003).
- 4.9 Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust III (including the form of preferred securities) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.10 to the registrant's registration statement on Form S-3/A (No. 333-117261, 333-117261-01 and 333-117261-02), filed with the SEC on September 10, 2004).
- 4.10 Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust IV (including the form of preferred securities) (included as Exhibit 4.9).
- 4.11 Form of Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.15 to RGA's registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-55304, 333-55304-01 and 333-55304-02), filed with the SEC on February 9, 2001).
- 4.12 Form of Senior Debt Security.\*
- 4.13 Form of Subordinated Debt Security.\*
- 4.14 Form of Junior Senior Debt Security.\*
- 4.15 Form of Preferred Stock — Any amendment to RGA's Articles of Incorporation authorizing the creation of any series of Preferred Stock or Depositary Shares representing such shares of Preferred Stock setting forth the rights, preferences and designations thereof will be filed as an exhibit subsequently included or incorporated by reference herein.

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4.16	Form of Deposit Agreement for Depositary Shares (including form of depositary receipt).*
4.17	Form of Warrant Agreement (including form of warrant certificate).*
5.1	Opinion of William L. Hutton, Esq.
5.2	Opinion of Bryan Cave LLP.
5.3	Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV).
12.1	Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of William L. Hutton, Esq. (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
23.3	Consent of Bryan Cave LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.2)
23.4	Consent of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (contained in Exhibit 5.3).
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained in signature pages).
25.1	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee under the Indenture.
25.2	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee under the Junior Subordinated Indenture.
25.3	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Guarantee Trustee of the Preferred Securities Guarantee of RGA for the benefit of the holders of Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust III.
25.4	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Guarantee Trustee of the Preferred Securities Guarantee of RGA for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust IV.
25.5	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Property Trustee under the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust III.
25.6	Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Property Trustee under the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of RGA Capital Trust IV.

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\* Indicates document to be filed as an exhibit to a report on Form 8-K or Form 10-Q pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated®****William L. Hutton**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

May 24, 2017

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated  
 16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
 Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706



Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company"), and have acted as counsel for the Company in connection with a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), being filed this date by the Company and by RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, each a Delaware statutory trust (each, a "Trust", and together, the "Trusts"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to: (i) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) warrants to purchase Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"); (iii) shares of preferred stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares") evidenced by depositary receipts (the "Receipts"); (iv) warrants to purchase Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants"); (v) debt securities of the Company, which may be senior (the "Senior Debt Securities"), subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") or junior subordinated (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Securities" and, collectively with the Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"); (vi) warrants of the Company to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Security Warrants"); (vii) warrants of the Company to purchase other securities ("Other Warrants" and collectively with the Common Stock Warrants, the Preferred Stock Warrants and the Debt Security Warrants, the "Securities Warrants"); (viii) contracts for the purchase and sale of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, Depositary Shares, Securities Warrants or Trust Preferred Securities (as hereinafter defined) (the "Purchase Contracts") and (ix) units (the "Units"), consisting of one or more of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Debt Securities, Securities Warrants, Purchase Contracts, Trust Preferred Securities, Guarantees (as hereinafter defined), and debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury Securities (the "Third Party Debt Securities"). The Registration Statement also relates to the registration under the Act of trust preferred securities of the Trusts (the "Trust Preferred Securities") and guarantees of the Trust Preferred Securities by the Company (the "Guarantees").

The Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares, the Debt Securities, the Securities Warrants, the Purchase Contracts, the Guarantees, the Units and the Trust Preferred Securities are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Securities." The Securities may be issued and sold or delivered from time to time by the Company and the Trusts as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus"), and supplements to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplements") filed pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act.

The Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under an Indenture, dated as of August 21, 2012, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture Trustee"), as supplemented (the "Indenture"). The Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a Junior Subordinated Indenture to be entered into by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee"), as supplemented (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"). The Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Indentures."

The Depositary Shares will be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement (the "Deposit Agreement") between the Company and a depositary agent to be specified therein (the "Depositary Agent").

The Common Stock Warrants will be issued under a common stock warrant agreement (the "Common Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a common stock warrant agent to be specified therein. The Preferred Stock Warrants will be issued under a preferred stock warrant agreement (the "Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a preferred stock warrant agent to be specified therein. Warrants to purchase Senior Debt Securities will be issued under a senior debt security warrant agreement (the "Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a senior debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Indenture Trustee. Warrants to purchase Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a subordinated debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Indenture Trustee. Warrants to purchase Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a junior subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a junior subordinated debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee. The Other Warrants will be issued under a warrant agreement (the "Other Warrant Agreement") between the Company, the applicable trustee and a warrant agent to be specified therein. The Common Stock Warrant Agreement, the Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement, the Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Junior Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement and the Other Warrant Agreement are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Warrant Agreements." Each party to a Warrant Agreement other than the Company is referred to hereinafter as a "Counterparty."

The Purchase Contracts will be issued under a purchase contract agreement (the "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and a purchase contract agent to be specified therein (the "Purchase Contract Agent").

The Units will be issued under a unit agreement (the "Unit Agreement") between the Company and a unit agent to be specified therein (the "Unit Agent").



The Guarantees will be issued pursuant to a guarantee agreement (the “Guarantee Agreement”) between the Company and a guarantee trustee to be specified therein (the “Guarantee Trustee”).

The Trust Preferred Securities will be issued pursuant to a trust agreement (the “Trust Agreement”) among the applicable Trust, a trustee to be specified therein (the “Trustee”) and the Company, as depositor.

In connection herewith, I have examined and relied without investigation as to matters of fact upon the Registration Statement, certificates, statements and results of inquiries of public officials and officers and representatives of the Company, and originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction of such other documents, corporate records, certificates and instruments as I have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable me to render the opinions expressed herein. I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on all documents examined by me, the legal competence and capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of documents submitted to me as originals, and the conformity with authentic original documents of all documents submitted to me as copies.

I also have assumed that: (i) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Depository Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (ii) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (iii) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (iv) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (v) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of each Counterparty thereto, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (vi) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchase Contract Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (vii) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Units, the related Unit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Unit Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (viii) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Trust Preferred Securities, the related Trust Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trusts and the Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms and (ix) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Guarantee Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

I have assumed further that: (i) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Depositary Agent and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Depositary Agent; (ii) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Indenture will continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Indenture Trustee; (iii) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Indenture will continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Indenture Trustee; (iv) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (v) at the time of execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Counterparty and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Counterparty; (vi) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent; (vii) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Unit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Unit Agent and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Unit Agent; (viii) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Trust Preferred Securities, the Trust Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trust, the Company and the Trustee and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Trust, the Company or the Trustee; (ix) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantee Trustee and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Guarantee Trustee and (x) at the time of issuance and sale of any of the Securities, the terms of the Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company or the Trust, as the case may be, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company.

Based upon the foregoing, in reliance thereon, and subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions stated herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, I am of the opinion that:

1. With respect to the Common Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board of Directors of the Company, a duly constituted and acting committee of such board or duly authorized officers of the Company (such Board of Directors, committee or authorized officers being referred to herein as the "Board"), of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Common Stock and (b) due issuance and delivery of the Common Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, or upon the exercise of a Securities Warrant for conversion of a convertible Security, the Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
2. With respect to the Preferred Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and (c) due issuance and delivery of the Preferred Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, or upon the exercise of a Securities Warrant for conversion of a convertible Security, the Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
3. With respect to the Receipts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the related Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company authorizing and establishing the terms of the Preferred Stock, (c) terms of the Depositary Shares and of their issuance and sale have been duly established in conformity with the terms of a valid and legally binding Deposit Agreement conforming to the description thereof in the Prospectus, (d) due issuance and delivery of the related Preferred Stock upon payment of the consideration therefor provided in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and (e) due issuance and delivery of Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares against the deposit of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the Deposit Agreement, such Receipts will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement.
4. With respect to the Debt Securities, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of such Debt Securities upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

5. With respect to the Securities Warrants, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of such Securities Warrants upon payment of the consideration for such Securities Warrants provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Warrant Agreement, such Securities Warrants will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
6. With respect to the Purchase Contracts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Purchase Contracts, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts upon payment of the consideration for such Purchase Contracts provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement, the Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
7. With respect to the Units, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Units, the related Unit Agreements and any Securities which are components of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (b) taking by the Trusts of all trust action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Trust Preferred Securities which are components of the Units, (c) taking by third parties of all necessary corporate or other action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Third Party Debt Securities which are a component of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (d) due execution, countersignature (where applicable), authentication, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Unit Agreements, the Securities that are components of such Units, the Trust Preferred Securities that are components of such Units and such Third Party Debt Securities, in each case upon the payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable (i) Deposit Agreement, in the case of Depositary Shares or Receipts, (ii) Indenture, in the case of Debt Securities, (iii) Warrant Agreement, in the case of Securities Warrants, (iv) Purchase Contract Agreement, in the case of Purchase Contracts, (v) indenture or other authorizing document, in the case of Third Party Debt

Securities, (vi) the certificate of trust for the applicable Trust and the Trust Agreement, in the case of Trust Preferred Securities and (vii) Guarantee Agreement, in the case of Guarantees, such Units will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Unit Agreements

8. With respect to the Guarantees, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Guarantees, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Guarantee Agreement, such Guarantees will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

In addition to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following:

- (a) My opinions herein reflect only the application of applicable laws of the State of Missouri (excluding the securities and blue sky laws of such state, as to which I express no opinion) and the federal laws of the United States of America (excluding the federal securities laws, as to which I express no opinion). The opinions set forth herein are made as of the date hereof and are subject to, and may be limited by, future changes in the factual matters set forth herein, and I undertake no duty to advise you of the same. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and I assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering my opinions, I have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of any laws, cases, decisions, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, court or administrative agency.
- (b) My opinions set forth in paragraphs 3 through 8 above are subject to and may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to the rights and remedies of creditors generally, including, without limitation, laws relative to fraudulent conveyances, preferences and equitable subordination, (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (iv) requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities or Guarantees denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law and (v) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currency or composite currency.

- (c) My opinions are further subject to the effect of generally applicable rules of law arising from statutes, judicial and administrative decisions, and the rules and regulations of governmental authorities that: (i) limit or affect the enforcement of provisions of a contract that purport to require waiver of the obligations of good faith, fair dealing, diligence and reasonableness; (ii) limit the availability of a remedy under certain circumstances where another remedy has been elected; (iii) limit the enforceability of provisions releasing, exculpating or exempting a party from, or requiring indemnification of a party for, liability for its own action or inaction, to the extent the action or inaction involves negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or unlawful conduct; (iv) may, where less than all of the contract may be unenforceable, limit the enforceability of the balance of the contract to circumstances in which the unenforceable portion is not an essential part of the agreed exchange and (v) govern and afford judicial discretion regarding the determination of damages and entitlement to attorneys' fees.
- (d) I express no opinion as to the enforceability of any rights to indemnification or contribution provided for in any Deposit Agreement, Indentures, Warrant Agreements, Purchase Contract Agreements, Unit Agreements, Guarantee Agreements or other agreements which are violative of public policy underlying any law, rule or regulation (including any federal or state securities law, rule or regulation) or the legality of such rights.
- (e) I express no opinion as to the enforceability of any provision in any Deposit Agreement, Indentures, Warrant Agreements, Purchase Contract Agreements, Unit Agreements, Guarantee Agreements or other agreements purporting or attempting to (i) confer exclusive jurisdiction and/or venue upon certain courts or otherwise waive the defenses of *forum non conveniens* or improper venue, (ii) confer subject matter jurisdiction on a court not having independent grounds therefor, (iii) modify or waive the requirements for effective service of process for any action that may be brought, (iv) waive the right of the Company or any other person to a trial by jury, (v) provide that remedies are cumulative or that decisions by a party are conclusive, (vi) modify or waive the rights to notice, legal defenses, statutes of limitations and statutes of repose (including the tolling of the same) or other benefits that cannot be waived under applicable law, (vii) govern choice of applicable law or conflict of laws or (viii) provide for or grant a power of attorney.
- (f) You have informed me that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. I understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford me an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable Prospectus Supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion (if any) as I may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of my name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. I also consent to you filing copies of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, I do not thereby concede that I am within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William L. Hutton

William L. Hutton  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



May 24, 2017

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special New York counsel to Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), being filed this date by the Company and by RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, each a Delaware statutory trust (each, a "Trust," and together, the "Trusts"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to: (i) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) warrants to purchase Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"); (iii) shares of preferred stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depository shares (the "Depository Shares") evidenced by depository receipts (the "Receipts"); (iv) warrants to purchase Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants"); (v) debt securities of the Company, which may be senior (the "Senior Debt Securities"), subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") or junior subordinated (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Securities" and, collectively with the Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"); (vi) warrants of the Company to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Security Warrants"); (vii) warrants of the Company to purchase other securities covered by the Registration Statement ("Other Warrants" and, collectively with the Common Stock Warrants, the Preferred Stock Warrants and the Debt Security Warrants, the "Securities Warrants"); (viii) contracts for the purchase and sale of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depository Shares, Debt Securities, Securities Warrants or Trust Preferred Securities (as hereinafter defined) (the "Purchase Contracts"); and (ix) units of the Company (the "Units"), consisting of one or more of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depository Shares, Debt Securities, Securities Warrants, Purchase Contracts, Trust Preferred Securities, Guarantees (as hereinafter defined), and debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury Securities (the "Third Party Debt Securities"). The Registration Statement also relates to the registration under the Act of trust preferred securities of the Trusts (the "Trust Preferred Securities") and guarantees of the Trust Preferred Securities by the Company (the "Guarantees").

The Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Depository Shares, the Debt Securities, the Securities Warrants, the Purchase Contracts, the Trust Preferred Securities, the Guarantees and the Units are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Securities." An indeterminate amount of the Securities may be issued and sold or delivered from time to time at indeterminate prices or upon conversion,



exchange or exercise of any such Securities to the extent any such Securities are, by their terms, convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for such Securities, by the Company and the Trusts as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus"), and supplements to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplements") filed pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act.

The Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under an Indenture, dated as of August 21, 2012, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture Trustee"), as such indenture may be supplemented from time to time (the "Indenture"). The Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a Junior Subordinated Indenture, to be entered into by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee"), as such indenture may be supplemented from time to time (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"). The Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture are hereinafter referred to together as the "Indentures."

The Depository Shares will be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement (the "Deposit Agreement") between the Company and a depository agent to be specified therein (the "Depository Agent").

The Common Stock Warrants will be issued under a common stock warrant agreement (the "Common Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a common stock warrant agent to be specified therein. The Preferred Stock Warrants will be issued under a preferred stock warrant agreement (the "Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a preferred stock warrant agent to be specified therein. Warrants to purchase Senior Debt Securities will be issued under a senior debt security warrant agreement (the "Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a senior debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Indenture Trustee. Warrants to purchase Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a subordinated debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Indenture Trustee. Warrants to purchase Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a junior subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a junior subordinated debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee. The Other Warrants will be issued under a warrant agreement (the "Other Warrant Agreement") between the Company, the applicable trustee and a warrant agent to be specified therein. The Common Stock Warrant Agreement, the Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement, the Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Junior Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement and the Other Warrant Agreement are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Warrant Agreements." Each party to a Warrant Agreement other than the Company is referred to hereinafter as a "Counterparty."

The Purchase Contracts will be issued under a purchase contract agreement (the "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and a purchase contract agent to be specified therein (the "Purchase Contract Agent").

The Units will be issued under a unit agreement (the "Unit Agreement") between the Company and a unit agent to be specified therein (the "Unit Agent").

The Guarantees will be issued pursuant to a guarantee agreement (the "Guarantee Agreement") between the Company and a guarantee trustee to be specified therein (the "Guarantee Trustee").

The Trust Preferred Securities will be issued pursuant to a trust agreement (the "Trust Agreement") among the applicable Trust, a trustee to be specified therein (the "Trustee") and the Company, as depositor.

In connection herewith, we have examined and relied without investigation as to matters of fact upon the Registration Statement, including the Indenture, the form of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, and the form of the Guarantee Agreement attached thereto as Exhibits 4.1, 4.2, and 4.11, respectively, and such certificates, statements and results of inquiries of public officials and officers and representatives of the Company and originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other documents, corporate records, certificates and instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for us to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the foregoing, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal competence and capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies or by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission, or which we obtained from the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("Edgar") or other sites maintained by a court or governmental authority or regulatory body and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. If any documents we examined in printed, word processed or similar form has been filed with the Commission on Edgar or such court or governmental authority or regulatory body, we have assumed that the document so filed is identical to the document we examined except for formatting changes.

We also have assumed that: (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (3) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (4) at the time of execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of

the Depositary Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (5) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of each Counterparty thereto, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (6) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchase Contract Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (7) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Units, the related Unit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Unit Agent, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; (8) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Guarantee Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms; and (9) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Trust Preferred Securities, the related Trust Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trust party thereto and the Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

We have assumed further that: (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of any Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, the Indenture will continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Indenture Trustee, (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of any Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Purchase Contracts, the Receipts, any Securities Warrants, the Guarantees and the Units, the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Deposit Agreement, the Warrant Agreement, the Guarantee Agreement and the Unit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other party thereto and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or such other party; (3) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Trust Preferred Securities, the related Trust Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trust party thereto, the Company and the Trustee and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by such Trust, the Company or the Trustee; and (4) at the time of issuance and sale of any of the Securities, the terms of the Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company or the applicable Trust, as the case may be, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or such Trust, as the case may be.

We have also assumed that each of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, any Deposit Agreements, any Warrant Agreements, any Purchase Contract Agreements, any Unit Agreements and any Guarantee Agreements is governed by the laws of the State of New York. We understand that you are receiving separate opinions of counsel relating to the Common Stock and Preferred Stock on the one hand, and the Trust Preferred Securities and the Trust Agreement, on the other hand, as to which we express no opinion.

Based upon the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, we are of the opinion that:

1. With respect to the Receipts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the related Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company authorizing and establishing the terms of the Preferred Stock, (c) terms of the Depositary Shares and of their issuance and sale have been duly established in conformity with the terms of a valid and legally binding Deposit Agreement conforming to the description thereof in the Prospectus, (d) due issuance and delivery of the related Preferred Stock upon payment of the consideration therefor provided in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, or a duly constituted committee thereof (such Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, the “**Board**”), and (e) due issuance and delivery of Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares against the deposit of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the Deposit Agreement, such Receipts will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement.

2. With respect to the Debt Securities, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of such Debt Securities upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

3. With respect to the Securities Warrants, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Securities Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of such Securities Warrants upon payment of the consideration for such Securities Warrants provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Warrant Agreement, such Securities Warrants will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

4. With respect to the Purchase Contracts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Purchase Contracts, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts upon payment of the consideration for such Purchase Contracts provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement, the Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

5. With respect to the Units, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Units, the related Unit Agreements and any Securities which are components of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (b) taking by the Trusts of all trust action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Trust Preferred Securities that are components of the Units, (c) taking by third parties of all necessary corporate or other action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Third Party Debt Securities that are a component of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, and (d) due execution, countersignature (where applicable), authentication, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Unit Agreements, the Securities that are components of such Units, the Trust Preferred Securities that are components of such Units and the Third Party Debt Securities that are components of such Units, in each case upon the payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable (i) Deposit Agreement, in the case of Depositary Shares or Receipts, (ii) Warrant Agreement, in the case of Securities Warrants, (iii) Guarantee Agreement, in the case of Guarantees, (iv) Purchase Contract Agreement, in the case of Purchase Contracts, (v) Indenture, in the case of Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, (vi) Junior Subordinated Indenture, in the case of Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, (vii) the certificate of trust for the applicable Trust and the Trust Agreement, in the case of Trust Preferred Securities, and (viii) indenture or other authorizing document, in the case of Third Party Debt Securities, such Units will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Unit Agreements.

6. With respect to the Guarantees, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Guarantees, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Guarantee Agreement, such Guarantees will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

In addition to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions:

(a) Our opinions herein reflect only the application of applicable laws of the State of New York (excluding (A) all laws, rules and regulations of cities, counties and other political subdivisions of such State and (B) the securities, blue sky, environmental, employee benefit, insurance, pension, antitrust and tax laws of such State, as to which we express no opinion), (ii) the

Federal laws of the United States of America (excluding the Federal securities, environmental, employee benefit, insurance, pension, antitrust and tax laws, as to which we express no opinion). The opinions set forth herein are made as of the date hereof and are subject to, and may be limited by, future changes in factual matters, and we undertake no duty to advise you of the same. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering our opinions, we have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of any laws, cases, decisions, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, court or administrative agency. We have relied upon, insofar as the opinions expressed herein relate to or are dependent upon matters governed by the law of the State of Missouri, the opinion of William L. Hutton, dated the date hereof and filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

(b) Our opinions contained herein are limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium or similar laws affecting or relating to the rights and remedies of creditors generally, including, without limitation, laws relating to fraudulent transfers or conveyances, preferences and equitable subordination, (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (iv) requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities or Guarantees denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law, and (v) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currency or composite currency.

(c) Our opinions are further subject to the effect of generally applicable rules of law arising from statutes, judicial and administrative decisions, and the rules and regulations of governmental authorities that: (i) require compliance with or impose standards relating to fiduciary duties or fairness; (ii) limit or affect the enforcement of provisions of a contract that purport to require waiver of the obligations of good faith, fair dealing, diligence and reasonableness; (iii) limit the availability of a remedy under certain circumstances where another remedy has been elected; (iv) limit the enforceability of provisions releasing, exculpating or exempting a party from, or requiring indemnification of a party for, liability for its own action or inaction, to the extent the action or inaction involves negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or unlawful conduct; (v) may, where less than all of the contract may be unenforceable, limit the enforceability of the balance of the contract to circumstances in which the unenforceable portion is not an essential part of the agreed exchange; and (vi) govern and afford judicial discretion regarding the determination of damages and entitlement to attorneys' fees.

(d) We express no opinion as to the enforceability of any rights to indemnification or contribution provided for in any Indentures, Warrant Agreements, Purchase Contract Agreements, Unit Agreements, Deposit Agreement, Guarantee Agreements or other agreements which are violative of public policy underlying any law, rule or regulation (including any Federal or state securities law, rule or regulation) or the legality of such rights.

(e) We express no opinion as to the enforceability of any provision in any Indentures, Warrant Agreements, Purchase Contract Agreements, Unit Agreements, Deposit Agreement, Guarantee Agreements or other agreements purporting or attempting to (i) confer exclusive jurisdiction and/or venue upon certain courts or otherwise waive the defenses of *forum non conveniens* or improper venue, (ii) confer subject matter jurisdiction on a court not having independent grounds therefor, (iii) modify or waive the requirements for effective service of process for any action that may be brought, (iv) waive the right of the Company or any other person to a trial by jury, (v) provide that remedies are cumulative or that decisions by a party are conclusive, (vi) modify or waive the rights to notice, legal defenses, statutes of limitations and statutes of repose (including the tolling of the same) or other benefits that cannot be waived under applicable law, (vii) govern choice of law or conflict of laws, or (viii) provide for or grant a power of attorney.

(f) You have informed us that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. We understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford us an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable prospectus supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion letter (if any) as we may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. We also consent to your filing copies of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan Cave LLP



May 24, 2017

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated  
16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1706

Re: RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Delaware counsel for RGA Capital Trust III (“Trust III”) and RGA Capital Trust IV (“Trust IV”), each a Delaware statutory trust, in connection with the matters set forth herein. Trust III and Trust IV are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Trusts” and sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as a “Trust”. At your request, this opinion is being furnished to you.

We have examined and relied upon such records, documents, certificates and other instruments as in our judgment are necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinions expressed below, including the following documents:

- (a) The Certificate of Trust of Trust III (the “Trust III Certificate of Trust”), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the “Secretary of State”) on August 4, 2003;
- (b) The Certificate of Trust of Trust IV (the “Trust IV Certificate of Trust,” together with the Trust III Certificate of Trust, the “Certificates of Trust”), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 4, 2003;
- (c) The Trust Agreement of Trust III, dated as of August 4, 2003, among Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the “Company”), and the trustees of Trust III named therein;
- (d) The Trust Agreement of Trust IV, dated as of August 4, 2003, among the Company and the trustees of Trust IV named therein;



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- (e) The Registration Statement on Form S-3, which constitutes Registration Statements Nos. 333-[\_\_\_\_], 333-[\_\_\_\_]-01 and 333-[\_\_\_\_]-02 (collectively, the "Registration Statement"), including a preliminary prospectus (the "Prospectus"), relating to, among other things, the Preferred Securities of the Trusts representing preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts (each, a "Preferred Security" and collectively, the "Preferred Securities"), in the form to be filed by the Company and the Trusts with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about May 24, 2017;
- (f) A form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement for each of the Trusts, to be entered into among the Company and the trustees of the Trust named therein (collectively, the "Trust Agreements" and individually, a "Trust Agreement"), incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement (including Exhibit D thereto);
- (g) An Officer's Certificate of an officer of the Company as to certain factual matters, provided on the date hereof; and
- (h) A Certificate of Good Standing for each of the Trusts, dated May 24, 2017, obtained from the Secretary of State.

As to various questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the representations made in the foregoing documents and upon certificates of officers of the Company. Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the Trust Agreements.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its organization or formation, (ii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iii) other than the Trusts, that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (iv) other than the Trusts, the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (v) the receipt by each Person to whom a Preferred Security is to be issued by the Trusts (collectively, the "Preferred Security Holders") of a Preferred Security Certificate for such Preferred Security and the payment for such Preferred Security, in accordance with the Trust Agreements and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, and (vi) that the Preferred Securities are

authenticated, issued and sold to the Preferred Security Holders in accordance with the Trust Agreements and as contemplated by the Registration Statement. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement (except for providing this opinion) or the Prospectus and assume no responsibility for their contents, except for this opinion.

This opinion is limited to the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, including the statutory provisions and all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws, and we have not considered and express no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction, including federal laws and rules and regulations relating thereto. Our opinions are rendered only with respect to Delaware laws and rules, regulations and orders thereunder which are currently in effect.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. Each of the Trusts has been duly formed and is validly existing in good standing as a statutory trust under the Statutory Trust Act.

2. The Preferred Securities of each Trust will be, when issued, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable Trust, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below.

3. The Preferred Security Holders, as beneficial owners of the applicable Trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We note that the Preferred Security Holders may be obligated to make payments as set forth in the Trust Agreements.

We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

**Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated  
Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, an authorized officer of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated ("RGA"), Depositor, pursuant to the Trust Agreements of RGA Capital Trust III ("Trust III") and RGA Capital Trust IV ("Trust IV"), each of which is dated as of August 4, 2003 (the "Trust Agreements"), between Reinsurance Groups of America, Incorporated, as Depositor, and the Trustees named therein does hereby certify to Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. that each of the Trust Agreements constitute and, when executed, the Amended and Restated Trust Agreements of Trust III and Trust IV, each of which will be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be filed by RGA, Trust III and Trust IV with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2017 (the "Amended and Restated Trust Agreements"), will constitute the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the applicable Trust, and that Certificates of Trust will be in full force and effect and will not be amended.

Dated: May 24, 2017

/s/ William L. Hutton

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Name: William L. Hutton

Title: Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

**Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

(dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,					Three Months Ended March 31, 2017
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Income before income taxes	\$ 919.2	\$ 635.3	\$ 1,008.5	\$ 744.8	\$ 1,043.9	\$ 207.8
Less:						
Undistributed income of investees accounted for under the equity method	3.3	4.3	3.0	7.0	1.6	1.3
Adjusted earnings before fixed charges	\$ 915.9	\$ 631.0	\$ 1,005.5	\$ 737.8	\$ 1,042.3	\$ 206.5
Add fixed charges:						
Interest expense	117.5	134.8	108.1	165.5	163.5	49.2
Interest credited on reinsurance contracts	379.9	476.5	451.0	337.0	364.7	107.7
One-third of rentals	6.5	6.2	6.4	4.0	4.6	1.3
Total fixed charges	\$ 503.9	\$ 617.5	\$ 565.5	\$ 506.5	\$ 532.8	\$ 158.2
Total earnings plus fixed charges	\$ 1,419.8	\$ 1,248.5	\$ 1,571.0	\$ 1,244.3	\$ 1,575.1	\$ 364.7
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.3
Total fixed charges	\$ 503.9	\$ 617.5	\$ 565.5	\$ 506.5	\$ 532.8	\$ 158.2
Less interest credited on reinsurance contracts	379.9	476.5	451.0	337.0	364.7	107.7
Total fixed charges excluding interest credited <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 124.0	\$ 141.0	\$ 114.5	\$ 169.5	\$ 168.1	\$ 50.5
Total earnings plus fixed charges excluding interest credited under reinsurance contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,039.9	\$ 772.0	\$ 1,120.0	\$ 907.3	\$ 1,210.4	\$ 257.0
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges excluding interest credited under reinsurance contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	8.4	5.5	9.8	5.4	7.2	5.1

(1) This information is not required, but the Company believes it provides additional useful information on the coverage of fixed charges that are not related to its products.

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 28, 2017, relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedules of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and the effectiveness of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2016, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of such Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Saint Louis, Missouri

May 24, 2017

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

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**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY**  
**UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A**  
**CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

- CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)**
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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON**  
**TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

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<p>(Jurisdiction of incorporation if not a U.S. national bank)</p>	<p>95-3571558 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)</p>
<p><b>400 South Hope Street Suite 500</b> <b>Los Angeles, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)</p>	<p><b>90071</b> (Zip code)</p>

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**REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**  
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

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<p><b>Missouri</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</p>	<p><b>46-1627032</b> (I.R.S. employer identification no.)</p>
<p><b>16600 Swingley Ridge Road</b> <b>Chesterfield, Missouri</b> (Address of principal executive offices)</p>	<p><b>63017-1706</b> (Zip code)</p>

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**Senior Debt Securities**  
**and Subordinated Debt Securities**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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**1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:**

**(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.**

Name	Address
Comptroller of the Currency	Washington, DC 20219
United States Department of the Treasury	
Federal Reserve Bank	San Francisco, CA 94105
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, DC 20429

**(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.**

Yes.

**2. Affiliations with Obligor.**

**If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.**

None.

**16. List of Exhibits.**

**Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") and 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).**

1. A copy of the articles of association of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121948 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-152875).
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4. A copy of the existing by-laws of the trustee (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-162713).
6. The consent of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-152875).
7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.



SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,  
N.A.

By: /s/ R. Tarnas

Name: R. Tarnas

Title: Vice President

Consolidated Report of Condition of  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
of 400 South Hope Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90071

At the close of business March 31, 2017, published in accordance with Federal regulatory authority instructions.

	Dollar amounts in thousands
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,762
Interest-bearing balances	347,466
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	0
Available-for-sale securities	743,977
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:	
Federal funds sold	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, held for investment	0
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0
Loans and leases held for investment, net of allowance	0
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	10,973
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures	0
Intangible assets:	
Goodwill	856,313
Other intangible assets	44,201
Other assets	127,134
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,131,826</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	607
Noninterest-bearing	607
Interest-bearing	0
Not applicable	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:	
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money:	
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	0
Not applicable	
Not applicable	
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	295,903
Total liabilities	296,510
Not applicable	
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,000
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	1,122,932
Not available	
Retained earnings	712,677
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-1,293
Other equity capital components	0
Not available	
Total bank equity capital	1,835,316
Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated subsidiaries	0
Total equity capital	1,835,316
Total liabilities and equity capital	<u>2,131,826</u>

I, Matthew J. McNulty, CFO of the above-named bank do hereby declare that the Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) for this report date have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Matthew J. McNulty     )     CFO

We, the undersigned directors (trustees), attest to the correctness of the Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) for this report date and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

Antonio I. Portuondo, President     )  
William D. Lindelof, Director     )     Directors (Trustees)  
Alphonse J. Briand, Director     )

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Matthew J. McNulty     )     CFO

We, the undersigned directors (trustees), attest to the correctness of the Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) for this report date and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation  
if not a U.S. national bank)

95-3571558  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

400 South Hope Street Suite 500  
Los Angeles, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

90071  
(Zip code)

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**REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**  
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

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Missouri  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

46-1627032  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

16600 Swingley Ridge Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri  
(Address of principal executive offices)

63017-1706  
(Zip code)

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**Guarantee of Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust III**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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**1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:**

**(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.**

Name	Address
Comptroller of the Currency	Washington, DC 20219
United States Department of the Treasury	
Federal Reserve Bank	San Francisco, CA 94105
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, DC 20429

**(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.**

Yes.

**2. Affiliations with Obligor.**

**If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.**

None.

**16. List of Exhibits.**

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SIGNATURE

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

By: /s/ R. Tarnas

Name: R. Tarnas

Title: Vice President

Consolidated Report of Condition of  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
of 400 South Hope Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90071

At the close of business March 31, 2017, published in accordance with Federal regulatory authority instructions.

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,762
Interest-bearing balances	347,466
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	0
Available-for-sale securities	743,977
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:	
Federal funds sold	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, held for investment	0
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0
Loans and leases held for investment, net of allowance	0
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	10,973
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures	0
Intangible assets:	
Goodwill	856,313
Other intangible assets	44,201
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<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,131,826</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

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In domestic offices	607
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Interest-bearing	0
Not applicable	
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Federal funds purchased	0
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Other borrowed money:	
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Not applicable	
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Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	295,903
Total liabilities	296,510
Not applicable	
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,000
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	1,122,932
Not available	
Retained earnings	712,677
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-1,293
Other equity capital components	0
Not available	
Total bank equity capital	1,835,316
Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated subsidiaries	0
Total equity capital	1,835,316
Total liabilities and equity capital	<u>2,131,826</u>

I, Matthew J. McNulty, CFO of the above-named bank do hereby declare that the Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) for this report date have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Matthew J. McNulty                    )           CFO

We, the undersigned directors (trustees), attest to the correctness of the Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) for this report date and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

Antonio I. Portuondo, President        )  
William D. Lindelof, Director         )           Directors (Trustees)  
Alphonse J. Briand, Director         )

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

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**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A  
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

- CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)**
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**Guarantee of Preferred Securities of RGA Capital Trust IV**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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**1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:**

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Name	Address
Comptroller of the Currency	Washington, DC 20219
United States Department of the Treasury	
Federal Reserve Bank	San Francisco, CA 94105
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, DC 20429

(b) **Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.**

Yes.

**2. Affiliations with Obligor.**

**If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.**

None.

**16. List of Exhibits.**

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7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,  
N.A.

By: /s/ R. Tarnas

Name: R. Tarnas

Title: Vice President

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Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:	
Federal funds sold	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, held for investment	0
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0
Loans and leases held for investment, net of allowance	0
Trading assets	0
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Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
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Intangible assets:	
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Not applicable	
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Matthew J. McNulty       )       CFO

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

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- CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)**
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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

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<p>(Jurisdiction of incorporation if not a U.S. national bank)</p> <p><b>400 South Hope Street Suite 500</b> <b>Los Angeles, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)</p>	<p><b>95-3571558</b> (I.R.S. employer identification no.)</p> <p><b>90071</b> (Zip code)</p>
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**RG CAPITAL TRUST III**  
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

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<p><b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</p> <p><b>16600 Swingley Ridge Road</b> <b>Chesterfield, Missouri</b> (Address of principal executive offices)</p>	<p><b>41-6521118</b> (I.R.S. employer identification no.)</p> <p><b>63017-1706</b> (Zip code)</p>
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**Preferred Securities**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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United States Department of the Treasury	
Federal Reserve Bank	San Francisco, CA 94105
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, DC 20429

**(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.**

Yes.

**2. Affiliations with Obligor.**

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None.

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N.A.

By: /s/ R. Tarnas

Name: R. Tarnas

Title: Vice President

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**FORM T-1**

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