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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009

The directors present their annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

Results and dividends

The results of the group's operations for the financial year are set out on pages 8 and 9 and the financial position of the group at the end of the financial year is set out on pages 10 and 11

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2008 £Nil)

The profit for the year retained in the group is £65,966,000 (2008 loss £34,935,000)

Principal activities and review of the business

The Group's principal activities during the year continued to be the underwriting of property insurance risks and the provision of related engineering and loss prevention services to large and medium sized clients of the UK and various international branches. The Group is wholly owned by, and places reinsurance with, Factory Mutual Insurance Company located in Johnston, Rhode Island, USA (the "Parent")

Gross premiums written increased to £769,584,000 from £629,592,000 (22 2%) during the year. The increase was mainly due to exchange movements during the year, in particular the strengthening of the Euro and the Dollar against Sterling

The Group made a post tax profit of £65,966,000 during the year There were a lower number of larger value claims which contributed to a net loss ratio of 52 9% (2008 98 3%) The expense ratio (net of other income) was 32 7% (2008 3 2%), including a foreign exchange loss of £22,026,000 (2008 gain of £91,143,000) Realised and unrealised gains on investments amounted to £66,904,000 (2008 loss of £59,714,000) as a result of the general movements in the stock markets

The profit for the year and other movements described in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses resulted in an overall increase in shareholder's funds of £77,541,000, resulting in total shareholder's funds of £379,835,000 as at 31 December 2009

A new Switzerland insurance branch of FM Insurance Company Limited received its licence on 17 December 2009. A new Labuan branch of FM Insurance Company Limited was registered on 9 September 2009 and received its reinsurance licence effective 1 January 2010.

A subsidiary of FM Insurance Company Limited, FM do Brasil Servicos de Prevençao de Perdas Limited, was sold at book value during the year to FM Global Services LLC with an effective date of 31 May 2009

The current ratings of the Group are AA (Very Strong) from Fitch Ratings and A+ (Superior) from A M Best

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Group monitors various risks throughout its international operations including insurance risk, operational risk, credit risk and market risk on an ongoing basis. The principal risks facing the Group are discussed and reviewed regularly at management meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors.

Insurance risk is limited through strict underwriting disciplines, and reinsurance arrangements which limit the maximum possible loss to the Group

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

The Group invests in US and Australian government bonds, US equities and with highly-rated banks Reinsurance is placed with highly rated counterparties

Operational risk is monitored through the risk register review process. As risks are identified they are included on the risk register, assigned an owner and a score taking into account likelihood, impact, controls and mitigation. They are reviewed and discussed regularly at Risk Management Committee meetings and the Risk Management Committee findings are discussed with the Board.

The Group pro-actively engages in matching the currency denominations of assets to the currencies of known liabilities

The Group does not consider liquidity and cash-flow to be a major risk given the relatively short-term nature of the investments and the availability of cash from the parent company

Future developments

The Group anticipate that market conditions will be such during 2010 that premiums will decrease approximately 4% from 2009 premium levels. The Group expects a relatively consistent geographical mix to 2009, and to maintain profitability during 2010

Going concern

The directors believe the Group is able to manage their business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook Furthermore, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. As such, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements

Directors and employees

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were as follows

Kenneth W Davey

Managing Director

Carol Barton

Ian R Berg Dennis J Bessant

Antonius R H Bosman

Jeffrey Burchill

Omar F Hameed

Michael Lebovitz

Shivan S Subramaniam

Stefano Tranquillo

Kevin S Ingram

Ciaran O'Donnell

(Appointed 19 November 2009)

(Appointed 12 February 2010)

(Resigned 31 December 2009)

No directors had any interest in the shares of the company during the year

Details of employees are set out in note 9 to the financial statements

Political and charitable contributions

The group made no political contributions during the year Charitable donations amounted to £34,153 $(2008 \pm 41,676)$

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

Employee note

It is the group's policy to treat all employees in the same way, regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marital status, age, race, ethnic origin or disability, and is stated in our Equal Opportunities Policy The policy provides for consideration of reasonable adjustments the group might take in the event that an employee becomes disabled, which would include any training that may be needed. Our performance management process includes discussion and agreement with respect to training for career development purposes for all employees, irrespective of sex, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marital status, age, race, ethnic origin or disability

Insurance of directors

Insurance is maintained for the directors in respect of their duties as directors of the group

Disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the company and the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

Re-appointment of auditors

Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution the Company is not obliged to reappoint its auditor annually and Ernst & Young LLP will therefore continue in office

On behalf of the board

Finance Director

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FM INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of FM Insurance Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account, Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Company Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 27 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Equalisation provision

Our evaluation of the presentation of information in the financial statements has had regard to the statutory requirement for insurance companies to maintain an equalisation provision. The nature of the equalisation provision, the amount set aside at 31 December 2009, and the effect of the movement in the provision during the year on shareholders' funds, the technical account – general business and the profit or loss on ordinary activities before tax, is disclosed in note 21

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FM INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (continued)

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of the group's profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Ernst & Young LLP

John Headley (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor London

30 March 2010

Consolidated profit and loss account: technical account – general business for the year ended 31 December 2009

		2009		2008	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Gross premiums written	3	769,584		629,592	
Outward reinsurance premiums		(588,436)		(496,917)	
			181,148		132,675
Change in the gross provision for unearned premiums	21	5,114		(7,270)	
Change in the provision for unearned premiums, reinsurers' share	21	(12,205)		6,706	
			(7,091)		(564)
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance			174,057		132,111
Other technical income			8,474		5,939
Claims paid					
Gross amount		(336,873)		(451,072)	
Reinsurers' share		228,091		307,852	
		(108,782)		(143,220)	
Change in the provision for claims					
Gross amount	21	65,588		67,843	
Reinsurers' share	21	(48,963)		(54,481)	
		16,625		13,362	
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance			(92,157)		(129,858)
Net operating expenses	5		(65,391)		(10,120)
Change in equalisation provision	21		(5,475)		7,760
Balance on the technical account					
- general business			19,508		5,832

Consolidated profit and loss account: non-technical account for the year ended 31 December 2009

Note	2009	2008
	£000	£000
	19,508	5,832
24	294	1,087
4	13,577	17,186
4	(8)	(23)
4	62,213	(60,067)
6	95,584	(35,985)
10	(29,618)	1,050
	65,966	(34,935)
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The movements in the year are all in respect of continuing operations

Consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		£000	£000
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		65,966	(34,935)
Actuarial gain/(loss) (FRS17)	24	1,320	(17,774)
Deferred tax on actuarial (gain)/loss		(370)	4,977
Net currency differences on retranslation of net investments in foreign branches		10,625	2,979
Total recognised profit/(loss) relating to the year		77,541	(44,753)

Consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2009

		2009		2008	
	N 7	£000	£000	£000	£000
Assets	Note				
Investments					
Other financial investments	12	344,326	244 226	270,157	270 167
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions			344,326		270,157
Provision for unearned premiums	21	181,753		188,580	
Claims outstanding	21	225,145		265,055	
	•	<u>.</u>	406,898		453,635
Debtors					
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	13	83,883		94,291	
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations		18,195		23,010	
Other debtors	14				
Amounts falling due within one year		10,181		6,440	
Amounts falling due after one year		1,424		15,713	
			113,683		139,454
Other assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16	6,459		7,377	
Cash at bank and in hand	17	207,850		181,166	
	·	_	214,309		188,543
Prepayments and accrued income					
Accrued interest and rent		1,354		1,133	
Deferred acquisition costs	21	5,666		5,497	
Other prepayments and accrued income		337		563	
	,		7,357		7,193
Total assets excluding net pension asset			1,086,573		1,058,982
Net pension asset	24		4,433		
Total assets			1,091,006		1,058,982
					

Consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2009

		2009		2008	
	Note	£000	£000	£000	£000
Liabilities					
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	18	325,000		325,000	
Share premium account	19	978		978	
Profit and loss account	19	53,857		(23,684)	
Shareholder's funds attributable to equity interests			379,835		302,294
Technical provisions					
Provision for unearned premiums	21	246,590		244,714	
Claims outstanding	21	340,034		391,214	
Equalisation provision	21	7,024		1,549	
			593,648		637,477
Creditors					
Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations		60,044		54,601	
Other creditors including taxation and social security	22	33,110		35,287	
	•	<u> </u>	93,154		89,888
Accruals and deferred income	23		24,369		23,376
Total liabilities excluding net pension liability			1,091,006		1,053,035
Net pension liability	24				5,947
Total liabilities			1,091,006		1,058,982

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29 March 2010 and were signed on its behalf by

Kevin S. Ingram Finance Director

Company balance sheet at 31 December 2009

			2009		2008	
	Note	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Assets						
Investments						
Other financial investments	12	344,326		269,808		
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	11	51		813	_	
			344,377		270,621	
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions						
Provision for unearned premiums	21	181,753		188,580		
Claims outstanding	21	225,145		265,055		
			406,898		453,635	
Debtors						
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	13	83,883		94,291		
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations		18,195		23,010		
Other debtors	14					
Amounts falling due within one year		9,702		5,097		
Amounts falling due after one year		1,298		15,581		
	•		113,078		137,979	
Other assets						
Tangible fixed assets	16	6,220		6,693		
Cash at bank and in hand	17	205,473		178,781		
	•		211,693		185,474	
Prepayments and accrued income						
Accrued interest and rent		1,347		1,133		
Deferred acquisition costs	21	5,666		5,497		
Other prepayments and accrued income		327		528		
	•		7,340		7,158	
Total assets excluding net pension asset			1,083,386		1,054,867	
Net pension asset	24		4,433			
Total assets			1,087,819		1,054,867	

Company balance sheet at 31 December 2009

		2009		2008		
	Note	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Liabilities						
Capital and reserves						
Called up share capital	18	325,000		325,000		
Share premium account	19	978		978		
Profit and loss account	19	50,944		(25,677)		
Shareholder's funds attributable to equity interests	•		376,922		300,301	
Technical provisions						
Provision for unearned premiums	21	246,590		244,714		
Claims outstanding	21	340,034		391,214		
Equalisation provision	21	7,024		1,549		
	•		593,648		637,477	
Creditors						
Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations		60,044		54,601		
Other creditors including taxation and social security	22	33,548		34,651		
	·		93,592		89,252	
Accruals and deferred income	23		23,657		21,890	
Total liabilities excluding net pension liability			1,087,819		1,048,920	
Net pension liability	24				5,947	
Total liabilities			1,087,819		1,054,867	

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Kevin S. Ingram Finance Director

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out below and comply with the special provisions relating to insurance companies in Schedule 3 of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008, made under Companies Act 2006. The recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business issued by the Association of British Insurers in December 2005 as amended in December 2006 have been adopted. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the applicable UK accounting standards.

Consolidated financial statements have been prepared. These financial statements therefore present information about the company and its subsidiaries as set out in note 11.

No profit and loss account is presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 Related Party Disclosures not to disclose transactions with companies in the Factory Mutual Insurance Company (FMIC) group as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of FMIC which publishes consolidated financial statements. The group has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 1 Cash Flow Statements (Revised) not to prepare a cash flow statement.

2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the group's financial statements

Premiums

Written premiums, gross of commission, comprise the premiums receivable for the whole period of cover provided by contracts incepting during the financial year, and are stated before commissions, taxes and duties levied on premiums

Premiums written are accounted for in the year in which the risk incepts and include adjustments to premiums written in prior accounting periods and estimates for "pipeline" premiums. Outward reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting period as the premiums for the related inwards direct insurance business.

Unearned premiums

The provision for unearned premiums comprises the amount representing that part of gross premiums written which is estimated to be earned in the following or subsequent financial years, computed separately for each insurance contract using the daily pro rata method

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Acquisition costs

Acquisition costs comprise the expenses, both direct and indirect, of acquiring insurance policies incepting during the financial year. Acquisition costs which relate to a subsequent financial year are deferred and charged to the accounting periods in which the related premiums are earned. Deferred acquisition costs represent the proportion of acquisition costs incurred which corresponds to the proportion of gross premiums written which are unearned at the balance sheet date.

Claims

Claims incurred includes all claims payments made in respect of the financial period, claims handling expenses and the movement in provision for outstanding claims and claims handling expenses

Claims outstanding

Outstanding claims comprise provisions for the estimated costs of settling all claims incurred up to but not paid at the balance sheet date whether reported or not, together with related claims handling expenses

The provision for claims outstanding is based on information available at the balance sheet date Significant delays can be experienced in the notification and settlement of certain claims. Accordingly, the ultimate cost of such claims cannot be known with certainty at the balance sheet date. Subsequent information and events may result in the ultimate liability being less than or greater than the amount provided. Any differences between provisions and subsequent settlements are dealt with in the technical account – general business of later years.

Investment income and gains on realisation of investments

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis. Realised gains or losses represent the difference between net sales proceeds and purchase price. All realised gains and losses are taken to the non-technical account.

Unrealised gains and losses on investments

Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the valuation of investments at the balance sheet date and their purchase price or, if they have been previously revalued, their valuation at the last balance sheet date, together with the reversal of unrealised gains and losses recognised in earlier accounting periods in respect of investment disposals in the current period. All unrealised gains and losses are taken to the non-technical account in the profit and loss account

Equalisation provision

The equalisation provision is required to be maintained by INSPRU 1.4. The provision is established in addition to the provisions required to meet the estimated costs of settling outstanding claims

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

All investments are stated at their current value. Listed investments are stated at mid market value. Investments in subsidiary undertakings are held at cost. Investments are reviewed at each reporting date to assess whether there are any circumstances that might indicate that they are impaired. If such circumstances exist, impairment testing is performed and any resulting impairment losses are charged to the income statement and the carrying value adjusted to the recoverable amount.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows

Office equipment

20% of cost per annum

Office furniture

10% of cost per annum

Computer equipment

33 3% or 50% of cost per annum

Motor vehicles

25% of net book value per annum

Leases

No leases entail taking substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset Therefore all leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at exchange rates ruling at the end of the financial year. Non-monetary assets are converted at historical rates. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at average rates. Exchange differences arising from transactions are taken to the profit and loss account.

Differences on exchange arising from the retranslation of the opening net investment in overseas branches are taken to reserves

Pensions

The Group operates a number of defined benefit pension schemes. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and are discounted at the current rate of return of a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The increase in the present value of the liabilities of the Group's defined benefit pension schemes expected to arise from employee service in the period is charged to the profit and loss account. The expected return on scheme's assets and the increase during the year in the present value of the scheme's liabilities arising from the passage of time are included in the profit and loss account. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

Any pension scheme surplus, to the extent it is considered recoverable, or deficit is recognised in full and presented on the balance sheet

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Current tax expense is charged or credited to operations based upon amounts estimated to be payable or recoverable as a result of taxable operations for the current year. To the extent that losses of an individual UK company are not offset in any one year, they can be carried back for one year or carried forward indefinitely to be offset against profits arising from the same company.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in accordance with the provisions of FRS 19. The Company has chosen not to apply the option available of recognising such assets and liabilities on a discounted basis to reflect the time value of money. Except as set out in FRS 19, deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

The Group's UK subsidiaries each file separate tax returns In accordance with UK tax legislation, where one domestic UK company is a 75 per cent owned subsidiary of another UK company or both are 75 per cent owned subsidiaries of a common parent, the companies are considered to be within the same UK tax group For companies within the same tax group, trading profits and losses arising in the same accounting period may be offset for the purposes of determining current and deferred taxes

Unexpired Risk Provision

Provision for unexpired risks is made where the estimated costs of future claims and related deferred acquisition costs are expected to exceed the unearned premium provision. In determining the need for an unexpired risk provision the different classes of business have been regarded as business that is managed together. Based on information available at the balance sheet date, before taking into account investment income but including previous claims experience, the Company has assessed that no provision is required.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

3 Segmental information

Analysis of premiums, profit before taxation and net assets

		2009			2008	
	Gross premium written	Profit/(Loss) before taxation	Net assets	Gross premium written	Profit/(Loss) before taxation	Net assets
By geographical segme	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
United Kingdom	398,231	85,615	314,824	340,064	(45,021)	254,633
Germany	80,133	(4,404)	(11,433)	71,792	5,573	(6,523)
France	80,166	2,769	18,542	66,683	5,065	15,662
Belgium	7,283	4,682	7,042	18,890	(618)	3,538
Sweden	53,635	(11,289)	(19,874)	45,599	(331)	(8,034)
Australia	109,185	15,435	71,810	67,763	6,100	46,642
Italy	10,733	3,215	1,791	12,792	(4,620)	(1,194)
Singapore	8,125	61	(733)	2,169	(823)	(782)
Hong Kong	3,336	804	(1,051)	311	(1,568)	(1,845)
Netherlands	18,757	(1,304)	(1,083)	3,529	258	197
Total	769,584	95,584	379,835	629,592	(35,985)	302,294

Subsidiaries are included in the United Kingdom segment. The regional offices are funded for their operational and capital requirements through inter-office accounts

		2009			2008	
	Gross	Profit	Net	Gross	Loss	Net
	premium	before	assets	premium	before	assets
	written	taxatıon		written	taxation	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
By class of business						
Direct	608,470	75,573	300,316	495,623	(28,328)	237,970
Assumed	161,114	20,011	79,519	133,969	(7,657)	64,324
Total	769,584	95,584	379,835	629,592	(35,985)	302,294

Analysis of gross written premiums

	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Resulting from contracts concluded by the company		
In the EU member state of its head office	398,231	340,064
In the other EU member states	250,706	219,285
In other countries	120,647	70,243
	769,584	629,592

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

3 Segmental information (continued)

Analysis of gross premiums written, gross premiums earned, gross claims incurred, gross operating expenses, reinsurance balance and the technical provisions

	Gross premiums written	Gross premiums earned	Gross claims incurred	2009 Gross operating expenses	Reinsurance balance	Total	Net assets	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Goods in transit	2,092 464,311	2,525 511,716	(1,136) (130,164)	(394) (87,427)	368 (288,211)	1,363 5,914	1,033 229,165	
property General liability	_	_	(1,286)	_	1,286	_	_	
Consequential loss	142,067	154,965	(45,474)	(26,750)	(72,086)	10,655	70,118	
Assumed	161,114	105,492	(93,225)	(30,337)	16,647	(1,423)	79,519	
Total	769,584	774,698	(271,285)	(144,908)	(341,996)	16,509	379,835	
				2008				
	Gross premiums written	Gross premiums earned	Gross claims incurred	Gross operating expenses	Reinsurance balance	Total	Net assets	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Goods in transit	3,006 386,555	2,112 384,270	(1,720) (150,382)	(188) (24,224)	(2,514) (234,571)	(2,310) (24,907)	1,443 185,602	
property General liability	_	· 	(2,247)	_	2,247	-		
Consequential loss	106,062	105,833	(120,810)	(6,647)	21,091	(533)	50,925	
Assumed	133,969	130,107	(108,070)	(8,396)	6,242	19,883	64,324	
Total	629,592	622,322	(383,229)	(39,455)	(207,505)	(7,867)	302,294	
4 Investment return and charges 2009 2008								
_					£00		£000	
Net income from in Net interest receive		counts and fixed	l deposits		7,2: 1,60		11,417 5,416	
Realised gain on in					4,69		353_	
Investment income					13,5		17,186	
Net interest payable Unrealised gains/(le		ments			62,2	8) 13	(23) (60,067)	
Daniel Burner (1)					75,78		(42,904)	
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5 Net operating expens

The operating expenses	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Acquisition costs	24,796	32,757
Change in gross deferred acquisition costs	(288)	(160)
	24,508	32,597
Administrative expenses	120,400	6,858
Gross operating expenses	144,908	39,455
Reinsurance commissions	(81,364)	(31,223)
Change in deferred reinsurance commission	1,847	1,888
	65,391	10,120

A foreign exchange loss of £22,026,000 (2008 £91,143,000 gain) is included within administrative expenses

6 Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax		
·	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging the		
following		
Loss/(gain) on foreign exchange	22,026	(91,143)
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(19)	(31)
Depreciation	2,125	2,104
Rentals under operating leases on land and buildings	7,843	7,991
Rentals under other operating leases	2,509	2,200
Auditors' remuneration	375	399
m		
7 Auditors' remuneration	****	2000
	2009 £000	2008 £000
	1000	2000
The remuneration of the auditors is further analysed as follows		
Audit of the financial statements - current year	168	172
– prior year		11
	168	183
Other fees to auditors		
Audits of subsidiaries and branches - current year	154	135
- prior year	12	27
Other services pursuant to legislation - current year	37	37
- prior year	_	3
Other services	4	14
	207	216
	<u> </u>	399

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8 Remuneration of directors

	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Directors' emoluments	1,138	1,126
Amounts payable under long term incentive scheme	328	347
	1,466	1,473

The aggregate of emoluments and amounts payable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £491,571 (2008 £482,695) This includes amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of £190,179 (2008 £186,553)

The directors' emoluments and long term incentives disclosed above are in respect of payments made by FM Insurance Company Limited and the Parent, Factory Mutual Insurance Company, for qualifying director's services

	2009	2008
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under defined benefit schemes	4	4

Three directors have outstanding car loans at 31 December 2009 (2008 Three) The car loans are interest free, no non payment is anticipated and payments are taken at source. The amounts outstanding are as follows

As at 1 January 2009 the brought forward outstanding amount was £20,962 and as at 31 December 2009 the carried forward outstanding amount was £13,098

As at 1 January 2009 the brought forward outstanding amount was £15,866 and as at 31 December 2009 the carried forward outstanding amount was £10,267

As at 1 January 2009 the brought forward outstanding amount was £14,560 and as at 31 December 2009 the carried forward outstanding amount was £9,962

9 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of employees of the group during the year ended 31 December 2009 was 1,160 (2008 1,086) and can be categorised as follows

	2009	2008
Engineering	574	533
Administration and Professional	323	321
Operations	148	116
Underwriting	115	116
	1,160	1,086
		

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9 Staff numbers and costs (continued)

Staff	costs	consist	οf
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	2009	2008
	£000£	£000
Wages and salaries	66,946	50,947
Social security costs	11,772	10,344
Other pension costs	7,329	6,746
	86,047	68,037

10 Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

(a) Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

The charge/(credit) to taxation is made up as follows

	2009		2	2008	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Current tax					
UK corporation tax on profits/losses of the period	7,761		209		
Withholding tax relief	(334)		_		
Overseas relief	(7,147)		(209)		
Foreign tax	10,085		7,208		
	10,365	_	7,208		
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	930		1,480		
Total current tax		11,295		8,688	
Deferred tax					
Decelerated capital allowances	(155)		(101)		
Losses	12,190		(11,618)		
Timing difference in respect of pension	4,041		1,755		
Adjustment in respect of prior year	(1,372)		123		
Other timing differences	3,619		103		
Total deferred tax		18,323		(9,738)	
Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	_	29,618	-	(1,050)	

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10 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

(b) Tax included in the statement of total recognised gains and losses

The charge to taxation is made up as follows

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Deferred tax		
Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension scheme	370	(4,977)
Total tax charge/(credit)	370	(4,977)
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(c) Factors affecting tax charge for the period

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	95,584	(35,985)
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 28 5%)	26,764	(10,256)
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	607	552
Short term timing differences	(7,420)	(1,772)
Tax payable on overseas profits	2,126	6,502
Unrelieved foreign tax	101	_
Withholding tax not relieved	377	351
Adjustments in respect of prior years	930	1,480
Losses utilised	(12,190)	11,827
Other	_	4
	11,295	8,688

The group earns income in many different countries and, on average, pays taxes at rates higher than the UK statutory rate. The overall impact of these higher taxes is subject to changes in enacted tax rates and the country mix of the group's income. However, it is not expected to change significantly in the short term.

All prior year losses have been utilised against current year profit. The group has no unrelieved UK tax losses available for offset against future taxable profits (note 15)

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11 Company – Investment in subsidiary undertakings

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
At 1 January	813	778
Disposal of subsidiary	(762)	
Exchange adjustments	_	35
At 31 December	51	813

Particulars of subsidiary undertakings (ordinary shares) included in these consolidated financial statements are as follows

Subsidiary	Country of Incorporation	Percentage ownership	Nature of business
FMI Services Venezuela CA	Venezuela	97%	Engineering Services
FM Engineering International Limited	UK	100%	Engineering Services
FM Engineering Consulting (Shanghai) Co, Limited (wholly owned by FM Engineering International Limited)	China	100%	Engineering Services

FM do Brasil Servicos de Prevenção de Perdas Limited was sold at book value during the year to FM Global Services LLC with an effective date of 31 May 2009

12 Consolidated – Other financial investments

	2009 £000	2008 £000
Market value		
Debt securities Equities Deposits with credit institutions	72,257 267,573 4,496 344,326	104,853 165,304 ————————————————————————————————————
Cost Debt securities Equities Deposits with credit institutions	69,149 251,483 4,496 325,128	94,010 228,800 ——————————————————————————————————

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12 Other financial investments (continued)

The debt securities and equities are all listed investments

Company – Other financial investments	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Market value		
Debt securities	72,257	104,504
Equities	267,573	165,304
Deposits with credit institutions	4,496	
	344,326	269,808
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Cost		
Debt securities	69,149	93,686
Equities	251,483	228,800
Deposits with credit institutions	4,496	
	325,128	322,486
13 Consolidated and Company – Debtors arising ou		
	2009	2008
	€000	£000
Amounts owed by policyholders	83,883	94,291
14 Consolidated – Other debtors		
	2009	2008
	€000	£000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Corporation tax	6,114	1,480
Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	1,914	1,468
Sundry debtors	2,153	3,492
	10,181	6,440
Amounts falling due after one year		
Deferred tax asset (see note 15)	1,424	15,713

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14 Other debtors (continued)

Company – Other debtors		
company care actions	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Corporation tax	6,040	1,351
Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	2,450	1,159
Sundry debtors	1,212	2,587
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9,702	5,097
Amounts falling due after one year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Deferred tax asset (see note 15)	1,298	15,581
15 Consolidated – Deferred tax asset		
15 Consolidated – Deferred tax asset	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Deformed to a good at the start of the same		
Deferred tax asset at the start of the year Movement during the year	15,713 (14,289)	4,129 11,584
Deferred tax asset at the end of the year		
beterred tax asset at the end of the year	1,424	15,713
Deferred tax asset at the end of the year is made up of,	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Excess depreciation over capital allowances	592	444
Deferred tax on pension deficit	58	83
Deferred tax asset on losses	_	15,069
Other timing differences	774	117_
Deferred tax asset at the end of the year	1,424	15,713
		
Company – Deferred tax asset	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Defermed to a constant the start of the con-		
Deferred tax asset at the start of the year Movement during the year	15,581 (14,283)	4,101 11,480
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Deferred tax asset at the end of the year	1,298	15,581
Deferred tax asset at the end of the year is made up of,	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Excess depreciation over capital allowances	531	395
Deferred tax asset on losses	_	15,069
Other timing differences	767	117
Deferred tax asset at the end of the year	1,298	15,581

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15 Deferred tax asset (continued)

The group has fully utilised tax losses against current year profit A deferred tax asset is no longer recognised in relation to these losses

Deferred tax has been calculated at 28% (2008 28%)

16 Consolidated – Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment furniture and computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Cost			
At beginning of year	21,640	658	22,298
Additions	1,348	_	1,348
Disposals	(624)	(649)	(1,273)
Exchange adjustments	1,355	72	1,427
At end of year	23,719	81	23,800
Depreciation			
At beginning of year	14,574	347	14,921
Charge for year	2,086	39	2,125
Disposals	(404)	(347)	(751)
Exchange adjustments	1,024	22	1,046
At end of year	17,280	61	17,341
Net book value			
At 31 December 2009	6,439	20	6,459
At 31 December 2008	7,066	311	7,377

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16 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company - Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment furniture and computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Cost			
At beginning of year	19,940	326	20,266
Additions	1,281	_	1,281
Disposals	(46)	(267)	(313)
Exchange adjustments	1,223	_ _	1,223
At end of year	22,398	59	22,457
Depreciation			
At beginning of year	13,325	248	13,573
Charge for year	1,923	4	1,927
Disposals	_	(204)	(204)
Exchange adjustments	941		941
At end of year	16,189	48	16,237
Net book value			
At 31 December 2009	6,209	11	6,220
At 31 December 2008	6,615	78	6,693

17 Collateral deposits

Included in cash at bank are amounts totalling £2,374,000 (2008 £1,819,000) relating to the Group and £2,253,000 (2008 £1,666,000) relating to the Company which have been deposited with third parties to secure certain liabilities.

18 Consolidated and Company - Share capital

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Authorised		
500,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	500,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
325,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	325,000	325,000

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19 Consolidated – Reserves

	Share Premium Account	Profit and loss account	Total
	£000	€000	£000
At beginning of year	978	(23,684)	(22,706)
Profit for the year	_	65,966	65,966
Actuarial gain (FRS17)		1,320	1,320
Deferred tax on actuarial gain		(370)	(370)
Net currency translation differences in foreign branches	_	10,625	10,625
At end of year	978	53,857	54,835
Company – Reserves			
	Share Premium Account	Profit and loss account	Total
	£000	£000	£000
At beginning of year	978	(25,677)	(24,699)
Profit for the year	_	65,548	65,548
Actuarial gain (FRS17)	_	1,320	1,320
Deferred tax on actuarial gain	_	(370)	(370)
Net currency translation differences in foreign branches	_	10,123	10,123
At end of year	978	50,944	51,922

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20 Consolidated - Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2009	2008
	€000	£000
Opening shareholder's funds	302,294	347,047
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	65,966	(34,935)
FRS17 Actuarial gain/(loss)	1,320	(17,774)
Deferred tax on actuarial (gain)/loss	(370)	4,977
Net currency translation differences in foreign branches	10,625	2,979
Closing shareholder's funds	379,835	302,294

Company - Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Opening shareholder's funds	300,301	345,664
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	65,548	(35,286)
FRS17 Actuarial gain/(loss)	1,320	(17,774)
Deferred tax on actuarial (gain)/loss	(370)	4,977
Net currency translation differences in foreign branches	10,123	2,720
Closing shareholder's funds	376,922	300,301
Deferred tax on actuarial (gain)/loss Net currency translation differences in foreign branches	(370)	4,977 2,720

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21 Consolidated and Company - Technical provisions and deferred acquisition costs

	Provision for Unearned Premiums	Claims Outstanding	Equalisation Provision	Total Technical Provisions	Deferred Acquisition Costs	Net Insurance Funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000	000£	£000
Gross amount						
At beginning of year	244,714	391,214	1,549	637,477	5,497	631,980
Exchange movements	6,990	14,408		21,398	(119)	21,517
Movement in the provision	(5,114)	(65,588)	5,475	(65,227)	288	(65,515)
At end of year	246,590	340,034	7,024	593,648	5,666	587,982
Reinsurance amount:	_					
At beginning of year	188,580	265,055	_	453,635	9,316	444,319
Exchange movements	5,378	9,053		14,431	780	13,651
Movement in the provision	(12,205)	(48,963)	_	(61,168)	1,847	(63,015)
At end of year	181,753	225,145		406,898	11,943	394,955
Net balance at end of year	64,837	114,889	7,024	186,750	(6,277)	193,027
At beginning of year	56,134	126,159	1,549	183,842	(3,819)	187,661

Net claims incurred in the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account includes £37,732,000 of savings related to losses that occurred prior to the current financial year (2008 £10,695,000 savings)

An equalisation provision has been established as explained in the accounting policies. This has the cumulative effect of reducing group and company shareholder's funds by £7,024,000 at the year end (2008 £1,549,000). The change in equalisation provision during the year comprised of a decrease of £5,475,000 (2008 £7,760,000 increase) in the balance on the technical account – general business and thereby decreasing the profit on ordinary activities before tax

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22 Consolidated – Other creditors including taxation and social security

	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Corporation taxation payable	1,806	3,352
Social security	5,787	3,816
Engineering fee income	6,356	5,698
Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings	12,063	6,283
Other sundry creditors	7,098	16,138
	33,110	35,287
Company - Other creditors including taxation and	social security	
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Corporation taxation payable	1,604	3,142
Social security	5,670	3,614
Engineering fee income	6,356	5,698
Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings	13,321	7,299
Other sundry creditors	6,597	14,898
·	33,548	34,651
23 Consolidated – Accruals and deferred income		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Deferred reinsurance commissions (note 21)	11,943	9,316
Salary and incentive accruals	9,736	7,493
Other accruals and deferred income	2,690	6,567
	24,369	23,376
Company – Accruals and deferred income		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Deferred reinsurance commissions (note 21)	11,943	9,316
Salary and incentive accruals	9,389	6,654
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Other accruals and deferred income	2,325	5,920
Other accruais and deterred income		

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

24 Pensions

Substantially all of the employees are covered through either state-type schemes (for example in France), or schemes provided by the group Most of the employees not included in state-type schemes are covered through final salary defined benefit schemes in the UK, Australia and Germany

For the UK and Australia the pension scheme assets are held in separate trustee administered funds to meet long-term pension liabilities to past and present employees. The defined benefit obligation arises wholly from funded plans. Germany's obligations are covered by an insurance contract with a third party, for which premiums are paid annually. Accordingly any movement in the obligations under the pension scheme will be fully offset by the expected return on the insurance contract.

Full actuarial valuations were carried out by a qualified independent actuary for the three major schemes on 1 January 2008 for UK, 31 December 2006 for Australia and 31 December 2005 for Germany The disclosures required under FRS17 'Retirement Benefits' have been calculated based on the most recent full actuarial valuations updated to 31 December 2009 and are applicable to both the Group and the Company

Scheme assets

The fair value of the scheme's assets, which are not intended to be recognised in the short term and may be subject to significant change before they are recognised, and the present value of the scheme's liabilities, which are derived from cash flow projections over long periods and thus inherently uncertain, were

2009	UK	UK Australia		Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Equities	50,019	7,598	_	57,617
Bonds	25,604	3,070		28,674
Property	_	533		533
Other - Insurance Contracts	_		15,931	15,931
Other - Cash	423	1,484	_	1,907
Fair value of scheme assets	76,046	12,685	15,931	104,662
Present value of scheme liabilities	71,445	11,129	15,931	98,505
Surplus in the scheme	4,601	1,556		6,157
Related deferred tax liability	(1,288)	(436)	_	(1,724)
Net pension asset	3,313	1,120		4,433
2008	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Equities	32,092	3,714	_	35,806
Bonds	17,845	1,815	_	19,660
Property		231	_	231
Other - Insurance Contracts	_		14,259	14,259
Other - Cash	190	1,248		1,438
Fair value of scheme assets	50,127	7,008	14,259	71,394
Present value of scheme habilities	55,754	9,641	14,259	79,654
Deficit in the scheme	(5,627)	(2,633)		(8,260)
Related deferred tax asset	1,576	737	_	2,313
Net pension liability	(4,051)	(1,896)		(5,947)
	_			

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24 Pensions (continued)

Analysis of other pension costs charged in arriving at the balance on the technical account - general business for 2009.

		2009	· ·	
	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expected return on insurance contracts		_	(1,029)	(1,029)
Current service cost	2,957	926	1,029	4,912
• -	2,957	926		3,883
Analysis of amounts included in other final	nce income for 2009			
		2009		
	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expected return on pension scheme assets / insurance contracts	3,918	532	891	5,341
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(3,497)	(659)	(891)	(5,047)
_	421	(127)		294
Analysis of other pension costs charged in	UK	2008 Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expected return on insurance contracts		_	(1,004)	(1,004)
Current service cost	2,446	411	1,004	3,861
_	2,446	411		2,857
Analysis of amounts included in other final	nce income for 2008			
		2008	_	
	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expected return on pension scheme assets / insurance contracts	4,036	593	779	5,408
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(3,082)	(460)	(779)_	(4,321)
-	954	133		1,087

The amounts above in respect of the German pension scheme have been fully offset by expected recoveries under an insurance contract on a line by line basis. All items in the profit and loss account and statement of total recognised gains and losses are shown net of the expected return on the insurance contract.

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24 Pensions (continued)

Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses 2009. 2009

	2009					
	UK £000	Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000		
Actual return on pension scheme assets	11,116	1,892	_	13,008		
Less, Expected return on pension scheme assets	3,918	532		4,450		
	7,198	1,360		8,558		
Experience gains and losses arising on scheme liabilities	134	(588)	(472)	(926)		
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme assets / liabilities	(10,275)	3,491	1,513	(5,271)		
Expected return on pension scheme assets / insurance contracts	_		(1,041)	(1,041)		
Actuarial gain/(loss) recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses	(2,943)	4,263		1,320		

Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses 2008:

	2008				
	UK £000	Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000	
Actual return on pension scheme assets	(9,307)	(1,337)	_	(10,644)	
Less, Expected return on pension scheme assets	4,036	593		4,629	
	(13,343)	(1,930)		(15,273)	
Experience gains and losses arising on scheme liabilities	(565)	12	301	(252)	
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme assets / liabilities	173	(2,121)	1,398	(550)	
Expected return on pension scheme assets / insurance contracts			(1,699)	(1,699)	
Actuarial gain/(loss) recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses	(13,735)	(4,039)	_	(17,774)	

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24 Pensions (continued)

C	Cumulative amount recognised since 1 Januar	ry 2002 i	ın statem	ent	of tot	al recogni	sed gains a	ind losses:	
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	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At end of year	(16,441)	(935)		(17,376)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation during 2009	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
G G	£000	£000	£000	£000
At beginning of year	55,754	9,641	14,259	79,654
Exchange adjustments	_	3,096	1,104	4,200
Current service cost	2,957	926	1,029	4,912
Interest cost	3,497	659	891	5,047
Benefits paid	(904)	(669)	(311)	(1,884)
Contributions from plan participants		379	_	379
Actuarial loss/(gain)	10,141	(2,903)	(1,041)	6,197
At end of year	71,445	11,129	15,931	98,505

	2008					
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation during 2008	UK	Australia	Germany	Total		
	£000	£000	£000	£000		
At beginning of year	50,652	6,921	12,090	69,663		
Exchange adjustments		(68)	2,319	2,251		
Current service cost	2,446	411	1,004	3,861		
Interest cost	3,082	460	779	4,321		
Benefits paid	(818)	(498)	(234)	(1,550)		
Contributions from plan participants	_	306		306		
Actuarial loss/(gain)	392	2,109	(1,699)	802		
At end of year	55,754	9,641	14,259	79,654		

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24 Pensions (continued)

	2009					
Changes in the fair value of plan assets during 2009	UK	Australia	Germany	Total		
during 2007	£000	0003	£000	£000		
At beginning of year	50,127	7,008	14,259	71,394		
Exchange adjustments	_	2,250	1,104	3,354		
Expected return on plan assets	3,918	532	_	4,450		
Contributions paid	15,707	1,825	_	17,532		
Actuarial gain/(loss)	7,198	1,360	_	8,558		
Benefits paid	(904)	(669)	(311)	(1,884)		
Contributions from plan participants	_	379	_	379		
Expected return on insurance contracts	-	. —	879_	879		
At end of year	76,046	12,685	15,931	104,662		

Changes in the fair value of plan assets during 2008	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At beginning of year	52,753	7,767	12,090	72,610
Exchange adjustments	_	(76)	2,319	2,243
Expected return on plan assets	4,036	593		4,629
Contributions paid	7,499	846	_	8,345
Actuariai gain/(loss)	(13,343)	(1,930)		(15,273)
Benefits paid	(818)	(498)		(1,316)
Contributions from plan participants	_	306		306
Expected return on insurance contracts			(150)	(150)
At end of year	50,127	7,008	14,259	71,394

The total contributions to the defined benefit schemes in 2010 are expected to be £3,923,000

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24 Pensions (continued)

The major assumptions used in these valuations were: 2009

The major assumptions	2009			2008		
	UK	Australia	Germany	UK	Australia	Germany
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	5.25	5 0	3.2	4 5	5 0	3 9
Rate of increase in pensions in payment and deferred pensions	3.55	30	2 0	29	3 0	2 25
Discount rate applied to scheme liabilities	59	75	5.62	60	5 2	5 85
Inflation assumption	3.75	2.75	N/A	3 0	2 5	N/A
Long term rate of Return						
Equities	8 45	7.9	N/A	77	63	N/A
Bonds	5 65	5 4	N/A	67	4 4	N/A
Index-linked gilts	4.45	N/A	N/A	3 7	N/A	N/A
Cash	0.5	5.4	N/A	2 0	3 8	N/A
Property	N/A	7 5	N/A	N/A	5 9	N/A

The assumptions used by the actuary are the best estimates chosen from a range of possible actuarial assumptions which, due to the timescale covered, may not necessarily be borne out in practice

History of experience gains and losses 2009	UK £000	Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000
Fair value of scheme assets	76,046	12,685	15,931	104,662
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(71,445)	(11,129)	(15,931)	(98,505)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the scheme	4,601	1,556		6,157
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan liabilities	134	(588)	(472)	(926)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan assets	7,198	1,360	472	9,030
History of experience gains and losses 2008	UK £000	2008 Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000
Fair value of scheme assets	50,127	7,008	14,259	71,394
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(55,754)	(9,641)	(14,259)	(79,654)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the scheme	(5,627)	(2,633)	_	(8,260)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan liabilities	(565)	12	301	(252)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan assets	(13,343)	(1,930)	(301)	(15,574)
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24 Pensions (continued)

	2007			
History of experience gains and losses 2007	UK	Australia	Germany	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fair value of scheme assets	52,753	7,767	12,090	72,610
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(50,652)	(6,921)	(12,090)	(69,663)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the scheme	2,101	846		2,947
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan liabilities	(357)	(114)	(162)	(633)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan assets	(61)	131	162	232
H	UK	2006		
History of experience gains and losses 2006	£000	Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000
Fair value of scheme assets	47,775	6,739	11,594	66,108
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(55,305)	(6,092)	(11,594)	(72,991)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the scheme	(7,530)	647		(6,883)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan liabilities	1,942	292	810	3,044
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan assets	218	(414)	(810)	(1,006)
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History of experience gains and losses 2005	UK £000	Australia £000	Germany £000	Total £000
Fair value of scheme assets	43,795	5,744	10,216	59,755
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(51,308)	(5,916)	(10,216)	(67,440)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the scheme	(7,513)	(172)	(10,210)	(7,685)
Surplus (Delicit) in the scheme	(7,313)	(172)	_	(7,003)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan liabilities	(4,591)	591	611	(3,389)
Experience gain/(loss) arising on plan assets	3,765	196	(611)	3,350

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25 Capital Commitments

The company has the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases

	Buildings £000	2009 Other £000	Buildings £000	2008 Other £000
Operating leases which expire				
Within 1 year	683	345	435	239
Within 2 to 5 years	3,915	2,003	4,702	1,507
More than 5 years	2,537	_	2,040	
	7,135	2,348	7,177	1,746

26 Parent Company & Ultimate controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Factory Mutual Insurance Company (FMIC), the registered office of which is 270 Central Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919-4949, USA FMIC is the largest group in which the financial results of FMI are included. Copies of the group accounts are available to the public at the above address

27 Reconciliation to US GAAP

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), which differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP). Whilst there are numerous differences between the two bases of accounting, there are only a limited number that are applicable to the Group. The following is a reconciliation of UK GAAP shareholders funds attributable to equity interests and UK GAAP loss for the year to the equivalent measures under US GAAP. A description of the relevant differences follows the reconciliation.

Shareholder's Equity Reconciliation.

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
UK GAAP shareholder's funds attributable to equity interests	379,835	302,294
Equalisation provision	7,024	1,549
Provision for bad debts	_	4,276
Defined benefit pension asset	(288)	(277)
US GAAP shareholder's equity	386,571	307,842
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27 Reconciliation to US GAAP (continued)

Profit and Loss Reconciliation:

2009	2008
000£	£000
65,966	(34,935)
5,475	(7,760)
(5,062)	1,411
(374)	(165)
(93,612)	19,831
5,877	(13,535)
(21,730)	(35,153)
	£000 65,966 5,475 (5,062) (374) (93,612) 5,877

Equalisation Provision

Under UK GAAP, an equalisation provision is required to be included within technical provisions based on a specified calculation. The requirement is in place to help smooth fluctuations in loss ratios in future years for business where claims in any future year may be subject to significant deviations from recent or average claims experience, or where trends in experience may be subject to change. Such volatile claims experience may arise in the case, for example, of insurance against losses caused by major catastrophes such as hurricanes or earthquakes. Under US GAAP, loss reserves are required to be recorded at management's best estimate of the ultimate amount required to settle the claims. Smoothing mechanisms such as the equalisation provision, and catastrophe reserves specifically are prohibited under US GAAP.

Provision for Bad Debts

Under UK and US GAAP, the Company applies the accounting policy of its parent company which is to provide for a bad debt provision when there is evidence that an asset is impaired Previously under UK GAAP the Company made an additional provision for debtors greater than 90 days past due, however this additional provision was considered unnecessary based upon historical debtor recoverability trends

Defined Benefit Pension Asset

Under UK GAAP, retirement benefits are accounted for under FRS 17 "Retirement Benefits" (FRS 17) For US GAAP, the Company follows the accounting policy of its parent company, the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No 158 "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" (SFAS 158) Under both FRS 17 and SFAS 158, the funded status of defined benefit plans are recorded on balance sheet. The basic principles of the two standards are similar, however there are differences in the underlying calculations of the funded status.

Unrealised (gains)/losses on investments

Under UK GAAP, unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised in the profit and loss account. For US GAAP purposes, unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised within Shareholder's Equity to the extent that any unrealised losses are not permanent impairments.

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27 Reconciliation to US GAAP (continued)

Foreign exchange revaluations of investments

Under UK GAAP foreign exchange revaluations on investments are recognised in the profit and loss account For US GAAP purposes, foreign exchange revaluations on investments are recognised directly in Shareholder's Equity, to the extent that the related investments are still held by the group at the end of the year