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Ecclesiastical Underwriting Management Limited Report and Accounts 31 December 2001

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# Officers and Professional Advisers

Directors G.V. Doswell (Chairman)

K.P. Cannon

G.A. Prescott

Company Secretary Mrs R.J. Hall

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Company Registration

Number

2368571

## Directors' Report

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the provision of underwriting management and ancillary services.

#### Results and review

The results for the year are shown on page 6 and the position at the year end is shown on the balance sheet on page 7. The level of business and the year end financial position were satisfactory and the directors expect that the present level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

#### Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2001 (Nil).

#### **Future Prospects**

The directors consider that the company is well placed to perform satisfactorily in the future.

#### Directors

The directors of the company at the date of this report are stated on page 2.

#### Directors' interests

The interests of the directors, all of which are beneficial, in the 2.8% First Cumulative Preference shares of £1 each in Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc, a subsidiary of the company's ultimate parent company are as follows:-

Directors	Interest at	Interest at
	31.12.01	1.1.01
G.V. Doswell	500	500
K.P. Cannon		-
G.A. Prescott	1,000	1,000

No director had an interest in any other shares or debentures of the group. There has been no change in these interests since the end of the financial year to the date of this report. No contract of any significance subsisted during or at the end of the financial year in which a director was or is materially interested.

### Statement of directors responsibilities

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, and make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The directors are also required to state whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed and whether the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at all times, the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the company's system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# Directors' Report

### Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Deloitte & Touche be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

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Mrs R.J. Hall

Secretary

12 April 2002

## Independent Auditors' Report

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ecclesiastical Underwriting Management Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Ecclesiastical Underwriting Management Limited for the year ended 31 December 2001 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and related notes 1 to 12. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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18 April 2002

# **Financial Statements**

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2001	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Continuing operations Turnover Administrative expenses	2	686,251 686,251	758, 789 758, 803
Operating loss			(14)
Profit on sale of fixed assets		4,250	
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before interest		4,250	(14)
Other interest receivable		41,148	11,561
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		45,398	11,547
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	16,384	10,926
Retained profit for the financial year	8	29,014	621

The company had no recognised gains or losses during the current financial year and preceding financial year other than those included in the profit and loss account.

# **Financial Statements**

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2001 Note	<u> </u>	2001 £	2000 £
Current assets			
Trade debtors		798,059	2,458,096
Prepayments and accrued income		48,135	43,322
Cash at bank and in hand		1,684,270	384,004
		2,530,464	2,885,422
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year:			
Trade creditors		-	1,481
Amounts owed to group undertakings		1,833,715	2,212,732
Other creditors including taxation		21,558	25,032
		1,855,273	2,239,245
Net current assets			
Net assets		675,191	646,177
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Capital and reserves	_		
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	8	500,000	500,000
From and loss account	8	175,191	146,177
Total equity shareholders' funds	9	675,191	646,177

The financial statements on pages 6 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 12 April 2002 and signed on their behalf by

G.V. Doggarall

Director

### Notes to the Accounts

#### Accounting policies

- (a) The accounts of the company are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.
- (b) The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc, and has taken advantage of the provisions of FRS 1 (revised). Accordingly there is no cash flow statement in these financial statements.
- (c) Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Revenue in overseas currencies is stated at the rate ruling on the balance sheet date or, where appropriate, at the actual rate obtained on exchanging each currency remittance for sterling. Resultant gains or losses are included in balances owed to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings.

- (d) Expenditure on office equipment is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life of five years.
- (e) Pension costs are charged so as to spread the long term cost over the expected service lives of employees.

#### 2 Turnover

Turnover represents the UK revenue receivable by the company for underwriting and administrative services.

#### 3 Employee information

	2001	2000
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	5	5
	£	£
Wages and salaries	237,423	255,875
Social security costs	23,656	26,063
Pension costs	32,552	35,983
	293,631	317,921

Pension liabilities are dealt with by payment to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc Staff Retirement Benefit Fund in accordance with group policy. The group operates a defined benefit scheme the details of which are disclosed in the accounts of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc. At 31 December 2001 there was a surplus in the scheme and, in accordance with the actuary's recommendation, the employer's contribution rate remains unchanged. The employer cannot, however, identify the company's share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

#### 4 Directors' emoluments

One director, who was not the chairman, received emoluments from the company amounting to £135,934 (£128,265) including pension contributions of £15,120 (£14,592). The other directors, who were also directors of the company's fellow subsidiary company, Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc, received emoluments from that company.

Three executive directors were members of the group's defined benefit pension scheme during the year (3).

#### 5 Auditors' remuneration

The remuneration of the auditors amounted to £2,350 (£3,000) in respect of audit work.

## Notes to the Accounts

#### 6 Taxation

The charge for tax in the profit and loss account is in respect of corporation tax at 30% (20%).

7	Tangible fixed assets	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
	Cost		-	-
	At January 2001	189,742	24,850	214,592
	Disposals	(134,709)	(24,850)	(159,559)
	At 31 December 2001	55,033	-	55,033
	Depreciation			
	At January 2001	189,742	24,850	214,592
	Disposals	(134,709)	(24,850)	(159,559)
	At 31 December 2001	55,033	•	55,033
	Net book value at 31 December 2001 and 1 January 2001	•	-	•
8	Share capital and reserves		2001	2000
	Share capital		£	£
	Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid		~	~
	500,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		500,000	500,000
	Profit and loss account			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Balance 1 January 2001		146,177	145,556
	Retained profit for the financial year		29,014	621
	Balance 31 December 2001		175,191	146,177
9	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds			
			2001	2000
			£	£
	Profit for the financial year		29,014	621
	Opening shareholders' funds		646,177	645,556
	Closing shareholders' funds		675,191	646,177

### 10 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2001 (Nil).

### 11 Parent company

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc. Its ultimate parent company and controlling party is Allchurches Trust Limited. The parent companies of the smallest and largest groups for which group accounts are drawn up are Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc and Allchurches Trust Limited. Both companies are incorporated and operate in Great Britain.

Copies of the group accounts for both companies are available from the registered office of the company as shown on page 2.

# Notes to the Accounts

12 Related party transactions

In accordance with the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard 8 'Related party Disclosures', no disclosure is given of transactions with group companies.