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Directors and administration

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W Malloy (Chairman)
N Bonnar
N Deshpande
N Smith
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J Masson

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year to 31 December 2009

Group structure

Group Ark Insurance Holdings Limited ("GAIHL") is the group parent company, and is a Bermuda registered company. The active trading companies that make up the Ark group as at 31 December 2009 are

- Ark Syndicate Management Limited ("ASML"), incorporated in the UK, the managing agent of Syndicate 4020 ("the Syndicate") and Special Purpose Syndicate 6105 ("Syndicate 6105"),
- Ark Corporate Member Limited ("ACML"), incorporated in the UK, a corporate member which participates on the 2007, 2008 and 2009 year of account ("YOA") of the Syndicate,
- Ark Corporate Member (No 2) Limited ("ACML2"), incorporated in the UK, a corporate member which participates on the 2008 and 2009 YOA of the Syndicate,
- Ark Corporate Member (No 3) Limited ("ACML3"), incorporated in the UK, a corporate member which participates on the 2009 YOA of the Syndicate, and
- Group Ark Insurance Limited ("GAIL"), incorporated in Bermuda, a class III reinsurer

GAIL has written a 90% quota share of ACML in respect of its participation on the 2007 YOA of the Syndicate, and ACML and ACML2 in respect of their participation on the 2008 YOA of the Syndicate, and ACML, ACML2 and ACML3 in respect of their participation on the 2009 YOA. GAIL provides Funds at Lloyd's ("FAL") on behalf of ACML to support the underwriting of the Syndicate.

Syndicate 6105, a syndicate supported by traditional Lloyd's Names' capital, has written an 11.3% quota share of the 2009 YOA of the Syndicate (2008 YOA 10.5%).

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of ACML is that of a Lloyd's corporate member. The principal activity of the Syndicate is the underwriting of direct and reinsurance business in the Lloyd's market. All business is written in the Lloyd's market through approved brokers. Gross written premium income for the Syndicate by class of business for the year was as follows:

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Accident & Health	30,585	28,265
Cargo & Specie	7,708	6,126
Casualty Reinsurance	42,321	32,307
Energy – Upstream	26,663	22,876
Liability – Marine & Energy	8,745	13,698
Marine Hull	9,492	8,292
Property Reinsurance	28,100	18,673
Specialty Programmes	9,460	-
Specialty Reinsurance	13,494	15,392
War, Terrorism and Political Risk	25,819	17,300
Worldwide Property – Direct and Facultative	13,195	13,185
Worldwide Property Programmes	11,851	-
Total gross written premium	227,433	176,114

Directors' report

Principal activity and review of the business (continued)

The directors of ACML are of the opinion that the key performance indicators ("KPIs") of the Syndicate best represent the KPIs of the company. The result for the Syndicate for the year together with KPIs is shown below.

	2009	2008
Profit for the financial year (£'000)	21,760	11,918
Claims ratio (%)	63.4%	60.4%
Expenses ratio (%)	30.3%	32.6%
Combined ratio (%)	93.7%	93.0%

The claims ratio is the ratio of claims incurred net of reinsurance to earned premiums net of reinsurance. The expense ratio is the ratio of operating expenses to earned premiums net of reinsurance. The result and ratios are broadly in line with expectations.

ACML entered into, at arms length, a 90% whole account quota share reinsurance contract with GAIL, protecting its participation on the 2007, 2008 and 2009 YOA of the Syndicate. GAIL has provided FAL on behalf of ACML in respect of its participation on these years.

The 2009 YOA capacity of the Syndicate was increased by Lloyd's mid-year from £221.8m to £277.8m to reflect movements in foreign exchange during the year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties of ACML are aligned with the Syndicate. ASML has developed and maintains a risk register within its risk framework for the Syndicate. Identified risks are grouped into major risk categories according to their nature, and by whom they are managed. The risk framework allows new risks to be identified and new controls to be put in place as necessary, either to prevent the occurrence of the event or to mitigate its impact. These are explained in more detail in the accounts of the Syndicate, a copy of which can be requested from the registered office of ACML.

Financial position

The main components of the balance sheet are technical provisions and investments and cash.

Technical provisions include a provision for outstanding claims of £161.5m (2008: £119.2m) and a provision for unearned premiums of £117.8m (2008: £116.1m). The reinsurers' share of technical provisions is £150.0m (2008: £106.1m) in respect of unearned premiums, and £105.0m (2008: £109.8m) in respect of outstanding claims. The provision for outstanding claims is based on evaluations of reported claims and estimates for losses incurred but not reported ("IBNR"). As claims may not be settled for a number of years after they are incurred, the setting of provisions involves a degree of judgement as to the ultimate exposure to losses.

Investments and cash total £183.9m (2008: £129.7m) and are actively managed by third party investment managers. The Syndicate has established a diversified investment portfolio with a sensible mix of cash, government and corporate debt and asset backed securities.

Results

The profit after taxation for the year was £1.0m (2008: £0.7m). No dividend is proposed (2008: Nil).

Future developments

ACML will participate alongside a Limited Liability Partnership ("LLP") on the 2010 YOA of the Syndicate. ACML2 and ACML3 have made their Funds at Lloyd's inter-available for the benefit of ACML for the 2010 YOA.

The capacity of the Syndicate for the 2010 YOA is £345.0m (2009 YOA: £221.8m).

Directors' report

Directors and Directors interests

The directors of ACML below served from 1 January 2009 to the date of this report, unless stated otherwise

W Malloy
N Bonnar
N Deshpande
N Smith
C Watson

Certain directors own shares in GAIHL, the ultimate parent company. Also, an LLP was established for employees to participate on the 2010 and 2009 YOA of the Syndicate. Details of directors' shareholdings in GAIHL and their share of the total capacity of the Syndicate through the LLP are disclosed in the accounts of ASML, a copy of which can be requested from the registered office of ACML.

Political and charitable donations

ACML made no political or charitable donations during the year.

Professional indemnity insurance

GAIHL has purchased professional indemnity insurance protecting GAIHL, its subsidiaries and all past, present and future directors and employees of GAIHL and its subsidiaries in respect of errors and omissions and negligent acts.

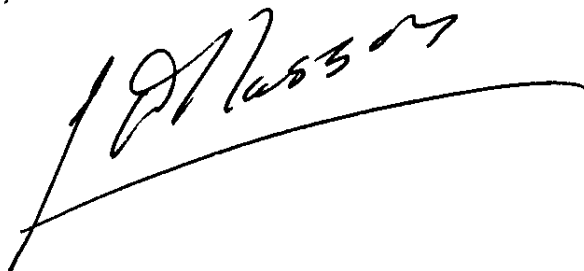
Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors of ACML who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

KPMG Audit Plc has expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors to the company. ACML has an elective resolution in place under Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually.

By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Masson', is written over a long, horizontal, slightly curved line that serves as a signature line.

J Masson
Company Secretary
17 March 2010

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The following statement applies to the directors' report and financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' 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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law the directors are also responsible for preparing a directors' report that complies with that law

Independent auditors' report to the member of Ark Corporate Member Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Ark Corporate Member Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the profit and loss account, statement of total recognised gains and losses, balance sheet and related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

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 purposes. 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 6, the company's 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 Practice Board's ("APB's") Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been properly 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 Director's 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 require us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the 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.



Chris Moulder (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
London

17 March 2010

Profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 December 2009

	Notes	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Technical account			
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance			
Gross premiums written	4	227,433	176,114
Outward reinsurance premiums		(209,167)	(161,672)
Change in the provision for unearned premiums			
Gross amount		(7,440)	(36,937)
Reinsurers' share		7,155	34,338
		17,981	11,843
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account		566	184
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance			
Claims paid			
Gross amount		(74,828)	(13,219)
Reinsurers' share		69,457	11,991
		(5,371)	(1,228)
Change in the provision for claims			
Gross amount		(56,575)	(78,246)
Reinsurers' share		50,410	72,401
		(6,165)	(5,845)
		(11,536)	(7,073)
Other income		118	124
Operating expenses	4,5	(5,448)	(3,831)
Balance on the technical account for general business		1,681	1,247
Non-technical account			
Net investment income	7	566	184
Allocated investment return transferred to technical account		(566)	(184)
Other expenses		(290)	(304)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,391	943
Taxation	8	(417)	(283)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	5,14	974	660

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

	Notes	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Profit for the financial year	14	974	660
Currency translation difference on foreign currency ledgers	14	15	534
Total recognised gains in the financial year		989	1,194

All operations are continuing The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2009

		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Assets			
Investments			
Other financial investments	9	177,689	120,419
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions			
Provision for unearned premiums		104,973	106,054
Claims outstanding		150,007	109,787
		254,980	215,841
Debtors			
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	10	51,706	32,780
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	11	28,647	43,477
		80,353	76,257
Other assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		6,272	9,240
Overseas deposits	12	7,440	1,935
		13,712	11,175
Prepayments and accrued income			
Deferred acquisition costs		22,542	23,535
Prepayments and accrued income		2,607	886
Other debtors		11,525	682
		36,674	25,103
Total assets		563,408	448,795
Liabilities			
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	-	-
Profit and loss account	14	1,185	211
Other reserves	14	552	537
		1,737	748
Technical provisions			
Provision for unearned premiums		117,757	116,090
Claims outstanding		161,475	119,202
		279,232	235,292
Creditors			
Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations	15	635	666
Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations	16	9,264	21,617
Other creditors including taxation and social security	17	269,075	187,084
Accruals and deferred income		2,490	2,884
Deferred taxation	18	975	504
		282,439	212,755
Total liabilities		563,408	448,795

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements. The financial statements were approved by the Board on 17 March 2010 and signed on its behalf by



N Smith, Director
Ark Corporate Member Limited
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17 March 2010

Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 255 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Companies Act 2006 and applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. They comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business issued in December 2005 by the Association of British Insurers (as amended in December 2006).

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, ACML is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company is a subsidiary with more than 90% of the voting rights controlled by GAIHL which has produced a consolidated cash flow statement.

ACML recognises in the technical account its proportion of all the transactions undertaken by the Syndicate. Similarly, its proportion of the assets and liabilities of the Syndicate have been reflected in the balance sheet of the company. In addition, ACML purchases its own reinsurance protection and the premiums and recoveries arising from these transactions are recorded within the technical account.

2 Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

a Premiums written

Premiums written comprise premiums on contracts inception during the financial year as well as adjustments made in the year to premiums written in prior accounting years. Premiums are shown gross of acquisition costs such as brokerage payable and taxes and duties levied on them. Estimates are made for pipeline premiums, representing amounts due but not yet notified.

b Unearned premiums

Written premiums are recognised as earned according to the risk profile of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the balance sheet date. The provision is calculated on a policy by policy basis.

c Reinsurance premiums ceded

Outwards reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting year as the premiums for the direct or inwards business being reinsured.

d Claims provisions and related recoveries

The provision for claims comprises amounts set aside for claims notified and claims incurred but not yet reported ("IBNR").

Claims incurred comprise claims and claims handling expenses paid in the year and the movement in provision for outstanding claims and future claims handling expenses. Recoverable amounts arising out of subrogation and salvage together with reinsurance recoveries are deducted from the cost of gross claims.

Outstanding claims consist of amounts set aside for notified claims and a provision for IBNR claims. The amount included in respect of IBNR is arrived at by considering the actuarially calculated provision, using techniques which generally involve using statistical techniques of estimation applied by ASML's actuaries and reviewed by external consulting actuaries, as well as the opinion of the class underwriters and executive management. The actuarial techniques generally involve projecting from past experience of the development of claims over time to form a view of the likely ultimate claims to be experienced for more recent underwriting, having regard to variations in the business accepted and the underlying terms and conditions. Large claims are generally assessed individually, being calculated on a case by case basis or projected separately to allow for the possible distortive effects of the developments of these claims on the balance of the data. The provision for claims also includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs.

The reinsurers' share of provisions for claims is based on calculated amounts of outstanding claims and projections for IBNR, net of estimated irrecoverable amounts, having regard to the reinsurance programme in place for the class of business, the claims experience for the year and the current security rating of the reinsurance companies involved. The Syndicate uses a number of statistical techniques to assist in making these estimates.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Accounting policies (continued)

d Claims provisions and related recoveries (continued)

Accordingly the two most critical assumptions as regards claims provisions are that the past is a reasonable predictor of the likely level of claims development and that the rating and other models used for current business are fair reflections of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred

Ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and this may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided. Adjustments to the amounts of claims provisions established in prior years are reflected in the financial statements for the year in which the adjustments are made. The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly.

e Acquisition costs

Acquisition costs, comprising brokerage and taxes and duties levied on them are deferred to the extent that they are attributable to premiums unearned at the balance sheet date.

f Foreign currencies

Transactions in US dollars, Euros, Canadian dollars and Australian dollars are translated at the average rates of exchange for the year. Underwriting transactions denominated in other foreign currencies are included at the rate of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed. Realised exchange differences are included in the technical account within operating expenses.

Assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars, Euros, Canadian dollars and Australian dollars, where the assets and liabilities in the currency ledgers are broadly matched, are translated at the closing rate of exchange for the year with exchange differences arising from the retranslation of the opening net investment, and the result for the year, in the respective ledgers are recorded as a movement in reserves within the statement of total recognised gains and losses. Assets and liabilities denominated in other foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange at the balance sheet date.

g Investments

Investments are shown at current market value, excluding accrued interest, at the balance sheet date. For this purpose listed investments are stated at bid-price and deposits with credit institutions and overseas deposits are stated at cost. Accrued interest is included in prepayments and accrued income on the face of the balance sheet. The cost of syndicate investments held at the balance sheet date is the original cost of investments held at the year end. Unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

h Investment return

Investment return comprises all investment income, realised investment gains and losses and movements in unrealised gains and losses, net of investment expenses, charges and interest.

Realised gains and losses on investments carried at market value are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and original cost. Unrealised gains and losses on investments represent the difference between the valuation at the balance sheet date and purchase price, together with the reversal of unrealised gains and losses recognised in earlier accounting years in respect of investment disposals in the current year.

Investment return is initially recorded in the non-technical account. A transfer is made from the non-technical account to the general business technical account to reflect the investment return on funds supporting underwriting business. Investment return has been wholly allocated to the technical account as all investments relate to the technical account.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Accounting policies (continued)

i Taxation

ACML is taxed on its share of the underwriting results declared by the Syndicate which are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The results of the Syndicate included in the financial statements (excluding any additional provisions made by the directors) relate to the open years of account and will only be declared for tax purposes in the year following the closure of the year of account. Other profits are assessable to tax in the same year as they are recognised for accounting purposes, after adjustment in accordance with tax legislation.

The charge for taxation based on the result for the year takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The provisions of FRS 19 "Deferred Tax" have been adopted in these financial statements. Deferred tax is recognised without discounting in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. As a consequence, full provision has been made for the deferred tax on tax assets and liabilities arising on timing differences.

j Profit commission

Profit commissions expected to arise on closure of a Lloyd's year of account are recognised on an accruals basis subject to an assessment of certainty over the year's profitability.

k Outwards reinsurance premiums in respect of underwriting capital

Outwards reinsurance premiums associated with the provision of underwriting capital are recognised over the expected life of the underlying YOA according to the estimated income stream of that YOA. The premiums are included within the non-technical account as other expenses.

3 Management of financial risk

Through its participation on the Syndicate, ACML is exposed to financial risks primarily through its financial assets, reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities. The key financial risks assessed are:

a Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the Syndicate suffers loss from volatility or over concentration in its investment portfolio or due to currency mismatch between assets and liabilities. The Syndicate's investment manager produces a monthly report which sets out the investment mix and performance against benchmark indices. This is reviewed by executive management each month. The principal market risks and how exposure to these risks is managed are:

- **Interest rate risk** The Syndicate works to manage the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the fixed maturity portfolio. The effective duration of the fixed maturity profile is managed with consideration given to the estimated duration of policyholder liabilities.
- **Foreign Exchange Risk** Foreign Exchange Risk is managed primarily by matching assets and liabilities in each foreign currency as closely as possible. To assist in the matching of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies the Syndicate may enter into foreign exchange contracts.

b Credit risk

Credit Risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when they fall due. Key areas where the Syndicate is exposed to credit risk are:

- Reinsurance recoverables,
- Amounts due from insurance intermediaries,
- Amounts due from insurance contract holders, and
- Amounts due from corporate bond issuers.

Notes to the financial statements

3 Management of financial risk (continued)

b Credit risk (continued)

The Syndicate's fixed maturity portfolio is monitored to ensure credit risk does not exceed the Syndicate's risk appetite. In addition, the Syndicate places limits on concentrations of exposures to a specific counterparty. Over 98% of the Syndicate's fixed maturity portfolio is rated 'A' or better.

The Syndicate takes a proactive approach to the collection of reinsurance recoveries. New reinsurers may be required to post collateral depending on their size, rating and potential debt to the Syndicate.

4 Segmental analysis

An analysis of the underwriting result before investment return of the Syndicate is set out below.

Year ended 31 December 2009	Gross premiums written £'000	Gross premiums earned £'000	Gross claims incurred £'000	Operating expenses £'000	Reinsurance balance £'000	Total £'000
Accident & Health	30,585	27,484	(16,395)	(1,006)	(10,321)	(237)
Cargo & Specie	7,708	7,935	(4,708)	(262)	(2,942)	23
Casualty Reinsurance	42,321	39,691	(32,159)	(743)	(6,924)	(135)
Energy – Upstream	26,663	30,343	(8,843)	(669)	(19,737)	1,094
Liability – Manne & Energy	8,745	12,781	(8,499)	(243)	(4,190)	(151)
Manne Hull	9,492	9,440	(4,865)	(261)	(4,170)	144
Property Reinsurance	28,100	27,144	(11,635)	(659)	(14,517)	333
Specialty Programmes	9,460	4,377	(2,226)	(165)	(1,968)	18
Specialty Reinsurance	13,494	16,072	(8,826)	(352)	(6,436)	458
War, Terrorism and Political Risk	25,819	26,475	(27,194)	(600)	(107)	(1,426)
Worldwide Property – Direct and Facultative	13,195	14,685	(4,407)	(347)	(9,033)	898
Worldwide Property Programmes	11,851	3,565	(1,646)	(141)	(1,800)	(22)
Total	227,433	219,993	(131,403)	(5,448)	(82,145)	997

Year ended 31 December 2008	Gross premiums written £'000	Gross premiums earned £'000	Gross claims incurred £'000	Operating expenses £'000	Reinsurance balance £'000	Total £'000
Accident & Health	28,265	13,468	(5,858)	(661)	(6,930)	19
Cargo & Specie	6,126	6,070	(3,190)	(232)	(2,639)	9
Casualty Reinsurance	32,307	19,639	(15,549)	(437)	(3,708)	(55)
Energy – Upstream	22,876	18,641	(18,071)	(460)	(36)	74
Liability – Manne & Energy	13,698	8,907	(11,855)	(190)	3,091	(47)
Manne Hull	8,292	6,614	(3,511)	(201)	(2,852)	50
Property Reinsurance	18,673	19,153	(2,893)	(463)	(14,742)	1,055
Specialty Reinsurance	15,392	18,940	(19,088)	(436)	(74)	(658)
War, Terrorism and Political Risk	17,300	14,707	(8,298)	(394)	(6,007)	8
Worldwide Property – Direct and Facultative	13,185	13,038	(3,152)	(357)	(9,045)	484
Total	176,114	139,177	(91,465)	(3,831)	(42,942)	939

Notes to the financial statements

4 Segmental analysis (continued)

All direct premiums were written and concluded in the UK. Gross premiums written by the Syndicate, analysed by location of risk is set out below

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
UK	63,682	52,423
Other EU countries	20,469	14,909
US	79,600	49,044
Other	63,682	59,738
	227,433	176,114

5 Operating expenses

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
Acquisition costs – brokerage and commission	3,750	2,299
Acquisition costs – other	304	301
Administrative expenses, including personal expenses	1,053	1,083
Managing agency fee and profit commission	341	148
	5,448	3,831

The profit on ordinary activities after taxation is stated after charging

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
Incurred by ASML on behalf of ACML		
Audit fees	5	5
Payments to auditors for non-audit services - taxation services	-	30

6 Directors and employees

All staff are remunerated by ASML. The directors do not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to ACML.

7 Net investment income

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
Income from investments	455	153
Gains on the realisation of investments	3	6
Unrealised gains on investments	254	50
Losses on the realisation of investments	(64)	(1)
Unrealised losses on investments	(70)	(16)
Investment management charges	(12)	(8)
Income from investments	566	184

8 Taxation

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
UK corporation tax (credit) / charge for the year	(54)	129
Adjustment in respect of prior years	-	(350)
Movement in deferred taxation	471	504
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	417	283

Notes to the financial statements

8 Taxation (continued)

There are no known factors that would significantly impact the future tax charge of ACML. The current tax credit for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28.5% applied to the profit for the year. The difference is explained below:

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities	1,392	942
UK corporation tax at 28.5% (2008: 28.5%)	390	268
Taxation effect of:		
Adjustment in respect of prior years	-	(350)
Profits not taxable in the current year	(444)	(139)
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	(54)	(221)

ACML is liable to US tax on income deemed to arise in the US. These taxes are paid by the Syndicate and will be settled by the company when the profits of the Syndicate are distributed.

9 Other financial investments

	Cost 2009 £'000	Market value 2009 £'000	Cost 2008 £'000	Market value 2008 £'000
Shares and other variable yield securities	24,095	24,095	27,736	27,736
Debt and other fixed income securities	127,584	128,818	63,703	64,107
Deposits with credit institutions	24,776	24,776	28,576	28,576
	176,455	177,689	120,015	120,419

Shares and other variable yield securities represent funds held by the Syndicate in managed liquidity funds.

10 Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Due within one year	51,636	32,780
Due after one year	70	-
	51,706	32,780

11 Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Due within one year	28,413	43,477
Due after one year	234	-
	28,647	43,477

12 Overseas deposits

Overseas deposits are deposits lodged by the Syndicate as a condition of conducting underwriting business in certain countries or states within countries.

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13 Share capital

	Authorised Number	Authorised £'000	Allotted, issued and fully paid Number	Allotted, issued and fully paid £'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1	1	-

14 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	Share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Other reserves £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2008	-	(449)	3	(446)
Profit for the year	-	660	-	660
Currency translation difference on foreign currency ledgers	-	-	534	534
At 31 December 2008	-	211	537	748
Profit for the year	-	974	-	974
Currency translation difference on foreign currency ledgers	-	-	15	15
Closing shareholders' funds	-	1,185	552	1,737

15 Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Due within one year	632	666
Due after one year	3	-
	635	666

16 Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Due within one year	9,259	6,612
Due after one year	5	15,005
	9,264	21,617

17 Other creditors including taxation and social security

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Due to GAIL in respect of quota share reinsurance contract – 2007 YOA	38,362	134,712
Due to GAIL in respect of quota share reinsurance contract – 2008 YOA	75,605	51,870
Due to GAIL in respect of quota share reinsurance contract – 2009 YOA	130,023	-
Due to other group companies	48	373
Other creditors	25,037	129
	269,075	187,084

The amount due to GAIL in respect of quota share reinsurance contracts will be settled upon closure of the relevant YOA. The 2007 YOA was closed with effect from 31 December 2009 and the amounts due to GAIL will be settled when the profits of the YOA are distributed in April 2010. It is currently anticipated that the 2008 YOA will close on 31 December 2010 and the 2009 YOA will close on 31 December 2011.

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18 Deferred taxation

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Provision at 1 January	504	-
Underwriting results taxable on closure of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 YOA	471	504
Deferred tax liability at 31 December	975	504

19 Related parties

Ultimate parent company

The results of ACML are consolidated in the financial statements of GAIHL, a company registered in Bermuda. The registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, HM11, Bermuda. No other group financial statements include the results of ACML. The consolidated financial statements of GAIHL are not available to the public.

Other disclosures

ACML has taken advantage of the exemption for wholly owned subsidiaries available in FRS8 and has not disclosed related party transactions between itself and other group companies.

20 Funds at Lloyd's

In case syndicate assets prove insufficient to meet the member's underwriting liabilities, ACML is required to arrange for additional capital to be held at Lloyd's, known as FAL, which is held in trust. For the 2007, 2008 and 2009 YOA FAL was provided on behalf of ACML by GAIL.

Under the capital regime for Lloyd's syndicates, the Financial Services Authority ("FSA") requires ASML to perform an individual capital assessment ("ICA") of the Syndicate to determine the level of FAL required. The ICA process requires an assessment of gross risks faced by the business. The controls to mitigate these risks are then assessed to give the net or residual risks faced. These risks are quantified as far as possible to arrive at the amount of capital needed to support the Syndicate. The ICA is reported to Lloyd's who review the process and calculation of the ICA in light of the aggregate amount of capital the Lloyd's market is required to hold as agreed with the FSA. The Syndicate's ICA may be increased in order to ensure that sufficient capital is held across the Lloyd's market.