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### Form 10-Q

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#### **ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda N/A

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

P.O. Box HM 2267 Windsor Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 18 Queen Street Hamilton HM JX Bermuda

(Address of principal executive office including zip code)

### (441) 292-3645

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definitions of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o; Accelerated filer b; Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o  $\operatorname{No} \mathfrak{b}$ 

As of November 7, 2007, the registrant had outstanding 11,909,969 ordinary shares, par value \$1.00 per share.

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### Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006

	September 30, D 2007 (expressed in the U.S. dollars, excep per share o			share and
ASSETS				
Short-term investments and fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value				
(amortized cost: 2007 \$175,535; 2006 \$279,137)	\$	175,452	\$	279,137
Fixed maturities, held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value:				
2007 \$238,879; 2006 \$328,183)		240,550		332,750
Fixed maturities, trading, at fair value (amortized cost:				
2007 \$297,202; 2006 \$93,581)		299,521		93,221
Other investments, at fair value		76,864		42,421
Total investments		792,387		747,529
Cash and cash equivalents		900,507		450,817
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		174,878		62,746
Accrued interest receivable		10,636		7,305
Accounts receivable, net		12,924		17,758
Reinsurance balances receivable, net		512,412		408,142
Income taxes recoverable		373		
Investment in partly-owned company				17,998
Goodwill		21,222		21,222
Other assets		97,934		40,735
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,523,273	\$	1,774,252
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LIABILITIES  Losses and loss adjustment expenses	Φ	1,671,092	\$	1,214,419
Reinsurance balances payable	Ф	224,944	Ф	62,831
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		16,206		29,191
Income taxes payable		10,200		1,542
Loans payable		87,322		62,148
Other liabilities		44,576		29,991
Outer naomues		<del></del> ,5/0		49,991
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,044,140		1,400,122

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MINORITY INTEREST		62,534	55,520
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Share capital			
Authorized issued and fully paid, par value \$1 each (Authorized 2007:			
156,000,000; 2006: 99,000,000) Ordinary shares (Issued and Outstanding 2007:			
11,920,377; 2006: 18,885)		11,920	19
Non-voting convertible ordinary shares (Issued 2007: 2,972,892; 2006: Nil)		2,973	
Treasury stock at cost (non-voting convertible ordinary shares 2007: 2,972,892;			
2006: Nil)		(421,559)	
Additional paid-in capital		590,720	111,371
Accumulated other comprehensive income		7,188	4,565
Retained earnings		225,357	202,655
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		416,599	318,610
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 2	2,523,273	\$ 1,774,252

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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# ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

for the Three and Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	Three Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2007 2006  (expressed in thousan except share and			nds	otember 30, 2007 of U.S. dolla	•		
INCOME Consulting fees Net investment income Net realized gains (losses)	\$	6,238 15,870 31 22,139	\$	9,350 12,697 15 22,062	\$	14,725 50,626 470 65,821	\$	20,950 33,502 (64) 54,388
EXPENSES Net (reduction) increase in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities Salaries and benefits General and administrative expenses Interest expense Net foreign exchange gain		(313) 8,671 10,890 1,442 (4,651) 16,039		(3,920) 7,996 4,154 362 (947) 7,645		1,392 31,833 24,478 3,767 (7,666) 53,804		(10,700) 22,436 12,287 894 (8,914) 16,003
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTEREST AND SHARE OF NET EARNINGS OF PARTLY-OWNED COMPANY INCOME TAXES (EXPENSE) RECOVERY MINORITY INTEREST SHARE OF NET EARNINGS OF PARTLY-OWNED COMPANY		6,100 (933) (2,599)		14,417 (1,034) (2,619) 232		12,017 6,160 (7,014)		38,385 (239) (7,805) 495
EARNINGS BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY GAIN EXTRAORDINARY GAIN NEGATIVE GOODWILL (2006: NET OF MINORITY INTEREST OF \$4,329)		2,568		10,996		11,163 15,683		30,836 4,347
NET EARNINGS	\$	2,568	\$	10,996	\$	26,846	\$	35,183
PER SHARE DATA:	\$	0.22	\$	1.11	\$	0.96	\$	3.13

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Basic earnings per share before extraordinary gain basic				
Extraordinary gain per share basic			1.34	0.44
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 1.11	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.57
Diluted earnings per share before				
extraordinary gain diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.93	\$ 3.10
Extraordinary gain per share diluted			1.31	0.44
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.21	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.24	\$ 3.54
Dividends declared per ordinary share	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,552.67
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding				
basic	11,920,393	9,910,670	11,668,402	9,839,173
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding				
diluted	12,200,514	10,002,964	11,946,281	9,954,827

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# ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the Three and Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	Three Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2007 2006 (expressed in thous			September 30, 2007			2006	
NET EARNINGS	\$	2,568	\$	10,996	\$	26,846	\$	35,183
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on investments								
arising during the period		2,238		(837)		2,633		554
Reclassification adjustment for net realized								
(gains) losses included in net earnings		(31)		(15)		(470)		64
Currency translation adjustment		(226)		98		460		675
Other comprehensive income (loss):		1,981		(754)		2,623		1,293
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$	4,549	\$	10,242	\$	29,469	\$	36,476

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# ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

for the Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	Sep	ne Months Ended tember 30, 2007 pressed in thou	Nine Months Ende September 30, 2006 ousands of U.S. dollars			
Share capital ordinary shares Balance, beginning of period Redemption of Class E shares Conversion of shares Issue of shares Shares repurchased Share awards vested	\$	19 6,029 5,775 (7) 104	\$	22,661 (22,642)		
Balance, end of period	\$	11,920	\$	19		
Share capital non-voting convertible ordinary shares Balance, beginning of period Conversion of shares	\$	2,973	\$			
Balance, end of period	\$	2,973	\$			
Treasury stock Balance, beginning of period Shares acquired, at cost	\$	(421,559)	\$			
Balance, end of period	\$	(421,559)	\$			
Additional paid-in capital Balance, beginning of period Reclassification of deferred compensation Share awards vested Shares repurchased Issue of shares	\$	3,665 (16,755) 490,269	\$	89,090 (112) 112		
Amortization of share awards		2,170		20,544		
Balance, end of period	\$	590,720	\$	109,634		
Deferred compensation Balance, beginning of period Reclassification of deferred compensation	\$		\$	(112) 112		

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Balance, end of period	\$		\$	
Accumulated other comprehensive income Balance, beginning of period Other comprehensive income	\$	4,565	\$	1,010 1,293
Other comprehensive income  Balance, end of period	\$	2,623 7,188	\$	2,303
Retained earnings	Ψ	7,100	Ψ	2,303
Balance, beginning of period Adjustment to initially apply FIN 48	\$	202,655 4,858	\$	148,257
Adjusted balance, beginning of period Conversion of shares		207,513 (9,002)		148,257
Dividend paid Net earnings		26,846		(27,948) 35,183
Balance, end of period	\$	225,357	\$	155,492

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# ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	En Septen 20	Months aded nber 30, 007 ssed in thou	Sep	Months Ended tember 30, 2006
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net earnings	\$	26,846	\$	35,183
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash flows provided by				
operating activities:				
Minority interest		7,014		7,805
Negative goodwill (2006: net of minority interest of \$4,329)		(15,683)		(4,347)
Share of net earnings of partly-owned company				(495)
Amortization of deferred compensation				112
Amortization of bond premiums or discounts		(53)		1,719
Share-based compensation expense		2,170		20,544
Net realized and unrealized investments (gain) loss		(470)		64
Share of net earnings of other investments				(350)
Other items		3,330		921
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Movement of trading securities		130,353		
Reinsurance balances receivable		71,715		5,952
Other assets		505		18,863
Losses and loss adjustment expenses		(25,472)		(50,027)
Reinsurance balances payable		(39,398)		13,155
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(11,131)		(26,085)
Other liabilities		(12,971)		709
Net cash flows provided by operating activities		136,755		23,723
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		5,653		29,015
Purchase of available-for-sale securities		(70,139)		(78,210)
Sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities		264,646		270,877
Purchase of held-to-maturity securities		(17,794)		(148,591)
Maturity of held-to-maturity securities		177,305		84,300
Movement in restricted cash and cash equivalents		(60,139)		1,750
Funding of other investments		(7,008)		(5,609)
Other investing activities		(2,226)		(359)
Net cash flows provided by investing activities		290,298		153,173

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## FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

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Redemption of shares				(22,642)
Distribution of capital to minority shareholders				(11,765)
Contribution to surplus of subsidiary by minority interest				22,918
Dividend paid				(27,948)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders				(13,715)
Receipt of loan		42,125		44,356
Repayment of loan		(2,933)		(25,156)
Repayment of vendor loan note				(20,970)
Repurchase of shares		(16,762)		
Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities		22,430		(54,922)
Translation adjustment		207		362
Translation adjustment		207		302
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		449,690		122,336
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		450,817		280,212
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	900,507	\$	402,548
Supplemental Cash Flow Information				
	\$	(4,245)	Φ	284
Income taxes (paid) recovered	э \$	(4,243) $(2,933)$	\$ \$	
Interest (paid)	Ф	(2,933)	Ф	(328)

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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## ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

#### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 (expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CONSOLIDATION

Our condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited. These statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations as at the end of and for the periods presented. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated. In these notes, the terms we, us, our, or the Company refer to Enstar Group Limited and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. The following information is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

#### **Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted**

The terms FAS and FASB used in these notes refer to Statements of Financial Accounting Standards issued by the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board.

In September 2006, the FASB issued FAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurement (FAS 157). This Statement provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. Under this standard, the definition of fair value focuses on the price that would be received to sell the asset or paid to transfer the liability (an exit price), not the price that would be paid to acquire the asset or received to assume the liability (an entry price). FAS 157 clarifies that fair value is a market based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and sets out a fair value hierarchy with the highest priority being quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority being unobservable data. Further, FAS 157 requires tabular disclosures of the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy.

FAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Although early adoption is permitted as of January 1, 2007, we have not yet adopted FAS 157 and are evaluating the potential impact of adoption on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (FAS 159). This standard permits an entity to irrevocably elect fair value on a contract-by-contract basis as the initial and subsequent measurement attribute for many financial instruments and certain other items including insurance contracts. An entity electing the fair value option would be required to recognize changes in fair value in earnings and provide disclosure that will assist investors and other users of financial information to more easily understand the effect of the company s choice to use fair value on its earnings. Further, the entity is required to display the fair value of those assets and liabilities for which the company has chosen to use fair value on the face of the balance sheet. This standard does not eliminate the disclosure requirements about fair value measurements included in FAS 157 and FAS No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments. FAS 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Although early adoption is permitted as of January 1, 2007, we have not yet adopted FAS 159 and are evaluating the potential adoption impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## 2. ACQUISITIONS

In June 2006, a subsidiary of the Company entered into a definitive agreement for the purchase of a minority interest in a U.S. holding company that owns two property and casualty insurers based in Rhode Island, both of

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## ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 2. ACQUISITIONS (cont d)

which are in run-off. Completion of the transaction is conditioned on, among other things, governmental and regulatory approvals and satisfaction of various other closing conditions. As a consequence, the Company cannot predict if or when this transaction will be completed.

On January 31, 2007, the Company completed the merger (the Merger) of CWMS Subsidiary Corp., a Georgia corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary (CWMS), with and into The Enstar Group, Inc. (EGI). As a result of the Merger, EGI, renamed Enstar USA, Inc., is now a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

On January 31, 2007, the Company also acquired the 55% of the shares of B.H. Acquisition Ltd. (BH) that it previously did not own. The Company acquired 22% of BH from an affiliate of Trident II, L.P. for total cash consideration of approximately \$10.2 million and acquired EGI s 33% interest in BH as part of the Merger. BH wholly owns two insurance companies in run-off, Brittany Insurance Company Ltd., incorporated in Bermuda, and Compagnie Européenne d Assurances Industrielles S.A., incorporated in Belgium. After completion of the acquisition and the Merger, the Company owns all outstanding shares in BH.

The acquisitions have been accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, which requires that the acquirer record the assets and liabilities acquired at their estimated fair value.

The purchase price and fair value of assets acquired for the EGI and BH acquisitions were as follows:

Purchase price Direct costs of acquisition	\$ 506,189 3,149
Total purchase price	\$ 509,338
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 514,986
Excess of net assets over purchase price	\$ (5,648)

The following summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition:

	Allocation of	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>Excess of Net</b>	<b>Adjusted Net</b>
		Assets
Acquired at	<b>Assets Over</b>	Acquired
Fair Value		at Fair Value

<b>Purchase</b>
Price

Cash	\$ 83,111	\$	\$ 83,111
Other investments	18,139	(223)	17,916
Investment in Enstar Group Limited	426,797	(5,238)	421,559
Investment in BH	15,246	(187)	15,059
Accounts receivable	4,931		4,931
Reinsurance balances payable (net)	(509)		(509)
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	(11,901)		(11,901)
Accounts payable	(20,828)		(20,828)
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 514,986	\$ (5,648)	\$ 509,338

On February 23, 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of Inter-Ocean Holdings Ltd. ( Inter-Ocean ) for total consideration of approximately \$57.5 million. Inter-Ocean owns two reinsurance companies, one based in Bermuda and the other based in Ireland.

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## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 2. ACQUISITIONS (cont d)

The purchase price and fair value of assets acquired for Inter-Ocean was as follows:

Purchase price Direct costs of acquisition	\$ 57,201 303
Total purchase price	\$ 57,504
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 73,187
Excess of net assets over purchase price (negative goodwill)	\$ (15,683)

The negative goodwill of approximately \$15.7 million relating to the acquisition of Inter-Ocean arose primarily as a result of the strategic desire of the vendors to achieve an exit from such operations and therefore to dispose of Inter-Ocean at a discount to fair value.

The following summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition:

Cash, restricted cash and investments	\$ 479,760
Accounts receivable and accrued interest	5,620
Reinsurance balances receivable	149,043
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	(415,551)
Insurance and reinsurance balances payable	(145,317)
Accounts payable	(368)
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 73,187

The following unaudited proforma condensed combined income statement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 combines the historical consolidated statements of income of the Company, EGI, BH and Inter-Ocean giving effect to the business combinations and related transactions as if they had occurred on January 1 of 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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**EGI** 

Adjustment Sub-Total Inter-Ocea Adjustment Profo

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Months Ended September 30, 2007:

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come kpenses	\$ 19,465 (17,689)	\$ 110 (723)	\$ 1,068 (777)	\$ (1,285) 1,285	\$ 19,358 (17,904)	\$ 1,496 (382)	\$	(188) 188	\$ (1
nings(Loss)	\$ 1,776	\$ (613)	\$ 291	\$	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,114	\$		\$
nings per Ordinary Share Basic									\$
nings per Ordinary Share Diluted									\$
ed Average Shares Basic									11,92
ed Average Shares Diluted									12,20
Aonths Ended September 30, 2006:									
come kpenses	\$ 22,062 (11,066)	\$ 1,935 (1,418)	\$ 1,358 885	\$ (313) (3,611)	\$ 25,042 (15,210)	\$ 850 (353)	\$	(188) 188	\$ (1
nings (Loss)	\$ 10,996	\$ 517	\$ 2,243	\$ (3,924)	\$ 9,832	\$ 497	\$		\$ 1
nings per Ordinary Share Basic									\$
nings per Ordinary Share Diluted									\$
ed Average Shares Basic									9,91
ed Average Shares Diluted									10,00

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## ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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Adjustment Sub-Total Inter-Ocean djustment Profe

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(939) \$ 60,155 \$ 3,121

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## 2. ACQUISITIONS (cont d)

Ionths Ended September 30, 2007:		Enstar Group Limited	ВН	EGI	roforma ljustment	t <b>S</b> 1	ub-Total	Into		oforma justment	Grou Limit Profor
ncome expenses	\$	58,778 (60,613)	\$ 2,929 (2,270)	3,348	3 (3,310) 2,890	\$	61,745 (59,863)		3,333 (626)	563	\$ 6 (5)
oss) Earnings before Extraordinary		(1.025)	(50	2 470	(420)		1 002		2.707		
dinary Gain		(1,835) 15,683	659	3,478	(420)		1,882 15,683		2,707		1.
rnings (Loss)	\$	13,848	\$ 659	\$ 3,478	\$ 6 (420)	\$	17,565	\$	2,707	\$	\$ 2
rnings per Ordinary Share before dinary Gains Basic dinary Gain Basic											\$
mings per Ordinary Share Basic											\$
mings per Ordinary Share before dinary Gains Diluted dinary Gain Diluted											\$
mings per Ordinary Share Diluted											\$
ed Average Shares Basic											11,66
ed Average Shares Diluted											11,94
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**EGI** 

\$ 3,615 \$

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BH

\$ 3,091

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\$ 54,388

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Ionths Ended September 30, 2006:

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dinary Gain	30,836 4,347	1,101	5,203 875	(10,782) (875)	26,358 4,347	577		2
nings (Loss)	\$ 35,183	\$ 1,101	\$ 6,078	\$ (11,657)	\$ 30,705	\$ 577	\$ \$	3
nings per Ordinary Share before dinary Gains Basic dinary Gain Basic							\$	
nings per Ordinary Share Basic							\$	
nings per Ordinary Share before dinary Gains Diluted dinary Gain Diluted							\$ \$	
nings per Ordinary Share Diluted							\$	
ed Average Shares Basic							9,	83

On June 12, 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of Tate & Lyle Reinsurance Ltd. ( Tate & Lyle ) for total consideration of approximately \$5.9\$ million. Tate & Lyle is a Bermuda-based reinsurance company.

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The purchase price and fair value of assets acquired for Tate & Lyle was as follows:

nings (Loss) before Extraordinary

ed Average Shares

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Purchase price Direct costs of acquisition	\$ 5,788 85
Total purchase price	\$ 5,873
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 5,873

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## ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTLEWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED)

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 2. ACQUISITIONS (cont d)

The following summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition:

Cash, restricted cash and investments	\$ 16	,794
Reinsurance balances receivable		223
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	(11	,144)
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 5	,873

On August 28, 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of Marlon Insurance Company Limited, a reinsurance company in run-off, and Marlon Management Services Limited (Marlon) for total consideration of approximately \$31.2 million. Marlon are U. K. -based companies.

The purchase price and fair value of assets acquired for Marlon was as follows:

Purchase price Direct costs of acquisition	\$ 30,845 390
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Total purchase price	\$ 31,235
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 31,235

The following summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition:

Cash, restricted cash and investments	\$ 57,942
Accounts receivable and accrued interest	658
Reinsurance balances receivable	24,912
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	(45,011)
Insurance and reinsurance balances payable	(5,621)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,645)
Net assets acquired at fair value	\$ 31 235

The fair values of reinsurance assets and liabilities acquired are derived from probability weighted ranges of the associated projected cash flows, based on actuarially prepared information and management s run-off strategy. Any amendment to the fair values resulting from changes in such information or strategy will be recognized when they occur.

#### 3. LOANS PAYABLE

On August 24, 2007, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Flatts Limited (Flatts), entered into a term facility agreement for \$15.3 million with a London-based bank (the Flatts Facility). On August 28, 2007, Flatts drew down \$15.3 million from the Flatts Facility to partially fund the acquisition of Marlon. The interest rate on the Flatts Facility is LIBOR plus 2%. The Flatts Facility is repayable within four years and is secured by a first charge over Flatts—shares in Marlon. The Flatts Facility contains various financial and business covenants, including limitations on liens on the stock of restricted subsidiaries, restrictions as to the disposition of the stock of restricted subsidiaries and limitations on mergers and consolidations. As of September 30, 2007 all of the financial covenants relating to the Flatts Facility were met.

On October 1, 2007 the Company fully repaid outstanding principal and accrued interest totaling approximately \$27.6 million in respect of one of its outstanding loan facilities.

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#### 4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Our share-based compensation plans provide for the grant of various awards to our employees and to members of the Board of Directors. The 2004-2005 employee share plan, the 2006-2010 Annual Incentive Plan and the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan are described in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. The information below includes both the employee and director components of our share-based compensation.

### a) Employee share plans

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Nonvested Granted	January 1, 2007	92,293 38,357
Vested Forfeited		(104,788)
Nonvested	September 30, 2007	25,862

**Number of Shares** 

On May 23, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement and plan of merger with EGI (the Merger Agreement ) and a recapitalization agreement. These agreements provided for the cancellation of the then current annual incentive compensation plan and replaced it with a new annual incentive compensation plan.

### i) 2004 -2005 employee share plan

As a result of the execution of these agreements, the accounting treatment for share-based awards under our employee share plan changed from book value to fair value. The determination of the share-award expenses was based on the fair-market value per common share of EGI as of the grant date and is recognized over the vesting period.

Compensation costs of \$0.2 million and \$2.2 million relating to the issuance of share-awards to employees of the Company in 2004 and 2005 have been recognized in the Company s statement of earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, as compared to \$1.7 million and \$20.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. Included in the amounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 is \$15.6 million relating to the modification of the Company s employee share plan from a book value plan to a fair value plan.

As of September 30, 2007, total unrecognized compensation costs related to the non-vested share awards amounted to \$0.8 million. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.69 years.

### ii) 2006-2010 Annual Incentive Plan and 2006 Equity Incentive Plan

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, 38,387 shares were awarded to a director, officers and employees under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The total value of the award was \$3.8 million of which \$0.5 million was charged as an expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and \$3.3 million was charged against the 2006-2010 Annual Incentive Plan accrual established for the year ended December 31, 2006.

As a result of the cancellation of the previous annual incentive compensation plan, \$21.2 million of unpaid bonus accrual was reversed during the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

The accrued expense relating to the 2006-2010 Annual Incentive Plan for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$0.5 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, as compared to \$1.9 million and \$6.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

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## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (cont d)

### iii) Enstar Group Limited Employee Share Purchase Plan

On August 8, 2007, the Company s board of directors approved the Enstar Group Limited Employee Share Purchase Plan and reserved 200,000 ordinary shares for issuance under the plan. The plan has not yet been approved by the Company s shareholders and must be approved by them within 12 months of board approval. The Company intends to seek such approval at the Annual General Meeting in 2008.

#### (b) Options

Prior to the Merger, the Company had no options outstanding to purchase any of its share capital. In accordance with the Merger Agreement, on January 31, 2007, fully vested options were granted by the Company to replace options previously issued by EGI with the same fair value as the EGI options.

		Number of Shares	Ay Ex	eighted verage xercise Price
Outstanding Granted Exercised Forfeited	January 1, 2007	490,371	\$	25.40
Outstanding	September 30 , 2007	490,371	\$	25.40

Stock options outstanding and exercisable as of September 30, 2007 were as follows:

				Weighted Average	
Ranges of Exercise Prices	Number of A		eighted verage cise Price	Remaining Contractual Life	
\$10 - 20	323,645	\$	17.20	3.4 years	
40 - 60	166,726		41.32	5.9 years	

### (c) Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors

EGI, prior to the Merger, had in place a Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors which permitted non-employee directors to receive all or a portion of their retainer and meeting fees in common stock and to defer all or a portion of their retainer and meeting fees in stock units. Upon completion of the Merger, each stock unit was converted from a right to receive a share of EGI common stock into a right to receive an Enstar Group Limited ordinary share. No additional amounts will be deferred under the plan.

On June 5, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved the Enstar Group Limited Deferred Compensation and Ordinary Share Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the EGL Deferred Compensation Plan ). The EGL Deferred Compensation Plan became effective immediately. The EGL Deferred Compensation Plan provides each member of the Company s Board of Directors who is not an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a Non-Employee Director ) with the opportunity to elect (i) to receive all or a portion of his or her compensation for services as a director in the form of the Company s ordinary shares instead of cash and (ii) to defer receipt of all or a portion of such compensation until retirement or termination.

Non-Employee Directors electing to receive compensation in the form of ordinary shares will receive whole ordinary shares (with any fractional shares payable in cash) as of the date compensation would otherwise have been

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### 4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (cont d)

payable. Non-Employee Directors electing to defer compensation will have such compensation converted into share units payable as a lump sum distribution after the director s separation from service as defined under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The lump sum share unit distribution will be made in the form of ordinary shares, with fractional shares paid in cash.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, 353 restricted share units were credited to the accounts of Non-Employee Directors under the EGL Deferred Compensation Plan.

### 5. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the comparison of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

		<b>Three Months Ended</b>				<b>Nine Months Ended</b>					
	Se	eptember 30, 2007	Se	ptember 30, 2006	Se	September 30, 2007		ptember 30, 2006			
Basic Earnings Per Share											
Net earnings	\$	2,568	\$	10,996	\$	26,846	\$	35,183			
Weighted average shares outstanding	basic	11,920,393		9,910,670		11,668,402		9,839,173			
Basic Earnings per Share	\$	0.22	\$	1.11	\$	2.30	\$	3.57			
Diluted Earnings Per Share											
Net earnings	\$	2,568	\$	10,996	\$	26,846	\$	35,183			
Weighted average shares outstanding	basic	11,920,393		9,910,670		11,668,402		11,668,402		9,839,173	
Share equivalents:											
Unvested shares		25,862		92,293		49,222		115,654			
Restricted share units		353				119					
Options		253,906				228,538					
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted		12,200,514		10,002,963		11,946,281		9,954,827			
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$	0.21	\$	1.10	\$	2.24	\$	3.54			

The weighted average ordinary shares outstanding shown for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 reflect the conversion of Class A, B, C and D shares to ordinary shares on January 31, 2007,

as part of the recapitalization completed in connection with the Merger, as if the conversion occurred on January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the ordinary shares issued to acquire EGI are reflected in the calculation of the weighted average ordinary shares outstanding from January 31, 2007, the date of issue.

### 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### New NIB Partners L.P.

In 2005, the Company invested approximately \$28.0 million in an Alberta Limited Partnership, New NIB Partners L.P. (New NIB). New NIB was formed for the purpose of purchasing, together with certain affiliated entities, 100% of the outstanding share capital of NIBC Holdings N.V. (formerly NIB Capital Bank N.V.) (NIB)

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### 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (cont d)

Capital ) a Dutch bank, for approximately \$2.2 billion. The Company owns 1.5801% of New NIB, which owns approximately 79% of NIB Capital.

On August 15, 2007, New NIB announced the sale of NIB Capital to the Icelandic Bank, Kaupthing Bank hf, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter.

### **SLM Corporation**

On April 15, 2007, the Company entered into a Third Party Equity Commitment Letter (the Commitment Letter ) with J.C. Flowers II L.P. (the Flowers Fund ). The Commitment Letter provides for the Company to contribute up to an aggregate of \$200 million to one or more co-investment vehicles (the Co-Investment Vehicles ) that have been created to participate alongside the Flowers Fund and certain other investors in the proposed acquisition of SLM Corporation, commonly known as Sallie Mae. The Company s investment is conditioned upon the conditions to the closing of the proposed acquisition of Sallie Mae being satisfied or waived by the Flowers Fund. Pursuant to the terms of the Commitment Letter, a Flowers Fund designee has been named general partner and managing member of each Co-Investment Vehicle.

The Company s initial \$200 million commitment to the Co-Investment Vehicles has been reduced to approximately \$130 million. Although this commitment may be reduced further, the Company currently intends to hold a substantial investment in Sallie Mae, should the transaction be completed. In the event the transaction closes, the Company expects to receive underwriting fees for that portion of its original commitment which is taken up by other investors.

The Company has previously committed to invest an aggregate of \$100 million in the Flowers Fund, of which approximately \$27 million is committed to the Sallie Mae transaction. The commitment to invest \$130 million in the Co-Investment Vehicles pursuant to the Commitment Letter is in addition to those prior commitments.

On September 26, 2007, J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC, on behalf of itself and its partners, informed representatives of Sallie Mae that it believes that if the conditions to the closing of the transaction were to be measured as of that date, those conditions would not be satisfied because, among other things, the company has suffered a Material Adverse Effect as that term is defined in the Merger Agreement for the transaction. That Material Adverse Effect results from, *inter alia*, new legislation enacted by the U.S. Congress affecting the student loan industry that is more adverse than the proposed legislation described in Sallie Mae s 2006 report on Form 10-K to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, Sallie Mae s financial condition has been disproportionately affected by the recent liquidity crisis in the credit markets relatively to similarly sized financial services firms.

J.C. Flowers subsequently sent a revised proposal for the acquisition of Sallie Mae to the board of directors of SLM Corporation at a price that it believed reflected the changed circumstances. In response, Sallie Mae filed a lawsuit against J.C Flowers and its partners, seeking the payment by J.C. Flowers and its partners of a \$900 million termination fee. In response, J.C. Flowers has filed an answer denying the principal allegations of Sallie Mae s complaint and asserting counterclaims against Sallie Mae. The matter is now before the Delaware Chancery Court,

where J.C. Flowers believes that it and its partners will prevail. However, if such parties were not to prevail, the Company could be required to pay its share of the termination fee, or approximately \$16 million. A trial is likely to occur sometime during 2008, although the schedule has not yet been fixed with certainty.

J.C. Flowers II L.P. is a private investment fund for which JCF Associates II L.P. is the general partner and J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC is the investment advisor. JCF Associates II L.P. and J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC are controlled by J. Christopher Flowers, a director and one of the Company s largest shareholders. In addition, John J. Oros, a director and the Company s Executive Chairman, is a Managing Director of J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC.

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### 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has entered into certain transactions with companies and partnerships that are affiliated with Messrs. J. Christopher Flowers and John J. Oros. Messrs. Flowers and Oros are members of the Company s Board of Directors and Mr. Flowers is one of the largest shareholders of Enstar.

The transactions involving companies and partnerships where Mr. Flowers and Mr. Oros have an involvement are, with the exception of those disclosed elsewhere in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, as follows:

On June 19, 2007 and December 22, 2006, the Company received management fees for advisory services provided to the Flowers Fund, a private investment fund, totaling \$1.4 million. Of this amount \$0.9 million was earned during the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

On June 7, 2006, the commitment made by the Company in March 2006 to invest an aggregate of \$75 million in the Flowers Fund was accepted by the Flowers Fund. In addition, as a result of the Merger, the commitment made by EGI of \$25 million to the Flowers Fund increases the Company s total commitment to \$100 million. The Company s commitment may be drawn down by the Flowers Fund over approximately the next six years. As at September 30, 2007 the Flowers Fund had drawn down a total of \$24.3 million of the Company s \$100 million commitment to the Flowers Fund.

#### 8. TAXATION

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48), on January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized a \$4.9 million increase to the January 1, 2007 balance of retained earnings.

As a result of the Company s merger with EGI on January 31, 2007, the Company assumed approximately \$15.3 million of liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits related to various U.S., state and local income tax matters, and \$2.4 million of accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions as a result of EGI s adoption of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate is \$4.9 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007 there were certain reductions to the unrecognized tax benefit due to the expiration of statutes of limitations of \$8.5 million.

Within specific countries, the subsidiaries may be subject to audit by various tax authorities and may be subject to different statutes of limitations expiration dates. With limited exceptions, the Company s major subsidiaries which operate in the U.S. and U.K. are no longer subject to audits for years before 2003 and 2005, respectively.

It is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized tax benefit with respect to certain of the unrecognized tax positions could significantly decrease by up to approximately \$3.6 million within the next 12 months if the statute of limitations expires on certain tax periods.

### 9. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The determination of reportable segments is based on how senior management monitors the Company s operations. The Company measures the results of its operations under two major business categories: reinsurance and consulting.

Consulting fees for the reinsurance segment are intercompany fees paid to the consulting segment. Salary and benefits for the reinsurance segment relate to the discretionary bonus expense on the net income after taxes of the reinsurance segment.

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## 9. SEGMENT INFORMATION (cont d)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007					
	Reinsurance		Consulting		Total	
Consulting fees Net investment income Net realized gains	\$	(6,845) 15,150 31	\$	13,083 720	\$	6,238 15,870 31
		8,336		13,803		22,139
Net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities Salaries and benefits		(313) 737		7,934		(313) 8,671
General and administrative expenses Interest expense Net foreign exchange (gain)		4,100 1,442 (4,562)		6,790 (89)		10,890 1,442 (4,651)
		1,404		14,635		16,039
Earnings (loss) before income taxes and minority interest Income taxes Minority interest		6,932 (157) (2,599)		(832) (776)		6,100 (933) (2,599)
Net earnings (loss)	\$	4,176	\$	(1,608)	\$	2,568

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006					
	Rei	nsurance	Co	nsulting	7	Γotal
Consulting fees Net investment income Net realized gains	\$	(4,915) 12,388 15	\$	14,265 309	\$	9,350 12,697 15
		7,488		14,574		22,062
Net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities Salaries and benefits General and administrative expenses		(3,920) 1,184 1,558		6,812 2,596		(3,920) 7,996 4,154

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Interest expenses Net foreign exchange (gain)	362 (886)	(61)	362 (947)
	(1,702)	9,347	7,645
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and share of income of			
partly-owned company	9,190	5,227	14,417
Income taxes	(99)	(935)	(1,034)
Minority interest	(2,619)		(2,619)
Share of income of partly-owned company	232		232
Net earnings	\$ 6,704	\$ 4,292	\$ 10,996

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## 9. SEGMENT INFORMATION (cont d)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007					
	Reinsurance	Consulting	Total			
Consulting fees Net investment income Net realized gains	\$ (19,696) 48,435 470	\$ 34,421 2,191	\$ 14,725 50,626 470			
	29,209	36,612	65,821			
Net increase in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities Salaries and benefits General and administrative expenses Interest expenses Net foreign exchange (gain)	1,392 5,840 9,103 3,767 (7,650)	25,993 15,375 (16) 41,352	1,392 31,833 24,478 3,767 (7,666) 53,804			
Earnings (loss) before income taxes and minority interest Income taxes Minority interest	16,757 7,669 (7,014)	(4,740) (1,509)	12,017 6,160 (7,014)			
Earnings (loss) before extraordinary gain Extraordinary gain	17,412 15,683	(6,249)	11,163 15,683			
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 33,095	\$ (6,249)	\$ 26,846			

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# 9. SEGMENT INFORMATION (cont d)

	ine Months nsurance	ed Septem nsulting	30, 2006 Total
Consulting fees	\$ (13,737)	\$ 34,687	\$ 20,950
Net investment income	32,616	886	33,502
Net realized losses	(64)		(64)
	18,815	35,573	54,388
Net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities	(10,700)		(10,700)
Salaries and benefits	4,803	17,633	22,436
General and administrative expenses	3,687	8,600	12,287
Interest expense	894		894
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(10,102)	1,188	(8,914)
	(11,418)	27,421	16,003
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and share of income of			
partly-owned company	30,233	8,152	38,385
Income taxes	(55)	(184)	(239)
Minority interest	(7,805)		(7,805)
Share of income of partly-owned company	495		495
Earnings before extraordinary gain	22,868	7,968	30,836
Extraordinary gain	4,347	·	4,347
Net earnings	\$ 27,215	\$ 7,968	\$ 35,183
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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Enstar Group Limited (formerly known as Castlewood Holdings Limited)

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Enstar Group Limited and subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 30, 2007, and the related condensed consolidated statements of earnings and comprehensive income for the nine-month and the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and changes in shareholders—equity and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company—s management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Enstar Group Limited and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders—equity, and cash flows for the years then ended; and in our report dated March 16, 2007, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE Hamilton, Bermuda November 9, 2007

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# Item 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following is a discussion and analysis of our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the attached unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

#### **Business Overview**

Enstar Group Limited (formerly Castlewood Holdings Limited) was formed in August 2001 under the laws of Bermuda to acquire and manage insurance and reinsurance companies in run-off, and to provide management, consulting and other services to the insurance and reinsurance industry. Since our formation, we, through our subsidiaries, have completed several acquisitions of insurance and reinsurance companies and are now administering those businesses in run-off. We derive our net earnings from the ownership and management of these companies primarily by settling insurance and reinsurance claims below the recorded loss reserves and from returns on the portfolio of investments retained to pay future claims. In addition, we have formed other businesses that provide management and consultancy services, claims inspection services and reinsurance collection services to our affiliates and third-party clients for both fixed and success-based fees.

#### **Recent Transactions**

On January 31, 2007, we completed the merger, or the Merger, of our wholly-owned subsidiary, CWMS Subsidiary Corp., with and into The Enstar Group, Inc., a Georgia corporation, or EGI. As a result of the Merger, EGI, renamed Enstar USA, Inc., is now our direct wholly-owned subsidiary.

On February 23, 2007, Oceania Holdings Ltd., our wholly-owned subsidiary, completed the previously announced acquisition of Inter-Ocean Holdings Ltd., or Inter-Ocean. We acquired Inter-Ocean by purchasing all of the outstanding capital stock of Inter-Ocean from its stockholders for a total purchase price of approximately \$57.5 million, which was funded with available cash on hand and the proceeds of approximately \$26.8 million in new bank debt. Inter-Ocean owns two reinsurance companies, one based in Bermuda and the other based in Ireland. Both companies wrote international reinsurance and had in place retrocessional policies providing for the full reinsurance of all of the risks they assumed. In April 2005, the board of directors of Inter-Ocean decided to cease underwriting. We provided management services to Inter-Ocean for approximately 13 months prior to the completion of the acquisition.

On June 12, 2007, Kenmare Holdings Ltd., or Kenmare, our wholly-owned subsidiary, completed the acquisition of Tate & Lyle Reinsurance Ltd., or Tate & Lyle, a Bermuda based reinsurance company in run-off. We acquired Tate & Lyle by purchasing all of the outstanding capital stock of Tate & Lyle from its stockholders for a total purchase price of approximately \$5.9 million.

On August 28, 2007, Kenmare completed the acquisition of Marlon Insurance Company, Limited, a U.K. based reinsurance company in run-off and its related management company, Marlon Management Services Limited, or Marlon. We acquired Marlon by purchasing all of the outstanding capital stock of Marlon from its stockholders for a total purchase price of approximately \$31.2 million, which was funded with available cash on hand and the proceeds of approximately \$15.3 million in new bank debt.

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## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth Enstar s selected consolidated statement of operations data for each of the periods indicated.

	September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006 U.S. dollars)				
INCOME	Ф	( 220	d	0.250	Φ	14.725	Ф	20.050
Consulting fee income  Net investment income	\$	6,238	\$	,	<b>3</b>	14,725 50,626	\$	20,950 33,502
		15,870 31		12,697 15		30,626 470		33,302
Net realized gains (losses)		31		13		470		(04)
TOTAL INCOME		22,139		22,062		65,821		54,388
EXPENSES								
Net (reduction) increase in loss and loss adjustment								
expense liabilities		(313)		(3,920)		1,392		(10,700)
Salaries and benefits		8,671		7,996		31,833		22,436
General and administrative expenses		10,890		4,154		24,478		12,287
Interest expense		1,442		362		3,767		894
Net foreign exchange (gain)		(4,651)		(947)		(7,666)		(8,914)
TOTAL EXPENSES		16,039		7,645		53,804		16,003
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and share								
of earnings of partly-owned company		6,100		14,417		12,017		38,385
Income tax (expense) recovery		(933)		(1,034)		6,160		(239)
Minority interest		(2,599)		(2,619)		(7,014)		(7,805)
Share of net earnings of partly-owned company		0		232		0		495
Earnings before extraordinary gain		2,568		10,996		11,163		30,836
Extraordinary gain Negative goodwill (2006: net of								
minority interest of \$4,329)		0		0		15,683		4,347
NET EARNINGS	\$	2,568	\$	5 10,996	\$	26,846	\$	35,183

## Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

We reported consolidated net earnings of approximately \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to approximately \$11.0 million for the same period in 2006. The decrease of approximately \$8.4 million was primarily a result of the following:

(i) an increase in salary and general administrative expenses of \$7.4 million;

- (ii) reductions in consulting fee income of \$3.2 million, primarily due to the reduction in incentive fees on commutations and collections earned in the quarter combined with the expiration of one consulting fee arrangement;
- (iii) lower reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities of \$3.6 million largely due to increased cost of amortizing fair value adjustments relating to companies acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006;
- (iv) increased interest expense of \$1.0 million due to additional borrowings since September 30, 2006; partially offset by

(v) increased net investment income of \$3.2 million; and

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(vi) increased foreign exchange gains of \$3.7 million arising as a result of holding surplus non-U.S. dollar currencies in the quarter.

Consulting Fees:

	Т	Three Months Ended September 30							
		2007 2006			Variance				
		(in thousands of U.							
Consulting	\$	13,083	\$	14,265	\$	(1,182)			
Reinsurance		(6,845)		(4,915)		(1,930)			
Total	\$	6,238	\$	9,350	\$	(3,112)			

We earned consulting fees of approximately \$6.2 million and \$9.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The reduction in consulting fees was primarily due to the reduction in incentive fees on commutations and collections earned in the quarter of \$2.5 million combined with the expiration of one consulting fee arrangement which had generated total fees of \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

Internal management fees of \$6.8 million and \$4.9 million were paid in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, by our reinsurance companies to our consulting companies. The increase in fees paid by the reinsurance segment was due primarily to the fees paid by reinsurance companies that were acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006.

Net Investment Income and Net Realized Gains:

		Net Inve	estm		lonth	s Ended	Sept	embe	r <b>30</b> ,			
		Inco	me					Net	t Rea	lized	Gains	S
	20	007		2006	Va	riance	20	007	20	006	Var	iance
				(in th	10US&	ands of U	.S. d	ollars	)			
Consulting	\$	720	\$	309	\$	411	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Reinsurance	1	5,150		12,388		2,762		31		15		16
Total	\$ 1	5,870	\$	12,697	\$	3,173	\$	31	\$	15	\$	16

Net investment income for the three month period ended September 30, 2007 increased by \$3.2 million to \$15.9 million, as compared to \$12.7 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in average cash and investments balances from \$1,160.3 million to \$1,494.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2007. The increase in average cash and investment balances was due to the Merger and acquisitions completed subsequent to September 30, 2006. Based on our current investment strategy, we do not expect net realized gains and losses to be significant in the foreseeable future.

The average return on the cash and fixed maturities investments for the three month period ended September 30, 2007 was 4.26%, as compared to the average return of 4.38% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006. The decrease in yield for the quarter was due to the combination of the following: 1) the impact of the adverse movement in the credit markets on the investments and investment funds held by the Company; and 2) decreasing U.S. interest rates—the U.S. Federal Funds Rate decreased from an average of 5.25% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 to an average of 5.18% for the three months ended September 30, 2007. In respect of our fixed income investments at September 30, 2007, 89.5% had a Standard & Poor—s credit rating of AAA.

*Net Reduction in Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Liabilities:* 

The net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$0.3 million and \$3.9 million, respectively. The change between the periods is attributable to the amortization, over the estimated payout period, of fair value adjustments relating to companies acquired of

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\$5.9 million, compared to \$1.4 million for the same period in 2006, partially offset by the reduction in established run-off provisions of \$5.9 million to reflect 2007 run-off activity, compared to \$5.5 million for the same period in 2006. The following table shows the components of the movement in net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

	Three Mor Septen	nths En iber 30,				
	2007 2006 (in thousands of					
	`	ollars)	-			
Net Losses Paid	\$ 725	\$	(16,315)			
Net Change in Case and LAE Reserves Net Change in IBNR	(6,770) 6,358		12,042 8,193			
Net Reduction in Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Liabilities	\$ 313	\$	3,920			

The table below provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. Losses incurred and paid are reflected net of reinsurance recoverables.

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2007	2006				
	(in thousands	of U.S. dollars)				
Balance as of July 1	\$ 1,627,276	\$ 1,025,971				
Less: Reinsurance Recoverables	317,126	253,961				
	1,310,150	772,010				
Incurred Related to Prior Years	(313)	(3,920)				
Paids Related to Prior Years	725	(16,315)				
Effect of Exchange Rate Movement	7,692	3,596				
Acquired on Acquisition of Subsidiaries	26,728					
Net Balance as of September 30	1,344,982	755,371				
Plus: Reinsurance Recoverables	326,110	248,454				
Balance as of September 30	\$ 1,671,092	\$ 1,003,825				

Salaries and Benefits:

Three Months Ended September 30,

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	2	Va dollar	/ariance rs)		
Consulting Reinsurance	\$	7,934 737	\$ 6,812 1,184	\$	(1,122) 447
Total	\$	8,671	\$ 7,996	\$	(675)

Salaries and benefits, which include expenses relating to our discretionary bonus and employee share plans, were \$8.7 million and \$8.0 million for the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The increase in salaries and benefits for the consulting segment was due to the following factors: 1) the growth in staff numbers from 189, as of September 30, 2006, to 216, as of September 30, 2007, partially offset by; 2) decrease in share-based compensation expense of \$1.5 million over the same period in 2006; and 3) decrease of \$1.5 million in the accrual relating to the Company s discretionary bonus plan due to reduced income in the quarter over the same period in 2006.

We expect that staff costs will continue to increase moderately during 2007 as we continue to grow and add staff. Bonus accrual expenses will be variable and dependent on our overall profitability.

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General and Administrative Expenses:

	Three Months Ended September 30,								
	2007	2006	Variance						
	(in the	ousands of U.S. do	ollars)						
Consulting	\$ 6,790	\$ 2,596	\$ (4,194)						
Reinsurance	4,100	1,558	(2,542)						
Total	\$ 10,890	\$ 4,154	\$ (6,736)						

General and administrative expenses attributable to the consulting segment increased by \$4.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2006 due primarily to the following: 1) increased professional fees of \$0.5 million relating to legal and accounting costs associated with our reporting obligations as a public company; 2) an expense of \$1.5 million relating to additional value added tax liabilities; 3) increased travel costs of \$0.5 million relating to due diligence work on potential acquisitions; and 4) increased premises costs of \$0.5 million as a result of one of our U.K. subsidiaries moving to new offices.

General and administrative expenses attributable to the reinsurance segment increased by \$2.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increased costs for the current quarter related primarily to the combination of 1) additional general and administrative expenses of \$2.2 million incurred in relation to companies that we acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006; and 2) additional value added tax liabilities of \$0.5 million.

Interest Expense:

	Т	Three Months Ended September 30,								
	2	2007	2006		riance					
		(in thou	isands of U.S	S. dollar	<b>:s</b> )					
Consulting	\$		\$	\$						
Reinsurance		1,442	362		(1,080)					
Total	\$	1,442	\$ 362	\$	(1,080)					

Interest expense of \$1.4 million and \$0.4 million was recorded for the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. This amount relates to the interest on the funds that were borrowed from a London-based bank to partially assist with the financing of acquisitions. The increase in 2007 over 2006 was due to the Cavell Holdings Limited, or Cavell, Inter-Ocean and Marlon facilities that were entered into subsequent to September 30, 2006.

Foreign Exchange Gain:

Three	<b>Months End</b>	ed September 30,
2007	2006	6 Variance

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Consulting	\$ 89	\$ 61	\$ 3,0	28
Reinsurance	4,562	886		676
Total	\$ 4,651	\$ 947	\$ 3,	704

We recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$4.7 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2007, as compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$1.0 million for the same period in 2006. For the three months ended September 30, 2007, the foreign exchange gain arose primarily as a result of; 1) the holding of surplus British Pounds; and 2) the holding by Cavell of surplus net Canadian and Australian dollars, as required by local regulatory obligations, in the reinsurance segment at a time when these currencies have been appreciating against the U.S. Dollar.

The gain for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006 arose as a result of having a short-term surplus of British Pounds during a period of strengthening of the British Pound against the U.S. Dollar.

Income Tax Expense:

	ו	Three Months Ended September 30								
	2	2007		2006	Vai	iance				
	(in thousands of U.S. do									
Consulting	\$	776	\$	935	\$	159				
Reinsurance		157		99		(58)				
Total	\$	933	\$	1,034	\$	101				

We recorded income tax expense of \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Minority Interest:

	Three Mo	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2007	2006	Var	iance			
	(in the	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Consulting	\$	\$	\$				
Reinsurance	(2,599)	(2,619)		20			
Total	\$ (2,599)	\$ (2,619)	\$	20			

We recorded a minority interest in earnings of \$2.6 million and \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, reflecting the 49.9% minority interest in the earnings from Hillcot Holdings Limited, or Hillcot, and Brampton Insurance Company Limited, or Brampton.

## Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

We reported consolidated net earnings of approximately \$26.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to approximately \$35.2 million for the same period in 2006. Included as part of net earnings for 2007 and 2006 are extraordinary gains relating to negative goodwill of \$15.7 million and \$4.3 million (net of minority interest of \$4.3 million), respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, we reported earnings before extraordinary gains of approximately \$11.2 million compared to earnings before extraordinary gains of approximately \$30.8 million for the same period in 2006. The decrease of approximately \$19.6 million was primarily a result of the following:

(i) an increase in salary and general administrative expenses of \$21.6 million;

- (ii) reductions in consulting fee income of \$6.2 million, primarily due to the expiry of one consulting fee engagement, and the reduction in fees generated from companies that were subsequently acquired;
- (iii) lower reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities of \$12.1 million largely due to increased cost of amortizing fair value adjustments relating to companies acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006;
- (iv) increased interest expense of \$2.9 million due to additional borrowings since September 30, 2006; partially offset by
- (v) an increase in net investment income of \$17.1 million; and
- (vi) an increase in income tax recovery of \$6.4 million relating primarily to the expiry of the statute of limitations on certain of our previously recorded uncertain tax liabilities.

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Consulting Fees:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
	2007		2006	V	ariance		
	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)						
Consulting	\$ 34,421	\$	34,687	\$	(266)		
Reinsurance	(19,696)		(13,737)		(5,959)		
Total	\$ 14,725	\$	20,950	\$	(6,225)		

We earned consulting fees of approximately \$14.7 million and \$21.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The reduction in consulting fees primarily relates to the following: 1) expiry of one external consulting fee arrangement which had generated total fees of \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006; 2) a reduction in \$1.0 million of incentive fees earned for the nine-months ended September 30, 2007; and 3) \$1.0 million in fees from third party companies earned to September 30, 2006 that were subsequently acquired and now form part of internal management fee income.

Internal management fees of \$19.7 million and \$13.7 million were paid in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, by our reinsurance companies to our consulting companies. The increase in fees paid by the reinsurance segment was due primarily to the fees paid by reinsurance companies that were acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006.

Net Investment Income and Net Realized Gains/(Losses):

		Net Inv	estm		lontl	s Ended	Sept	ember	30,			
			ome				N	et Rea	lize	l Gain	s/(Lo	sses)
		2007		2006	V	ariance	2	007	20	006	Vai	iance
	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)											
Consulting Reinsurance	\$	2,191 48,435	\$	886 32,616	\$	1,305 15,819	\$	0 470	\$	0 (64)	\$	0 534
Total	\$		\$	33,502	\$	•	\$		\$	(64)	\$	534
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Net investment income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2007 increased by \$17.1 million to \$50.6 million, as compared to \$33.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in average cash and investment balances from \$1,051.3 million to \$1,452.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2007, respectively. The increase in average cash and investment balances was due to the Merger and acquisitions that were completed subsequent to September 30, 2006.

The average return on the cash and fixed maturities investments for the nine month period ended September 30, 2007 was 4.69%, as compared to the average return of 4.24% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006. The

increase in yield was primarily the combination of 1) increasing U.S. interest rates the U.S. Federal Funds Rate increased from an average of 4.86% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 to an average of 5.23% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007; partially offset by 2) the impact during the third quarter of 2007, of the adverse movement in the credit markets on the investments and investment funds held by us. Net realized gains/(losses) for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$0.5 million and \$(0.1) million, respectively. Based on our current investment strategy, we do not expect net realized gains and losses to be significant in the foreseeable future.

*Net (Increase) Reduction in Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Liabilities:* 

Net (increase) reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$(1.4) million and \$10.7 million, respectively. The change in the period is attributable to the amortization, over the estimated payout period, of fair value adjustments relating to companies acquired amounting to \$17.6 million compared to \$4.0 million for the same period in 2006, an increase in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities of \$0.2 million, partially offset by the reduction in estimates of loss adjustment expense liabilities of \$17.1 million, to reflect 2007 run-off activity, compared to \$15.3 million for the same period in 2006.

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The following table shows the components of the movement in net reduction in loss and loss adjustment expense liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	Nine Mont Septem	
	2007 (in thousands o	2006 of U.S. dollars)
Net Losses Paid Net Change in Case and LAE Reserves Net Change in IBNR	\$ (11,931) (8,538) 19,077	\$ (43,771) 28,163 26,308
Net (Increase) Reduction in Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Liabilities	\$ (1,392)	\$ 10,700

The table below provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. Losses incurred and paid are reflected net of reinsurance recoverables.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2007 200			
	(in thousands o	of U.S. dollars)		
Balance as of January 1	\$ 1,214,419	\$ 806,559		
Less: Reinsurance Recoverables	342,160	213,399		
	872,259	593,160		
Incurred Related to Prior Years	1,392	(10,700)		
Paids Related to Prior Years	(11,931)	(43,771)		
Effect of Exchange Rate Movement	16,584	8,434		
Acquired on Acquisition of Subsidiaries	466,678	208,248		
Net Balance as of September 30	1,344,982	755,371		
Plus: Reinsurance Recoverables	326,110	248,454		
Balance as of September 30	\$ 1,671,092	\$ 1,003,825		

Salaries and Benefits:

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006 Variance (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Consulting	\$ 25,993	\$ 17,633	\$ (8,360)
Reinsurance	5,840	4,803	(1,037)
Total	\$ 31,833	\$ 22,436	\$ (9,397)

Salaries and benefits, which include expenses relating to our discretionary bonus and employee share plans, were \$31.8 million and \$22.4 million for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The increase in salaries and benefits for the consulting segment was due to the following factors: 1) The growth in staff numbers from 189, as of September 30, 2006, to 216, as of September 30, 2007; 2) On May 23, 2006, we entered into an agreement and plan of merger and a recapitalization agreement which resulted in our existing annual incentive compensation plan being cancelled and the modification of the accounting treatment for share-based awards from a book value plan to a fair value plan the net effect of these changes was to reduce the total salaries and benefits by \$2.0 million; and 3) payment of a special bonus to Mr. John J. Oros and Mr. Nimrod T. Frazer, totaling \$2 million, in recognition of their contributions to the successful completion of the Merger. We expect that staff costs will continue to increase moderately during 2007 as we continue to grow and add staff. Bonus accrual expenses will be variable and dependent on our overall profitability.

General and Administrative Expenses:

	Nine Mont	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2007	2006	Variance				
	(in thou	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Consulting	\$ 15,375	\$ 8,600	\$ (6,775)				
Reinsurance	9,103	3,687	(5,416)				
Total	\$ 24,478	\$ 12,287	\$ (12,191)				

General and administrative expenses attributable to the consulting segment increased by \$6.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006 due primarily to the following: 1) increased professional fees of \$3.2 million relating to legal, accounting and filing costs associated with our reporting obligations as a public company; 2) an expense of \$1.5 million relating to additional value added tax liabilities; and 3) increased premises costs of \$0.5 million as a result of one of our U.K. subsidiaries moving to new offices.

General and administrative expenses attributable to the reinsurance segment increased by \$5.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increased costs for the period related primarily to the following: 1) additional general and administrative expenses of \$3.8 million incurred in relation to companies that we acquired subsequent to September 30, 2006; 2) increased professional fees of \$1.0 million; and 3) additional value added tax liabilities of \$0.8 million.

*Interest Expense:* 

	ľ	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2	2007	2000		ariance		
		(in thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Consulting	\$		\$	\$			
Reinsurance		3,767	89	94	(2,873)		
Total	\$	3,767	\$ 89	\$	(2,873)		

Interest expense of \$3.8 million and \$0.9 million was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. This amount relates to the interest on the funds that were borrowed from a London-based bank to partially assist with the financing of acquisitions. The increase in 2007 over 2006 was due to the Cavell, Inter-Ocean and Marlon facilities that were entered into subsequent to September 30, 2006.

Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss):

Nine Mon	ths Ended Se	ptember 30,
2007	2006	Variance

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Consulting	\$ 16	\$ (1,188)	\$ 1,204
Reinsurance	7,650	10,102	(2,452)
Total	\$ 7,666	\$ 8,914	\$ (1,248)

We recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$7.7 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2007, as compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$8.9 million for the same period in 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the foreign exchange gain arose primarily as a result of: 1) the holding of surplus British Pounds; 2) the holding by Cavell of surplus net Canadian and Australian dollars, as required by local regulatory obligations at a time when these currencies have been appreciating against the U.S. Dollar.

The gain for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 arose as a result of having a short-term surplus British Pounds following our acquisition of Brampton during a period of strengthening of the British Pound against the U.S. Dollar.

*Income Tax (Expense)/Recovery:* 

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2007	2006	Va	ariance		
	(in thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Consulting	\$ (1,509)	\$ (184)	\$	(1,325)		
Reinsurance	7,669	(55)		7,724		
Total	\$ 6,160	\$ (239)	\$	6,399		

We recorded an income tax recovery/(expense) of \$6.2 million and \$(0.2) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Income tax (expense) of \$(1.5) million and \$(0.2) million were recorded in the consulting segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The variance between the two periods arose because, in 2006, we applied available loss carryforwards from our U.K. insurance companies to relieve profits in our U.K. consulting companies.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2007, in the reinsurance segment, the statute of limitations expired on certain previously recorded uncertain tax liabilities, resulting in a benefit of \$8.5 million.

Minority Interest:

	Nine Months Ended September 30 2007 2006 Varianc (in thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Consulting Reinsurance	\$ (7,014)	\$ (7,805)	\$ 791			
Total	\$ (7,014)	\$ (7,805)	\$ 791			

We recorded a minority interest in earnings of \$7.0 million and \$7.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, reflecting the 49.9% minority interest in the earnings from Hillcot and Brampton.

Negative Goodwill:

	Nine Mont	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	Variance	
	(in thou	sands of U.S	. dollars)	
Consulting	\$	\$	\$	
Reinsurance	15,683	4,347	11,336	

Total \$ 15,683 \$ 4,347 \$ 11,336

Negative goodwill of \$15.7 million and \$4.3 million (net of minority interest of \$4.3 million) was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 the negative goodwill of \$15.7 million was earned in connection with our acquisition of Inter-Ocean and represents the excess of the cumulative fair value of net assets acquired of \$73.2 million over the cost of \$57.5 million. This excess has, in accordance with SFAS 141 Business Combinations, been recognized as an extraordinary gain in 2007. The negative goodwill arose primarily as a result of the strategic desire of the vendors to achieve an exit from such operations and therefore to dispose of the companies at a discount to fair value. The negative goodwill of \$4.3 million (net of minority interest of \$4.3 million) for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 related to the acquisition of Brampton and arose primarily as a result of the income earned by Brampton between the date of the balance sheet on which the agreed purchase price was based, December 31, 2004, and the date the acquisition closed, March 30, 2006.

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## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As we are a holding company and have no substantial operations of our own, our assets consist primarily of our investments in subsidiaries. The potential sources of the cash flows to the holding company consist of dividends, advances and loans from our subsidiary companies.

Our future cash flows depend upon the availability of dividends or other statutorily permissible payments from our subsidiaries. The ability to pay dividends and make other distributions is limited by the applicable laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries operate, including Bermuda, The United Kingdom and Europe, which subject these subsidiaries to significant regulatory restrictions. These laws and regulations require, among other things, certain of our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries to maintain minimum solvency requirements and limit the amount of dividends and other payments that these subsidiaries can pay to us, which in turn may limit our ability to pay dividends and make other payments.

As of September 30, 2007, the insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries—solvency and liquidity were in excess of the minimum levels required. Retained earnings of our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries are not currently restricted as minimum capital solvency margins are covered by share capital and additional paid-in-capital with the exception of three subsidiaries where retained earnings of \$22.9 million requires regulatory approval prior to distribution.

Our capital management strategy is to preserve sufficient capital to enable us to make future acquisitions while maintaining a conservative investment strategy. We believe that restrictions on liquidity resulting from restrictions on the payments of dividends by our subsidiary companies will not have a material impact on our ability to meet our cash obligations.

Our sources of funds primarily consist of the cash and investment portfolios acquired on the completion of the acquisition of an insurance or reinsurance company in run-off. These acquired cash and investment balances are classified as cash provided by investing activities. We expect to use these funds acquired, together with collections from reinsurance debtors, consulting income, investment income and proceeds from sales and maturities of investments, to pay losses and loss expenses, salaries and benefits and general and administrative expenses, with the remainder used for acquisitions, additional investments and, in the past, for dividend payments to shareholders. We expect that our reinsurance segment will have a net use of cash from operations as total net claim settlements and operating expenses will generally be in excess of investment income earned. We expect that our consulting segment operating cash flows will generally be breakeven. We expect our operating cash flows, together with our existing capital base and cash and investments acquired on the acquisition of our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries, to be sufficient to meet cash requirements and to operate its business. We currently do not intend to pay cash dividends on our ordinary shares.

Our total assets were \$2,523.3 million at September 30, 2007, including \$792.4 million in investments, \$1,075.4 million in cash and cash equivalents, and \$512.4 million in reinsurance balances receivable as compared to total assets of \$1,774.3 million at December 31, 2006. The increase in total assets was due primarily to the completion of the Merger and the completion of the acquisitions of Inter-Ocean and Marlon. Shareholders equity was \$416.6 million at September 30, 2007, up from \$318.6 million at December 31, 2006. The increase in shareholders equity was primarily a result of additional net assets of approximately \$58.4 million acquired in connection with the Merger on January 31, 2007, net earnings of \$26.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase in other paid-in capital arising from employee share awards of \$5.9 million recorded in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and an increase in net retained earnings of \$4.8 million following the adoption of FIN 48 (Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB 109).

## Source of Funds

# Operating

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$136.8 million compared to \$23.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This increase in cash flows is attributable to higher investment income and the sales of trading securities, offset by higher general and administrative and

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interest expenses and lower consulting fee income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to the same period in 2006.

#### *Investing*

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$290.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$153.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Investing cash flows consist primarily of cash acquired and used for acquisitions along with net proceeds on the sale and purchase of investments. The increase in cash flows is due to an increase net proceeds from maturities and sales, partially offset by an increase in cash allocated as restricted for use during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to the same period in 2006.

## **Financing**

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities was \$22.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$(54.9) million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Cash provided by financing activities is primarily attributable to the combination of the receipt of bank loans, offset by the repurchase of our ordinary shares in respect of the Merger. In 2006, cash flows used in financing activities represented the combination of redemption of shares, dividends paid and the repayment of bank and vendor loans, offset by net capital contributions by the minority interest shareholder of a subsidiary and receipt of a bank loan.

### Commitments and Contingencies

In 2005, we invested approximately \$28.0 million in an Alberta Limited Partnership, New NIB Partners L.P., or New NIB. New NIB was formed for the purpose of purchasing, together with certain affiliated entities, 100% of the outstanding share capital of NIBC Holdings N.V. (formerly NIB Capital Bank N.V.), or NIB Capital, a Dutch bank, for approximately \$2.2 billion. We own 1.5801% of New NIB, which owns approximately 79% of NIB Capital.

On August 15, 2007, New NIB announced the sale of NIB Capital to the Icelandic Bank, Kaupthing Bank hf, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter.

On April 15, 2007, we entered into a Third Party Equity Commitment Letter (the Commitment Letter ) with J.C. Flowers II L.P. (the Flowers Fund ). The Commitment Letter provides for us to contribute up to an aggregate of \$200 million to one or more co-investment vehicles (the Co-Investment Vehicles ) that have been created to participate alongside the Flowers Fund and certain other investors in the proposed acquisition of SLM Corporation, commonly known as Sallie Mae. Our investment is conditioned upon the conditions to the closing of the proposed acquisition of Sallie Mae being satisfied or waived by the Flowers Fund. Pursuant to the terms of the Commitment Letter, a Flowers Fund designee has been named general partner and managing member of each Co-Investment Vehicle.

Our initial \$200 million commitment to the Co-Investment Vehicles has been reduced to approximately \$130 million. Although this commitment may be reduced further, we currently intend to hold a substantial investment in Sallie Mae, should the transaction be completed. In the event the transaction closes, we expect to receive underwriting fees for that portion of our original commitment which is taken up by other investors.

We have previously committed to invest an aggregate of \$100 million in the Flowers Fund, of which approximately \$27 million is committed to the Sallie Mae transaction. The commitment to invest \$130 million in the Co-Investment Vehicles pursuant to the Commitment Letter is in addition to those prior commitments.

On September 26, 2007, J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC, on behalf of itself and its partners, informed representatives of Sallie Mae that it believes that if the conditions to the closing of the transaction were to be measured as of that date, those conditions would not be satisfied because, among other things, the company has suffered a Material Adverse Effect as that term is defined in the Merger Agreement for the transaction. That Material Adverse Effect results from, *inter alia*, new legislation enacted by the U.S. Congress affecting the student loan industry that is more adverse than the proposed legislation described in Sallie Mae s 2006 report on Form 10-K to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, Sallie Mae s financial condition has been disproportionately affected by the recent liquidity crisis in the credit markets relatively to similarly sized financial services firms.

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J.C. Flowers subsequently sent a revised proposal for the acquisition of Sallie Mae to the board of directors of SLM Corporation at a price that it believed reflected the changed circumstances. In response, Sallie Mae filed a lawsuit against J.C Flowers and its partners, seeking the payment by J.C. Flowers and its partners of a \$900 million termination fee. In response, J.C. Flowers has filed an answer denying the principal allegations of Sallie Mae s complaint and asserting counterclaims against Sallie Mae. The matter is now before the Delaware Chancery Court, where J.C. Flowers believes that it and its partners will prevail. However, if such parties were not to prevail, we could be required to pay our share of the termination fee, or approximately \$16 million. A trial is likely to occur sometime during 2008, although the schedule has not yet been fixed with certainty.

J.C. Flowers II L.P. is a private investment fund for which JCF Associates II L.P. is the general partner and J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC is the investment advisor. JCF Associates II L.P. and J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC are controlled by J. Christopher Flowers, a director and one our largest shareholders. In addition, John J. Oros, a director and our Executive Chairman, is a Managing Director of J.C. Flowers & Co. LLC.

# Critical Accounting Estimates

Our critical accounting estimates are discussed in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2007.

### Off-Balance Sheet and Special Purpose Entity Arrangements

At September 30, 2007, we have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined by Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K.

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This quarterly report and the documents incorporated by reference contain statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, with respect to our financial condition, results of operations, business strategies, operating efficiencies, competitive positions, growth opportunities, plans and objectives of our management, as well as the markets for our ordinary shares and the insurance and reinsurance sectors in general. Statements that include words such as estimate, project, believe, could. seek, and similar statemen plan, intend, expect, anticipate, would. should. forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements for purposes of the federal securities laws or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates or expectations, and not statements of historical fact, reflecting the best judgment of our management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various important factors, including those set forth in and incorporated by reference in this quarterly report.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements include:

risks associated with implementing our business strategies and initiatives;

the adequacy of our loss reserves and the need to adjust such reserves as claims develop over time;

risks relating to the availability and collectibility of our reinsurance;

tax, regulatory or legal restrictions or limitations applicable to us or the insurance and reinsurance business generally;

increased competitive pressures, including the consolidation and increased globalization of reinsurance providers;

emerging claim and coverage issues;

lengthy and unpredictable litigation affecting assessment of losses and/or coverage issues;

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loss of key personnel;

changes in our plans, strategies, objectives, expectations or intentions, which may happen at any time at management s discretion;

operational risks, including system or human failures;

risks that we may require additional capital in the future which may not be available or may be available only on unfavorable terms;

the risk that ongoing or future industry regulatory developments will disrupt our business, or mandate changes in industry practices in ways that increase our costs, decrease our revenues or require us to alter aspects of the way we do business;

changes in Bermuda law or regulation or the political stability of Bermuda;

changes in regulations or tax laws applicable to us or our subsidiaries, or the risk that we or one of our non-U.S. subsidiaries become subject to significant, or significantly increased, income taxes in the United States or elsewhere:

losses due to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations;

changes in accounting policies or practices; and

changes in economic conditions, including interest rates, inflation, currency exchange rates, equity markets and credit conditions which could affect our investment portfolio.

The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements and Risk Factors that are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2007, as well as in the materials filed and to be filed with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

## Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in the Company s market risk exposures since December 31, 2006. Please refer to Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2007, for our quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk.

#### Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

## **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management has performed an evaluation, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2007. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information that we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded,

processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and is accumulated and communicated to management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

## **Changes in Internal Controls**

Our management has performed an evaluation, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Based upon that evaluation there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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#### PART II OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are, from time to time, involved in various legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including litigation regarding claims. We do not believe that the resolution of any currently pending legal proceedings, either individually or taken as a whole, will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that lawsuits, arbitrations or other litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. We anticipate that, similar to the rest of the insurance and reinsurance industry, we will continue to be subject to litigation and arbitration proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including litigation generally related to the scope of coverage with respect to asbestos and environmental claims. There can be no assurance that any such future litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

## Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our results of operations and financial condition are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2007. The risk factors identified therein have not materially changed.

#### Item 6. EXHIBITS

- 10.1\* Enstar Group Limited Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- 15.1\* Deloitte & Touche Letter Regarding Unaudited Interim Financial Information.
- 31.1\* Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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- 32.1\*\* Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on November 9, 2007.

**ENSTAR GROUP LIMITED** 

By: /s/ Richard J. Harris

Richard J. Harris Chief Financial Officer, Authorized Signatory and Principal Accounting and Financial Officer

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