



Reinsurance Group Of America Reports 20 Percent Gain In Operating Earnings Per Share For First Quarter

April 29, 1999

ST. LOUIS, April 29, 1999 -- Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (NYSE: RGA, RGA.A) announced a 20 percent increase in first quarter operating earnings per share, to \$0.48 per diluted share from \$0.40 per diluted share the year before. Operating earnings from continuing operations were up 44 percent to \$22.0 million from \$15.3 million. Net income, including capital gains and losses and discontinued operations, was up 38 percent over the prior year, to \$22.0 million, or \$0.48 per diluted share, compared with \$15.9 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share.

Bottom-line results were driven by a 46 percent increase in net premium, to \$353.8 million from \$243.1 million in 1998, and a 34 percent increase in net investment income, to \$85.0 million from \$63.2 million in the prior year.

"We are pleased by a good start to the new year. Results this quarter are due in large part to a strong contribution from our North American operations," said A. Greig Woodring, president and CEO. "U.S. operations benefited from the processing of several significant blocks of business this quarter, as well as from ongoing new business production, setting the stage for a promising 1999. Results in the U.S. division were ahead of plan due to a 42 percent increase in total revenue over the prior year and favorable mortality results. Canadian operations reported pre-tax operating income up 44 percent for the quarter compared to first quarter 1998. Results there were driven by a 50 percent increase in total revenue over the prior year, offset to some extent by slightly adverse mortality experience."

The company's international operations posted mixed results. Latin American operations reported a profit for the quarter, slightly higher than the profit reported in first quarter 1998, due to increased net premium and investment income levels. While Asia Pacific operations reported a 37 percent increase in total revenue over last year, the gain was offset by significantly unfavorable claims experience, causing a \$7.8 million pre-tax operating loss for the segment, compared with break-even results for the same period in 1998.

Woodring explained, "We continue to be encouraged by opportunities we see developing in the markets we've chosen to enter outside of North America. For example, Latin American reinsurance operations expanded its scope by developing and entering into Mexico's first reinsurance financing arrangement. We continue to build on our operations in Asia Pacific. Results this period were affected by adverse mortality, which is not unusual in a business marked by such short-term fluctuations."

Finally, turning to the company's discontinued accident and health line of business, Woodring commented, "Results for the quarter for the discontinued accident and health operations, currently in runoff, were as expected, having reported no significant impact on results for the period. We continue to aggressively monitor the experience on this block as the business runs off."

Woodring concluded, "Industry indications are that the factors driving favorable reinsurance trends remain firmly in place. We are encouraged by the strong start to 1999, and we look forward to continuing high levels of activity for the rest of the year, particularly in North America."

The board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.05 per share, payable May 28, 1999, to shareholders of record as of May 7, 1999.

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, through its subsidiaries, RGA Reinsurance Company and RGA Life Reinsurance Company of Canada, is among the largest providers of life reinsurance in North America. In addition to its North American operations, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated has subsidiary companies or branch offices in Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Chile, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Worldwide, the Company has \$364 billion of life reinsurance in force and assets of \$6.4 billion. General American Life Insurance Company owns approximately 64 percent of RGA's outstanding shares of voting common stock and approximately 53 percent of all outstanding shares.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this press release regarding Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated's business which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements" in the Company's Annual Report or Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (\$ in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 1999	1998
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$353,759	\$243,077
Net investment income	85,043	63,247
Realized capital gains	(83)	922

Other income	4,388	6,223
Total Revenue	443,107	313,469
Benefits and Expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	300,427	197,864
Interest credited	39,552	34,512
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	49,211	39,537
Other expenses	16,204	14,678
Interest expense	1,956	2,025
Total Benefits & Expenses	407,350	288,616
Income from continuing operations before taxes and minority interest	35,757	24,853
Income Taxes	13,670	8,827
Income from continuing operations before minority interest	22,087	16,026
Minority Interest	109	151
Net income from continuing operations	21,978	15,875
Discontinued Operations:		
Gain (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	(21)	35
Net income	\$ 21,957	\$ 15,910
Earnings per share from continuing operations:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.42
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.42
Diluted earnings before realized investment gains/(losses)	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.40
Earnings per share from net income:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.42
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.42
Weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding (in thousands)		
	45,874	38,232

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
U.S. OPERATIONS
(Dollars in thousands)

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999				
	Non-Traditional			
	Traditional	Asset-Intensive	Financial Reinsurance	Total U.S.
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$268,049	\$ 312	\$ --	\$268,361
Investment income, net of related expenses	29,493	35,664	--	65,157
Realized investment gains/(losses), net	(423)	299	--	(124)
Other revenue	(272)	--	3,952	3,680
Total revenues	296,847	36,275	3,952	337,074
Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy				

benefits	215,374	112	--	215,486
Interest credited	7,894	31,019	--	38,913
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	34,197	1,444	2,857	38,498
Other operating expenses	6,681	170	30	6,881
Total benefits and expenses	264,146	32,745	2,887	299,778
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 32,701	\$ 3,530	\$ 1,065	\$ 37,296

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998

	Traditional	Non-Traditional Asset- Intensive	Financial Reinsurance	Total U.S.
Revenues:				
Net premiums	\$180,375	\$ --	\$ --	\$180,375
Investment income, net of related expenses	24,720	27,830	--	52,550
Realized investment gains/ (losses), net	445	241	--	686
Other revenue	306	--	4,027	4,333
Total revenues	205,846	28,071	4,027	237,944

Benefits and expenses:				
Claims and other policy benefits	144,468	22	--	144,490
Interest credited	10,623	23,614	--	34,237
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	26,211	1,042	3,120	30,373
Other operating expenses	4,205	185	33	4,423
Total benefits and expenses	185,507	24,863	3,153	213,523
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 20,339	\$ 3,208	\$ 874	\$ 24,421

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
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)(Dollars in thousand

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	1999	1998
Revenues:		
Net premiums	\$35,620	\$25,026
Investment income, net of related expenses	11,937	6,104
Realized investment gains / (losses), net	--	236
Other revenue	(18)	272
Total revenues	47,539	31,638
Benefits and expenses:		
Claims and other policy benefits	35,884	23,115
Interest credited	458	245
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	4,406	2,855
Other operating expenses	1,593	1,803
Total benefits and expenses	42,341	28,018
Income before income taxes		

and minority interest

\$ 5,198

\$ 3,620

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
INTERNATIONAL
(Dollars in thousand)

	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999				
	LATIN AMERICA	Rein-	ASIA	OTHER	Total
	Direct	surance	PACIFIC	MARKETS	Inter-
					national
Revenues:					
Net premiums	\$14,030	\$14,797	\$16,409	\$ 4,542	\$49,778
Investment income, net of related expenses	1,868	1,260	415	165	3,708
Realized investment gains / (losses), net	12	--	(12)	40	40
Other revenue	42	--	292	373	707
Total revenues	15,952	16,057	17,104	5,120	54,233
Benefits and expenses:					
Claims and other policy benefits	13,092	13,673	18,740	3,552	49,057
Interest credited	180	--	--	--	180
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	992	393	4,269	653	6,307
Other operating expenses	1,272	856	1,746	1,514	5,388
Interest expense	--	--	113	1	114
Total benefits and expenses	15,536	14,922	24,868	5,720	61,046
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 416	\$ 1,135	\$(7,764)	\$ (600)	\$(6,813)

	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998				
	LATIN AMERICA	Rein-	ASIA	OTHER	Total
	Direct	surance	PACIFIC	MARKETS	Inter-
					national
Revenues:					
Net premiums	\$13,451	\$13,366	\$10,453	\$ 406	\$37,676
Investment income, net of related expenses	1,582	782	497	115	2,976
Other revenue	73	--	1,535	10	1,618
Total revenues	15,106	14,148	12,485	531	42,270
Benefits and expenses:					
Claims and other policy benefits	12,116	12,284	5,553	306	30,259
Interest credited	30	--	--	--	30
Policy acquisition costs and other insurance expenses	978	372	4,837	122	6,309
Other operating expenses	1,628	1,168	2,013	1,323	6,132
Interest expense	--	--	100	--	100
Total benefits and expenses	14,752	13,824	12,503	1,751	42,830
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 354	\$ 324	\$ (18)	\$(1,220)	\$ (560)

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Business Summary

Three Months Ended
March 31,

(Unaudited)

	1999	1998
Gross life reinsurance in force (in billions)		
North American business	\$322.1	\$225.6
International business	41.7	27.8
Gross life reinsurance written (in billions)		
North American business	35.9	32.0
International business	2.0	0.2
Consolidated cash and invested assets		
(in millions)	5,206.5	4,012.9
Invested asset yield	6.69%	7.06%
Investment portfolio mix		
Cash and short-term investments	7.84%	5.63%
Fixed maturity securities	70.28%	73.29%
Mortgage loans	4.26%	4.62%
Policy loans	9.87%	11.75%
Funds withheld at interest	7.33%	4.18%
Other invested assets	0.42%	0.53%
Book value per share outstanding	\$ 16.69	\$ 13.77
Book value per share outstanding, before impact of FAS 115	16.39	11.81
Treasury stock at March 31	1,143,944	1,231,343