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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Insurance Commissioner, through his CLO, manages the Superior National Insurance Companies<sup>2</sup>liquidation for the benefit of policy claimants and creditors. It is the purpose of this report to explain the current status of the liquidator's reinsurance and premium recovery efforts, to provide financial information and an updated look at the liquidator's ongoing litigation efforts. This report updates all the categories of information provided in the liquidator's report filed on September 30, 2008 and discussed with the Court at its last status conference held on October 3, 2008.

#### REINSURANCE INFORMATION

The CLO's reinsurance department continues to pursue the estate's reinsurance recoveries by performing reinsurance accounting, audits, billings and collections. In addition to a general summary of reinsurance activities occurring since the last status conference, the Court has directed the CLO to continue to report a schedule of paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) including an aging report. Exhibit A is a schedule of paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) containing the requested aging report. Exhibit B is a schedule of ceded case reserves listing the amounts of all claims whether paid or reported to the reinsurer, but not yet billed, based on reserve amounts as established by the responsible IGA. Exhibit C is a schedule of ceded incurred but not reported reserves (IBNR). The following is a narrative that explains the latest versions of these reports in more detail.

#### I. EXHIBIT A – PAID LOSS RECOVERABLES (NET OF PREMIUMS PAYABLE)

Exhibit A lists paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) due from each reinsurer as of September 30, 2008. Paid loss recoverables are the amounts already paid to the claimants that are due from the reinsurers and premiums payable are amounts due reinsurers pursuant to the terms of each contract. Near the bottom of Exhibit A, a grand total of \$406,493,558 is shown as

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Also referred to as the "SNICIL" or the "Estate."

due from reinsurers, up from the \$400,996,888 reported in the October, 2008 status report. The increase in paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) is \$5,496,670, resulting from new billings of \$5,984,004 and the reversal of an allowance for bad debts of \$178,389 less collections of \$660,821 and a write off of \$4,902 (Exhibit D is the arithmetical computation). \$5.4 million of the new billings are from the release of the 4th quarter of 2007 account of the US Life QS treaty and \$543 thousand are from the release of updated claim reports for various XOL treaties. The collections of \$660,821 are primarily from Travelers St. Paul's Re, Trustmark, Reliastar Life and LDG Re.

A substantial portion of the total paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) of \$395,109,883 are due under the US Life Q.S. Treaty. Also included in the total paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable) are amounts that are in dispute, due from companies in liquidation, or pre-liquidation receivables in the process of reconciliation. The remaining \$4,230,439 in losses due from reinsurers (net of premiums payable), as reported in the October, 2008 report, increased by \$223,478 to \$4,453,917. This increase is due to new billings of \$450,156 and the reclassification of Blackthorn Re's balance of \$64,429 from "Disputed", offset by collections of \$291,107 (see Exhibit D for arithmetical computation).

The CLO, Centre Insurance Company ("Centre") and FHA/HealthNet finally agreed (for settlement purposes) on the interpretation of the Amendment No. 2 of the XOL treaty. Revised accounts reflecting this interpretation were submitted to FHA/HealthNet in August, 2008 together with a demand for payment in the sum of \$5.47 million. On October 29, 2008, FHA/HealthNet responded to CLO's payment demand with a settlement proposal which includes the balance due to Centre. FHA/HealthNet's proposal was forwarded to Centre for their review. Upon receipt of Centre's response, the CLO will respond to FHA/HealthNet's offer.

Trustmark owes SNICIL a total amount of \$799 thousand, \$543 thousand of which are overdue due to disputes in penalty payments, CT claims, undocumented bill review payments and other billing issues. In the meantime, the CLO continues to submit new billings and requested documentation to them. In the 3rd quarter of 2008, Trustmark settled \$162 thousand of the

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undisputed balances. Trustmark has intimated that they have a desire to commute the treaty and the CLO is developing a commutation proposal.

Castlewood has also expressed an interest in a commutation of all liabilities and the CLO is in the process of developing a commutation proposal which the CLO will forward to Castlewood as soon as possible. The CLO's actuary has completed his analysis of the data required for the CLO's commutation proposal which will be submitted to the reinsurer in the near future. The CLO have made great strides in reconciling the remaining pre-liquidation recoverables but several factors have impeded the conclusion of this task. However, the CLO is taking all steps necessary to resolve the remaining items. Exhibit A also shows the aging of the paid loss recoverables (net of premiums payable).

#### II. EXHIBIT B - CEDED CASE RESERVES

Exhibit B lists the ceded case reserves as of September 30, 2008 related to each reinsurer's contract with the liquidating companies. These are claims that have been reported to the Liquidator but have not been paid to the claimants and therefore are not yet due from the reinsurers. The total of the ceded case reserves is currently \$94,077,600, down by \$1,037,456 from the \$95,115,056 reported in the October, 2008 status report. The decrease is primarily due to the reduction of the reserves for the US Life QS Treaty in the amount of \$902,970.

Excluding the reserves on the US Life QS Treaty of \$64,096,178, the net ceded case reserves total \$29,981,422, down from the \$30,115,908 reported in the October, 2008 status report. The decrease in the net ceded case reserves of \$134,486 resulted primarily from the recent claim updates released for the various XOL treaties.

#### ARBITRATION AND OTHER MATTERS

#### I. US LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY V. SNICIL

All of the briefing in US Life's appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has been completed. Oral arguments were completed in November 2008. The CLO is closely monitoring the financial circumstances of the American International Group ("AIG"), which is the ultimate parent of US Life. AIG is also the ultimate parent of National Union Fire Insurance Co.of

Pittsburgh, PA ["National Union"], which is the surety bound for payment of \$600,000,000.00, payable to the Superior National cedents.

Meanwhile, CIGA continues to pay claims of injured California workers, over and above the amounts covered by the judgment and appeal bond. Although demand has been made for US Life to pay the additional loss payments ceded to US Life, US Life has refused to do so despite having previously stipulated to honoring the terms of any final arbitration award that upheld the validity of the contract. The Commissioner of Insurance has moved this Court for authorization to drawn down on the special schedule "P" funds placed on deposit by U.S. Life as required by the Insurance Code, in order to pay the on-going claims in excess of the bonded amounts. US Life has opposed the motion, and the briefing is complete. The Court will hear the Commissioner's motion on February 2, 2009.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### I. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

The CLO's Accounting Department has updated its financial statements through September 30, 2008, and a copy of the consolidated balance sheet for the SNICIL estates is attached hereto as Exhibit E. Secured claims liability balance includes \$28.0 million for the SNTL lien.

The accounting department continues its other projects on an on-going basis, including its estate asset allocations, supporting the billing activities of the reinsurance department resolving statutory deposits accounts in various jurisdictions and/or recoveries and the IGA claims data reconciliation project.

#### **CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION**

#### I. CLAIMS PROCESSING

#### A. Premium and Subrogation Collection Activity

From an internal standpoint premium collection and subrogation recoveries have virtually ceased. There are still some protracted collection and subrogation matters being monitored, but minimal expense is being incurred. The SNICIL estates will bear no direct cost, other than the minimal allocation for the monitoring process, as these matters are being pursued through vendors operating on a contingency fee basis. The total premium collected in 2008 was

\$44,481.26, and the total subrogation collected was \$20,419. Both totals represent collection on all five estates.

The estates continue to have the two open claims previously noted. U.S. Life's claim will

not be formally adjudicated until the matter resolves. The non-covered Arkansas claim has not yet

prognosis of a major medical procedure. The CLO does not currently take a position on the claim

The estates are yet to finalize the claims from the 61 (multiple states have claims on more

than one of the 5 estates) Guaranty Associations who paid claims. Since the formal resolution of

generally waits until there appears to be a prospect of a relatively imminent closure of the estate

before finalizing their claim. The CLO notes that 29 out of the 61 Guaranty Association claims

the Guaranty Association claims involves a discounting of future reserves, the Liquidator

since the Arkansas Guaranty Association continues to pay medical benefits within the statutory

exceeded the statutory payment cap of \$300,000 although the CLO is informed that there is a

#### B. Claims Administration:

either have zero or one claim remaining open.

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CONCLUSION

The Liquidating Companies continue to conduct significant run-off activities, including its appeal to recover reinsurance; claims administration, estate accounting, reinsurance negotiations and settlements. Moreover, these liquidating companies continue to fulfill a significant goal of collecting and distributing assets to the insurance guaranty associations, in order to close the gap between the assets of the liquidating companies and their financial obligations. If the Court has questions concerning the contents of this status report, the liquidator will endeavor to provide answers within a reasonable time.

Dated: January 28, 2009

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## EXHIBIT A

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Exhibit A
SUPERIOR NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION
Paid Loss Recoverables (Net of Premiums Payable) by Reinsurers
September 30, 2008

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•	TOTAL	< 30 days	30-59 days 60	-89 days	90-119 days	120 days and over
AUL RMS UNUM LIFÉ AM	(323,174)	F.				(323,174)
AUL RMS/FED INS CHUBB	(0=5;,	• .	•			(000,1111)
AUL RMS/American United Life	21,125	, !				21,125
AUL RMS (SF)/American Acc Re	(144)	Ĺ				(144)
Blackthorn Re Srvc/Ace American	75,266		•		52,631	22,635
Captive Reinsurers	34,543	}			32,031	34,543
•	34,043	i				34,343
Clearwater Insurance CIGNA*	• •	ţ		-		
	20.440	ï			45.000	40.000
Cigna Re/Connecticut General Life	33,118	. 1		+	15,026	18,092
CIGNA Re/Life Insurance Co. of North America			•			
CNA Re/Continental Casualty	278,058	í.				278,058
Continental Re*	18,263	į.				18,263
Coronet Ins/Camelback Re	•	1	•	•		
Donnelly Skirlich/Continental Assurance	(43)	i				(43)
Employers Re*	•	į				
Excess*	278,425	<b>*</b>				278,425
FHA/HealthNet	5,471,076					5,471,076
Gerling Global	•	1		-		
Home (In Liquidation)	260,304	ļ <u>.</u>	-			260,304
Ing Re (UK)				:		,
Insurance Co. of Hannover	_	4				/
Int'l Sol/IOA Re/Continental Casualty Company	2,816,735	31,162		. ,	155,475	2,630,099
JEH Re/John Hancock Mutual	1,324,793	J. 102.	·	-	. 100,470	1,324,793
	• • •	į.	3,862	•	47 240	
LDG Re Corp-OCR/Workers Comp Alternative Facility	101,793		· J,002	-	47,348	50,583
LDG Re SRD/First All Financial	45.004			•	45.004	• • •
LRD Re- SRD/Transatlantic	15,301	i - i	and the second		15,301	•
Life Insurance Company of North America	-	٠				
New England Re*				-		
North America*	9,553	i ,				9,553
Reinsurance Services of Princeton/Amer United Life Ins	(21,165)	\$		•		(21,165)
Reliastar Life UK	-			-		
ReliaStar Life	11,215		• •	-	-	11,215
Scandinavian Re		i .				
Scor Re*		Ţ				•
Scor Re (IL)	114,380	ţ.				114,380
St Paul Re	5,372	į		•		5,372
Transatlantic Re		<b>)</b>				-,
Travelers SPC-HF/Travelers Ind*	16,602	r r				16,602
Travelers/Phoenix*		)				10,002
Trustmark	798,822		256,228			542,595
Underwriters Re	100,022		200,220			. 342,383
United Republic*	42,170	ŗ	,			40.470
•		5 44 403				42,170
US Life	395,109,883	5,441,197	4 000		4,519,124	385,149,562
Zurich (UK)	1,287	- 1	. 1,287		<del>:</del>	
Total at Sept. 30, 2008	406,493,558	5,472,359	261,377		4,804,904	395,954,918
	100.00%	1.35%	0.06%	0.00%	1.18%	97.41%
	•	F.				•
US Life (in Arbitration)	(395,109,883)	(5,441,197)	-	-	(4,519,124)	(385,149,562)
FHA/HealthNet (In Dispute)	(5,471,076)	¦ -	•	-	-	(5,471,076)
Trustmark (In Dispute)	(798,822)	* -	(256,228)	-	-	(542,595)
Home (In Liquidation)	(260,304)	-	1	•	<b>-</b>	(260,304)
Captive Program	(34,543)	<b>1</b> -	•	_	-	(34,543)
*Pre-liquidation receivables in process of reconciliation	(365,013)	1 -			· <u>-</u>	(365,013)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1	\$. !	•	-		(555,010)
Net Balance Due at Sept. 30, 2008	4,453,917	31,162	5,149		285,780	4,131,826
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	100.00%	0.70%	0.12%	0.00%	6.42%	92.77%
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## Exhibit B SUPERIOR NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION Ceded Case Reserves by Reinsurers September 30, 2008

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· American Accident Group I		79,071
American United Life	į.	-
AUL RMS (SF) Unum Life American	4	
Blackthorn Re Srvc/Ace American	2,6	01,590
Buffalo Re	1	73,610
Captive Reinsurers		95,408
CIGNA		48,191
Cigna Re/Connecticut General Life		55,513
CIGNA Re/Life Insurance Co. of North America	·.	85,451
Clarendon National Insurance	Ť	95,637
CNA Re/Continental Casualty	!	80.025
Cologne Re of America	1.	12,643
Cont Re	1	22.906
Coronet Ins/Camelback Re		7,184
· Excess		31,448
FHA/HealthNet	i	J1,770
First Allmerica Financial (LDG Re-SRD)	1	_
Gerling Global (Constitution Re)		04,106
Hartford Fire		
Home (in Liquidation)	,	62,477 14,265
Imperial Casualty & Indemnity	+	-
Insurance Co. of Hanover (IL)	- T.	13,984
Int'l Sol/IOA Re/Continental Casualty Company		01,009
JEH Re/John Hancock Mutual		48,023
Le Mans Reinsurance	,	93,617
Mercantile and General Re		17,212
New England Re	· •	65,930
•	1	-
North America North America Re	i.	19,027
	1 ,	75,645
North Star Re	•	23,974
North Star Re thru CSMC		47,016
Pennsylvania Manufacturer's		39,182
Reliastar Life (Minnesota)	•	52,363
ReliaStar Life (UK)		10,121
Scor Re		01,495
Scor Re (IL) (All State)	2,50	04,762
Security Re		5,057
Signet Re		17,325
Skandia America Re	· ·	56,983
St Paul Re	· ·	11,013
Toa Re of America	,	11,128
Transatiantic Re		18,170
Transatlantic Re (LDG Re-SRD)	•	35,451
Travelers Indemnity		10,502
Travelers/Phoenix	. 2	20,547
Trustmark	5,97	73,185
Underwriters Re	<u> </u>	31,206
United Republic Re		24,192
US Life	64,09	96,178
Winterthur Swiss Ins. Co.	•	14,518
Workers Comp Alternative Facility/LDG Re	2,56	37,398
Zurich Re (UK) Ltd./Benfield LTD	10	1,862
Total at September 30, 2008	94,07	7,600
Disputed - US Life	(64,09	6,178)
Net Ceded Case Reserves	20 98	1,422
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# Exhibit C SUPERIOR NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION Ceded IBNR by Reinsurers September 30, 2008

Net Ceded IBNR	64,094,771
Disputed - US Life	(66,786,417)
Total at September 30, 2008	130,881,188
All Other Treaties (In Process of Review)	64,094,771 `
US Life	66,786,417

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#### **Exhibit D**

# COMPUTATION OF DIFFERENCES IN AMOUNTS OF PAID LOSS RECOVERABLES (NET OF PREMIUM PAYABLES) BETWEEN THE FEBRUARY 2009 AND OCTOBER 2008 STATUS CONFERENCE REPORTS

#### Paid Loss Recoverables (Net of Premium Payables)

**\$ 5,496,670** Increase in paid loss recoverables (net of premium payables) computed as follows:

New Billings	· · · \$	5,984,004
Reversal of Allowance for Bad Debts		178,389
Less: Collections		(660,821)
Write off of uncollectible		(4,902)
Increase	\$	5,496,670

#### **Net Balance Due**

\$ 223,478 Increase in net balance due computed as follows:

New Billings	.\$	450,156
Reclass of Blackthorn Re's "In Dispute" balance	. \$	64,429
Less: Collections	•	(291,107)
Increase	\$	223,478

## EXHIBIT E

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#### Insurance Commissioner of the State of California Conservation & Liquidation Office

## CONSOLIDATED SUPERIOR NATIONAL ESTATES STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES IN LIQUIDATION As of September 30, 2008

	Cal Comp .	Combined Benefits	Superior Nati	Superior Pacific	Commercial Comp	TOTAL
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents:	•					
Restricted	991,900	-	-	· _	_	991,900
Participation in pooled investments	40,400,100	2,491,900	8,537,800	6,307,200	2,470,100	60,207,100
Non-pooled short-term investments:				4,557,1200	_,,	00,207,700
Restricted	115,400	227,700			_	343,100
Accrued investment income	205,200	13,000	42,600	32,100	12,400	.305,300
Statutory deposits held by other states	1,187,300		341,900	•	632,600	2,161,800
Funds held by guaranty associations			13,155,200		226,000	13,381,200
Recoverable from reinsurers - paid	240,284,400	7,798,400	126,242,000	3,404,700	28,764,100	406,493,600
Recoverable from reinsurers - case reserves	40,794,900	1,881,000	33,190,800	7,408,600	10.802.300	94,077,600
Recoverable from reinsurers - IBNR	96,855,800	1,792,800	17,256,600	11,222,800	3,753,200	130,881,200
Salvage and subrogation recoverable	61,200	-	45,000	-	-	106,200
Premium balances	120,900	-	151,700	1.300	28,800	302,700
Total Available Assets	421,017,100	14,204,800	198,963,600	28,376,700	46,689,500	709,251,700
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LIABILITIES						
Secured claims Note 1	21,803,000	203,600	1,108,000	4.974.800	80,500	28,169,900
Accrued administrative expenses	6,604,200	212.600	2,210,300	1,554,200		11,183,400
Claims against policies, including guaranty				.,,	002,000	11,100,400
associations, before distributions	1,710,577,400	24,838,900	768,701,300	164,653,700	122,214,000	2,790,985,400
Early access and other Class 2 distributions	(440,784,100)	(17,215,900)	(164,251;500)	(30,600,400)	(47,982,800)	(700,834,700)
All other claims	120,825,600	3,664,300	28,719,200	68,312,700	11,611,500	233,133,300
Total Estimated Liabilities	1,419,026,100	11,703,500	636,487,300	208,895,000	86,525,200	2,362,637,300
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NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY)	(998,009,000)	2,501,300	(437,523,700)	(180,518,300)	(39,835,700)	(1,653,385,600)

Includes \$28 million for SNTL lien, pursuant to an approved court order dated May 7, 2003

#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

Case Name: Insurance Commissioner v. Superior National Insurance Co.

No.: **BS 061974** 

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On January 29, 2009, I served the attached:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 29, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

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