(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration No. AGO/RFC/228)

Audited Financial Statements

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2019

THE GREAT EASTERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Ltd. - Brunei Darussalam (the "Branch"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in head office account and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The Branch is a segment of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Ltd., a company incorporated in Singapore, and is not a separately incorporated legal entity. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared from the records of the Branch and reflect only transactions recorded locally.

In our opinion,

- a) the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Branch as of 31 December 2019, and of its changes in head office account and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Brunei Darussalam Companies Act, Cap. 39 ("the Act") and International Financial Reporting Standards according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Branch.
- b) we have obtained all the information and explanations we required.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Branch in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("IESBA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Brunei Darussalam, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the statement of compliance set out in Page 4.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE GREAT EASTERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and International Financial Reporting Standards, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorized and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Branch's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
 sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion,
 forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
 the Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

THE GREAT EASTERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Public Accountants

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Registered Public Accountant

Brunei Darussalam

18 February 2020

THE GREAT EASTERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited

In our opinion the accompanying statement of assets used in and liabilities arising out of the company's operations in Brunei, the Brunei Branch's profit and loss statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in Head office account and statement of cash flows together with the notes thereto are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Brunei Darussalam Companies Act, Cap 39 and International Financial Reporting Standards and so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Brunei Branch's operations as at 31 December 2019, and of the results and cash flows of the Brunei Branch's operations for the year then ended.

Mr Koh Beng Seng

Chairman

Mr Leo Mun Wai

Director

Brunei Darussalam

18 February 2020

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the financial year ended 31 December

in Brunei Dollars	Note	2019	2018
Income			
Gross premiums		17,804,392	17,526,719
less: Premiums ceded to reinsurers		249,880	246,601
Net premiums		17,554,512	17,280,118
Commissions received from reinsurers		17,416	103,591
Investment income, net	3	4,844,517	4,386,675
Gain / (Loss) on sale of investments and changes in fair value	4	28,114,431	(10,306,485)
Gain / (Loss) in exchange differences		9	(25)
		50,530,885	11,463,874
less: Expenses			
Gross claims, surrenders and annuities		12,465,980	12,094,797
Claims, surrenders and annuities recovered from reinsurers		(274,931)	(78,517)
Commissions and distribution expenses		1,682,620	1,570,113
Management expenses		1,520,020	1,741,074
Depreciation	16	48,850	51,130
Change in life insurance contract liabilities	9	11,799,146	4,767,034
		27,241,685	20,145,631
Profit / (Loss) before income tax	5	23,289,200	(8,681,757)
Income tax	6	(248,070)	(216,328)
Profit / (Loss) after income tax		23,041,130	(8,898,085)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the year		23,041,130	(8,898,085)

The accompanying significant accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December

Chairman

in Brunei Dollars	Note	2019	2018
LIABILITIES			
Other creditors	7	3,201,192	2,923,992
Insurance payables	8	8,214,881	7,460,290
Derivative financial liabilities	13	54,776	-
Income tax payable		1,481,471	2,277,039
Amount due to head office	18	2,374,840	7,819,227
Insurance contract liabilities	9	197,302,079	185,502,933
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	212,629,239	205,983,481
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ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		18,747,302	20,589,691
Other debtors	10	3,041,779	2,907,705
Insurance receivables	11	22,131,237	21,051,881
Derivative financial assets	13	50,603	14,592
Investments	14	270,261,013	240,437,935
Property, plant and equipment	16	928,929	902,225
TOTAL ASSETS	_	315,160,863	285,904,029
NET ASSETS	_ _	102,531,624	79,920,548
Represented by:			
Unallocated surplus		102,531,624	79,920,548
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Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December

in Brunei Dollars	Note	Fair Value Reserve	Unallocated Surplus	TOTAL
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Balance at 1 January 2019		-	79,920,548	79,920,548
Income for the year / Total comprehensive income for the year		-	23,041,130	23,041,130
Transfer to Head Office	17	- 2	(430,054)	(430,054)
Balance at 31 December 2019		_	102,531,624	102,531,624
Balance at 31 December 2017 as previously reported		34,921,601	54,3 66, 036	89,287,637
Adoption of IFRS 9		(34,921,601)	34,921,601	_
Balance at 1 January 2018		-	89,287,637	89,287,637
Loss for the year / Total comprehensive loss for the year		- E	(8,898,085)	(8,898,085)
Transfer to Head Office	17	-	(469,004)	(469,004)
Balance at 31 December 2018		-	79,920,548	79,920,548

The accompanying significant accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December

in Brunei Dollars	Note	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit / (Loss) before income tax		23,289,200	(8,681,757)
Adjustments for non-cash items:			
Surplus transferred from life assurance fund but not yet		(430,054)	(469,004)
withdrawn		• • •	
(Gain) / Loss on sale of investments and changes in fair value	4	(28,114,431)	10,306,485
Unrealised loss in exchange differences	•	158,707	339,661
Change in life insurance contract liabilities	9	11,799,146	4,767,034
Depreciation	16	48,850	51,130
Interest income	3	(5,682,212)	(5,285,395)
Dividend income	3	(120,233)	(41,094)
Interest expense on policy benefits	5	201,139	195,451
		1,150,112	1,182,511
Changes in working capital:			
Insurance receivables		(1,079,356)	(427, 079)
Other debtors		8,349	(868,6 25)
Insurance payables		754,591	(188,053)
Other creditors		277,200	(537,313)
Amount due to Head Office		(5,444,387)	(485,211)
Cash used in operations		(4,333,491)	(1,323,770)
Interest paid on policy benefits		(201,139)	(195,4 51)
Income tax (paid) / recovered		(1,043,638)	3,121,741
Net cash flows (used in) / generated from operating activities	_	(5,578,268)	1,602,520
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from maturities and sales of investments		52,366,411	47,660 ,486
Purchase of investments		(54,215,000)	(54,615,274)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	16	(75,554)	(106,324)
Interest income received	10	5,539,789	5,212,509
Dividend income received	3	120,233	41,094
	· —	3,735,879	(1,807,509)
Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities		3,733,079	(1,807,309)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,842,389)	(204,989)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		20,589,691	20,794,680
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		18,747,302	20,589,691
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash and bank balances		12,521,895	16,042,575
Cash on deposit		6,225,407	4,547,116
	-	18,747,302	20,589,691

The accompanying significant accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

1 GENERAL

The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited – Brunei Branch (the "Branch" or "GELB") is a branch of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited, a company which is incorporated and domiciled in the Republic of Singapore. The principal place of business of the Branch is located at BD 47727 Lot No 55967 Kampung Kiarong, Mukim Gadong, Brunei Muara District.

The principal activity of the Branch is life assurance business. There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the financial year.

The holding company is Great Eastern Holdings Limited ("GEH"), a public listed company, incorporated in the Republic of Singapore. GEH's immediate and ultimate holding company is Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited ("OCBC Bank"), which prepares financial statements for public use.

Under the Insurance Order, 2006 the Branch is required to establish and maintain an insurance fund in respect of its insurance business relating to Brunei Darussalam policies such that the assets comprised in the fund shall be applicable only to meet such part of the Branch's liabilities and expenses as is properly so attributable.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standards ("IAS") / International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Branch and are consistent with those used in the previous financial year, except as disclosed below.

The financial statements are presented in Brunei Dollars (BND or \$) except as otherwise stated.

2.2 Changes in Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except that in the current financial year, the Branch has adopted all the new and revised standards which are effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. The adoption of these standards did not have any material effect on the financial performance or position of the Branch.

2.2.1 Adoption of IFRS 16 Leases

The Branch has adopted IFRS 16 Leases effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. As at 31 December 2019, the Branch has not entered into any lease agreements.

2.2.2 IAS/IFRS not yet effective

The Branch has not applied the following IAS/IFRS that have been issued but which are not yet effective:

IFRS	Title	Effective date (Annual periods beginning on or after)
Various	Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS 1 Amendments to illustrative examples, implementation guidance and IFRS 1 practice statements	1 January 2020
IFRS 3	Amendments to IFRS 3: Definition of a Business	1 January 2020
IAS 1, IAS 8	Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8: Definition of Material	1 January 2020
IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7	Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform	1 January 2020

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.2 Changes in Accounting Policies (continued)

2.2.2 IAS/IFRS not et effective (continued)

IFRS	Title	Effective date (Annual periods beginning on or after)
iFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	1 January 2021
IFRS 10, IAS 28	Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	To be determined

The Directors expect that the adoption of the new standards above will not have any material impact on the financial statements in the year of initial application, except as disclosed below.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

IFRS 17 was issued in May 2017 as replacement for IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts. It is a comprehensive new accounting standard for insurance contracts covering recognition and measurement, presentation and disclosure. IFRS 17 requires a general model where estimates are re-measured in each reporting period. Contracts are measured using the building blocks of:

- · discounted probability-weighted cash flows;
- · an explicit risk adjustment; and
- a contractual service margin representing the unearned profit of the contract which is recognised as revenue over the coverage period.

The general model is supplemented by:

- a simplified approach (the premium allocation approach) mainly for short duration contracts; and
- a modification of the general measurement model (the variable fee approach) for contracts with direct participation features.

IFRS 17 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021¹, with comparative figures required. Retrospective application is required. However, if full retrospective application for a group of insurance contracts is impracticable, then the entity is required to choose either a modified retrospective approach or a fair value approach. The Branch plans to adopt IFRS 17 on the required effective date and a Project Steering Committee was formed to oversee the implementation of the standard. The Branch expects that IFRS 17 will result in an important change to the accounting policies for insurance contract liabilities of the Branch and is likely to have a significant impact on profit and total equity together with the Branch's financial statements' presentation and disclosures.

2.3 Foreign Currency Conversion and Translation

2.3.1 Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Branch are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency").

¹ The International Accounting Standards Board published an exposure draft Amendments to IFRS 17 in June 2019 which proposes that the effective date of IFRS 17 insurance Contracts be deferred by one year, such that it would apply to entities with annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.3 Foreign Currency Conversion and Translation (continued)

2.3.2 Transactions and Balances

Transactions in foreign currency are measured in the functional currency of the Branch and are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currency at the exchange rates approximating those ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period. Nonmonetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at the end of the reporting period are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

2.4 Insurance Contracts

2.4.1 Product Classification

Insurance contracts are those contracts where the Branch (the insurer) has accepted significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholders) by agreeing to compensate the policyholders if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholders. As a general guideline, the Branch determines whether it has significant insurance risk, by comparing benefits paid with benefits payable if the insured event did not occur. Insurance contracts can also transfer financial risk.

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire.

Insurance contracts are further classified as being either with or without discretionary participating features ("DPF"). DPF is a contractual right to receive, as a supplement to guaranteed benefits, additional benefits that are:

- Likely to be a significant portion of the total contractual benefits;
- Whose amount or timing is contractually at the discretion of the issuer;
- That are contractually based on:
 - Performance of a specified pool of contracts or a specified type of contract
 - Realised and/or unrealised investment returns on a specified pool of assets held by the issuer, or
 - The profit or loss of the Branch that issues the contract.

For financial options and guarantees which are not closely related to the host insurance contract, bifurcation is required to measure these embedded derivatives separately at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. However, bifurcation is not required if the embedded derivative is itself an insurance contract or if the host insurance contract itself is measured at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

For the purpose of IFRS 4, the Branch adopts maximum policy benefits as the proxy for insurance risk and cash surrender value as the proxy for realisable value of the insurance contract on surrender. The Branch defines insurance risk to be significant when the ratio of the insurance risk over the deposit component is not less than 105% of the deposit component at inception of the insurance contract. Based on this definition, all policy contracts issued by the Branch are considered insurance contracts as at the balance sheet date.

The Branch writes insurance contracts in accordance with the Insurance Regulations in which the Branch operate.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Insurance Contracts (continued)

2.4.2 Types of Insurance Contracts

Insurance contract liabilities are classified into principal components as follows:

- Life Insurance contract liabilities, comprising
- Participating Fund contract liabilities; and
- Non Participating Fund contract liabilities
- (b) Reinsurance contracts

2.4.3 Life Insurance Contract Liabilities

Insurance contracts are recognised and measured in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective contracts and are based on guidelines laid down by the insurance regulations. Premiums, claims and benefit payments, acquisition and management expenses and valuation of future policy benefit payments or premium reserves as the case may be, are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Life insurance liabilities are recognised when contracts are entered into and premiums are charged. These liabilities are measured by using the gross premium valuation method. The liability is determined as the sum of the present value of future guaranteed and, where relevant, appropriate level of non-guaranteed benefits, less the present value of future gross considerations arising from the policy discounted at the appropriate discount rate. The liability is based on best estimate assumptions and with due regard to significant recent experience. An appropriate risk margin allowance for adverse deviation from expected experience is made in the valuation of non-participating life policies, the guaranteed benefit liabilities of participating life policies.

The liability in respect of a participating insurance contract is based on the higher of the guaranteed benefit liabilities or the total benefit liabilities at the contract level derived as stated above. Refer to Table 2.4 for details.

In the case of life policies where part of, or all the premiums are accumulated in a fund, the accumulated amounts, as declared to policyholders are shown as liabilities if the accumulated amounts are higher than the amounts as calculated using the gross premium valuation method.

In the case of short-term life policies covering contingencies other than death or survival, the liability for such life insurance contracts comprises the provision for unearned premiums and unexpired risks, together with provision for claims outstanding, including an estimate of the incurred claims that have not yet been reported to the Branch.

Adjustments to liabilities at each reporting date are recorded in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Profits originating from margins for adverse deviations on run-off contracts are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income over the lives of the contracts, whereas losses are fully recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income during the first year of run-off. The liability is extinguished when the contract expires, is discharged or is cancelled.

The Branch issues a variety of short and long duration insurance contracts which transfer risks from the policyholders to the Branch to protect policyholders from the consequences of insured events such as death, disability, illness, accident, including survival. These contracts may transfer both insurance and investment risk or insurance risk alone, from the policyholders to the Branch.

For non-participating policy contracts, both insurance and investment risks are transferred from policyholders to the Branch. For non-participating policy contracts other than medical insurance policy contracts, the payout to policyholders upon the occurrence of the insured event is predetermined and the transfer of risk is absolute. For medical insurance policy contracts, the payout is dependent on the actual medical costs incurred upon the occurrence of the insured event.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Insurance Contracts (continued)

2.4.3 Life Insurance Contract Liabilities (continued)

A significant portion of insurance contracts issued by the Branch contain discretionary participating features. These contracts are classified as participating policies. In addition to guaranteed benefits payable upon insured events associated with human life such as death or disability, the contracts entitle the policyholder to receive benefits, which could vary according to investment performance of the fund. The Branch does not recognise the guaranteed components separately from the discretionary participating features.

The valuation of insurance contract liabilities is determined according to Brunei Darussalam Insurance Order 2006 (S48/06), Insurance Regulations 2006.

The Branch is required by the Insurance Regulations and accounting standards to carry out a liability adequacy test using current estimates of future cash flows relating to its insurance contracts; the process is referred to as the gross premium valuation.

The liability adequacy test is applied to both the guaranteed benefits and the discretionary participating features; the assumptions are based on best estimates, the basis adopted is prescribed by the Insurance Regulations. The Branch performs liability adequacy tests on its actuarial reserves to ensure that the carrying amount of provisions is sufficient to cover estimated future cash flows. When performing the liability adequacy test, the Branch discounts all contractual cash flows and compares this amount against the carrying value of the liability. Any deficiency is charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

TABLE 2.4 below provides the key underlying assumptions used for valuation of life insurance contract liabilities.

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Valuation Method	For Participating Fund, the method that produces the higher reserves of: (i) Guaranteed and non-guaranteed cashflows discounted at the appropriate rate of return reflecting the strategic asset allocation; and (ii) Guaranteed cashflows discounted using the interest rate outlined below.	
Interest Rate	Singapore Government Securities zero coupon spot yields for cash flows up to year 15, an interpolation of the 15-year Singapore Government Securities zero coupon spot yield and the Long Term Risk Free Discount Rate ("LTRFDR") for cash flows between 15 to 20 years, and the LTRFDR for cash flows year 20 and after. Data source: Bloomberg	
Mortality, Disability, Dread disease, Expenses, Lapse and surrenders	Participating Fund: (i) Best estimates for Gross Premium Valuation method (i), (ii) Best estimates plus provision for adverse deviation (PAD) for Gross Premium Valuation method (ii).	

2.4.4 Reinsurance Contracts

The Branch cedes insurance risk in the normal course of business for all of its businesses. Reinsurance assets represent balances due from reinsurers. These amounts are estimated in a manner consistent with the outstanding claims provision or settled claims associated with the reinsurer's policies and are in accordance with the related reinsurance contract.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Insurance Contracts (continued)

2.4.4 Reinsurance Contracts (continued)

Reinsurance assets are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date or more frequently when an indication of impairment arises during the financial period. Impairment occurs when there is objective evidence as a result of an event that occurred after initial recognition of the reinsurance asset that the Branch may not receive part or all outstanding amounts due under the terms of the contract. The impairment loss is recorded in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Gains or losses on reinsurance are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income immediately at the date of contract and are not amortised. Ceded reinsurance arrangements do not relieve the Branch from its obligations to policyholders.

Reinsurance liabilities represent balances due to reinsurance companies. Amounts payable are estimated in a manner consistent with the related reinsurance contract.

Premiums and claims are presented on a gross basis for both ceded and assumed reinsurance.

Reinsurance assets or liabilities are derecognised when the contractual rights are extinguished or expire or when the contract is transferred to another party.

2.5 Profit from Insurance Fund

Profits to shareholders from the participating fund are allocated from the surplus or surplus capital, determined from the results of the annual actuarial valuation (such valuation also determines the liabilities relating to all the policyholders' benefits of the participating fund) parameters which are set out in the Insurance Regulations. The provisions in the Articles of Association of the Head Office are applied in conjunction with the Insurance Regulations, such that the distribution for any year to policyholders of the participating fund and shareholders approximate 90% and 10% respectively of total distribution from the participating fund. The annual declaration of the quantum of policyholder bonus and correspondingly the profits to shareholders to be distributed out of the participating fund is approved by the Board of Directors under the advice of the Appointed Actuary of the Branch, in accordance with the Insurance Regulations and the Articles of Association of the Head Office.

2.6 Recognition of Income and Expense

2.6.1 Premiums and Commissions

First year premiums of insurance policies are recognised from inception date and subsequent renewal premiums are recognised when due. Single premiums are recognised on the dates on which the policies are effective.

2.6.2 Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

2.6.3 Dividend Income

Dividend income is recognised as investment income when the Branch's right to receive the payment is established.

2.6.4 Gain/Loss on Sale of Investments

Gains or losses on sale of investments are derived from the difference between net sales proceeds and the purchase or amortised cost. They are recognised on trade date.

2.6.5 Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The Branch assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when an annual impairment test for an asset is required, the Branch makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.6 Recognition of Income and Expense (continued)

2.6.5 Impairment of Non-Financial Assets (continued)

An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses on continuing operations are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increase cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised previously. Such reversal is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Unless the asset is measured at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

2.6.6 Impairment of Financial Assets

The Branch recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses ("ECL") on receivables measured at amortised cost. For trade and insurance receivables, the Branch measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses. The Branch recognises a loss allowance for ECL at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions

The Branch measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Note 19 provides more details on how the expected loss allowance is measured.

Modified financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made whether the financial asset should be derecognised and ECL are measured as follows.

- If the expected modification will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, and then
 the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in
 calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset.
- If the expected modification will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.6 Recognition of Income and Expense (continued)

2.6.6 Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Branch assesses whether financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt financial assets measured at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. The Branch considers factors such as probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor and default or significant delay in payments.

For financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date; the ECL is the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Branch expects to receive).

For financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: the ECL is the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows.

Write-of

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Branch determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Branch's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

2.6.7 Employee Benefits

Defined Contribution Plans under Statutory Regulations

The Branch is required to make contributions on the basis of its employees' wages in accordance with the Tabung Amanah Pekerja Act, Cap. 167 and Supplemental Contributory Pension Scheme, Supplemental Contributory Pension Order, 2009. These contributions are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is rendered.

Employee Leave Entitlements

An employee's entitlement to annual leave and long-service leave is estimated and accrued according to the Branch's Human Resource policy.

2.7 Income Taxes

2.7.1 Current Income Tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period where the Branch operates and generates taxable income.

Current income taxes are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

2.7.2 Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

 Where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Income Taxes (continued)

2.7.2 Deferred Tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised except:

Where the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises
from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business
combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor
taxable profit or loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current income tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

2.7.3 Sales Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of sales tax except where the sales tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of sales tax included.

The net amount of sales tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

2.8 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Branch has a present obligation (legal or constructive), as a result of a past event, where it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of the reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

2.9 Policy Benefits

Policy benefits are recognised when the policyholder exercises the option to deposit the survival benefits with the Branch when the benefit falls due. Policy benefits are interest bearing at rates adjusted from time to time by the Branch. Interest payable on policy benefits is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as incurred.

2.10 Claims Admitted or Intimated

Full provision is made for the estimated cost of all life assurance claims notified but not settled at balance sheet date.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.11 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits and short term, highly liquid investments with maturity of three months or less, or are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

2.12 Insurance Receivables

Insurance receivables are recognised when due. They are measured at initial recognition at the fair value received or receivable. Subsequent to initial recognition, insurance receivables are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. A loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses, with the impairment loss recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Insurance receivables are derecognised when the derecognition criteria for financial assets, as described in Note 2.13 has been met.

2.13 Financial Assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are recognised when, and only when, the Branch becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial asset. The Branch determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition. At initial recognition, the Branch measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs for financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are recognised as expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Classification

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as measured at FVTPL:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely
 payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt security is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as measured at FVTPL:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely
 payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

An equity security that is not held for trading may, by irrevocable election, be designated as measured at FVOCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

A financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI may, by irrevocable election, be designated as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise. The Branch has designated all debt securities which are held with the intent to hold to collect contractual cash flows and sell as measured at FVTPI

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.13 Financial Assets (continued)

Business model assessment

The Branch assesses the objective of the business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- The stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice;
- How the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Branch's management;
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- How managers of the business are compensated; and
- The frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Branch's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

Financial assets that are held for trading or managed, and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, are measured at FVTPL because they are neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets.

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking "worst case" or "stress case" scenarios into account. If the cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Branch's original expectations, the Branch does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model, but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs, as well as profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Branch considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making the assessment, the Branch considers the following key aspects:

- Contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- Leverage features;
- Prepayment and extension terms;
- Terms that limit the Branch's claim to cash flows from specified assets; and
- Features that modify consideration of the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and costs associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Subsequent measurement

2.13.1 Debt Instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Branch's business model for managing the asset and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset. The three measurement categories for classification of debt instruments are:

(i) Amortised cost

Debt instruments that are held for the collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the profit or loss. Gains or losses are also recognised in profit or loss when the assets are derecognised.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.13 Financial Assets (continued)

Subsequent measurement (continued)

2.13.1 Debt Instruments (continued)

(ii) Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

Debt instruments that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for sale, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are classified as FVOCI. Any gains or losses from changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in fair value reserve. Impairment, foreign exchange gains and losses and interest calculated using the effective interest method are recognised in profit or loss. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Debt instruments that do not meet the criteria for classification as amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. Any gains or losses from changes in fair value and interest are recognised in profit or loss.

2.13.2 Equity Instruments

The Branch subsequently measures all equity instruments at fair value. On initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Branch may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. The Branch's policy is to designate equity investments as FVOCI when those investments are held for purposes other than to generate investment returns. When this election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, including on disposal. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) are not reported separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends, when representing a return from such investments are to be recognised in profit or loss when the Branch's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in fair value of equity instruments at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss.

2.13.3 Derivatives

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged and the type of hedge relationship designated.

2.13.4 Loans and Receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Branch changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised where the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or has been transferred such that substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.13 Financial Assets (continued)

Derecognition (continued)

On derecognition of a financial asset, except for equity securities measured at FVOCI, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

On derecognition of equity securities measured at FVOCI, any cumulative gain/loss recognised in OCI is not recognised in Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

On derecognition of all other financial assets in their entirety (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised), the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the sum of consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Branch is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

Regular way purchase or sale of a financial asset

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised or derecognised on trade date i.e., the date that the Branch commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned.

2.14 Financial Liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are recognised when, and only when the Branch becomes a party to the contractual obligations of the financial instrument. The Branch determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, plus, in the case of financial liabilities other than derivatives, directly attributable transaction costs.

The Branch's financial liabilities include other creditors, amount due to Head Office, insurance payables and derivative financial liabilities.

Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

2.14.1 Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term and include derivative financial instruments entered into by the Branch that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

2.14.2 Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost

After initial recognition, other financial liabilities that are not carried at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised and through the amortisation process.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.14 Financial Liabilities (continued)

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is extinguished. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the Profit and Loss Statement.

2.15 Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the balance sheet, when and only when, there is a currently enforceable legal right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

2.16 Determination of Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by reference to quoted or published bid prices on the balance sheet date. If quoted prices are not available over the counter, broker or dealer price quotations are used.

For units in unit trusts and shares in open-ended investment companies, fair value is determined by reference to published bid-values.

For financial instruments where there is no active market, the fair value is determined by using valuation techniques. Such techniques include using recent arm's length transactions, reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis and/or option pricing models. For discounted cash flow techniques, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate is a market-related rate for a similar instrument. Certain financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments, are valued using pricing models that consider, among other factors, contractual, and market prices, correlation, time value of money, credit risk, yield curve volatility factors and/or prepayment rates of the underlying positions. The use of different pricing models and assumptions could produce materially different estimates of fair values.

The fair value of floating rate and overnight deposits with financial institutions is their carrying value. The carrying value is the cost of the deposit and accrued interest. The fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits is estimated using discounted cash flow techniques. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates for similar instruments at the balance sheet date.

2.17 Property, Plant and Equipment

All items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. Subsequent to recognition, property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is computed on a straight line basis over estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Buildings 50 years
Office furniture, fittings and equipment 4 years
Computer equipment 4 years

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may not be recoverable.

The residual values, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate. This is to ensure that the amount, method and period of depreciation are consistent with previous estimates and the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the items of property, plant and equipment.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on derecognition of the asset is included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year the asset is derecognised.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.18 Related Parties

A related party is defined as follows:

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Branch if that person:
 - (i) Has control or joint control over the Branch;
 - (ii) Has significant influence over the Branch; or
 - (iii) Is a member of the key management personnel of the Branch.
- (b) An entity is related to the Branch if any of the following conditions applies:
 - The entity and the Branch are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others);
 - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member);
 - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party;
 - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity:
 - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of the employees of either the Branch or an entity related to the Branch. If the Branch is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the Branch;
 - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
 - (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the reporting entity or to the parent of the reporting entity.

2.19 Contingencies

A contingent liability is:

- a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only
 by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within
 the control of the Branch; or
- (b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:
 - it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
 - (ii) the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Branch.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognised on the balance sheet of the Branch.

2.20 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

In the preparation of the Branch's financial statements, management makes estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. Estimates, assumptions and judgments are continually evaluated and based on internal studies of actual or historical experience and other factors. Best estimates and assumptions are constantly reviewed to ensure that they remain relevant and valid. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

2.20.1 Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

(a) Liabilities of insurance business

The estimation of the ultimate liability arising from claims made under life insurance contracts is the Branch's most critical accounting estimate. There are several sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimation of the liabilities that the Branch will ultimately be required to pay as claims.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.20 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments (continued)

2.20.1 Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions (continued)

(a) Liabilities of insurance business (continued)

For life insurance contracts, estimates are made for future deaths, morbidity, lapses, voluntary terminations, investment returns and administration expenses. The Branch relies on standard industry, reinsurance and Singapore's mortality and morbidity tables which represent historical experience, and makes appropriate adjustments for its respective risk exposures and portfolio experience in deriving the mortality and morbidity estimates. These estimates provide the basis for the valuation of the future benefits to be paid to policyholders and to ensure adequate provisions which are monitored against current and future premiums. For those contracts that insure risk on longevity and disability, estimates are made based on recent past experience and emerging trends. Epidemics and changing patterns of lifestyle could result in significant changes to the expected future exposures. Each year, these estimates are assessed for adequacy and changes will be reflected as adjustments to life Insurance contract liabilities. The carrying value of Life Insurance contract liabilities as at 31 December 2019 amounted to \$197,302,079 (2018: \$185,502,933).

(b) Income taxes

Significant judgment is required in determining the capital allowances and deductibility of certain expenses during the estimation of the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Branch recognises liabilities for anticipated tax issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which the determination is made. The carrying amount of the income tax payable as at 31 December 2019 amounted to \$1,481,471 (2018: \$2,277,039).

2.20.2 Critical Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies

(a) Insurance contract classification

Contracts are classified as insurance contracts where they transfer significant insurance risk from the policyholder to the Branch. The Branch exercises judgment about the level of insurance risk transferred. The level of insurance risk is assessed by considering whether the Branch is required to pay significant additional benefits in excess of amounts payable if the insured event did not occur. These additional benefits include claims liability and assessment costs, but exclude the loss of the ability to charge the policyholder for future services. The assessment covers the whole of the expected term of the contract where such additional benefits could be payable. Some contracts contain options for the policyholder to purchase insurance risk protection at a later date; these insurance risks are deemed not significant.

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	in Brunei Dollars	2019	2018
3	INVESTMENT INCOME, NET		
	Dividend income:		
	- Investments		
	Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL	120,233	41,094
		120,233	41,094
	Interest income:		
	- Investments		
	Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL	4,431,253	4,075,929
	- Loans and receivables	1,250,959	1,209,466
		5,682,212	5,285,395
		5,802,445	5,326,489
	less: Investment related expenses	957,928	939,814
		4,844,517	4,386,675
4	GAIN / (LOSS) ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS AND CHANGES IN FA	IR VALUE	
	Changes in fair value of investments		
	- mandatorily measured at FVTPL	20,938,395	(9,996,642)
	- designated as at FVTPL	7,176,036	(309,843)
		28,114,431	(10,306,485)
5	ADDITIONAL PROFIT OR LOSS DISCLOSURES		
•	Staff costs and related expenses		
	Salaries, wages, bonuses and other costs	620,783	864,293
	Employee Provident Fund	25,711	76,278
	=	646,494	940,571
	Rental expense	040,434	66,047
	·	204.420	
	Interest expense on policy benefits	201,139	195,451
	Depreciation	48,850	51,130

in Brunei Dollars	2019	2018
INCOME TAX		
Major components of income tax expense		
The major component of income tax expense for the years ended 31 December 2	2019 and 2018 is:	
Current income taxation	248,070	216,32
Total tax expense for the year recognised in the Profit or Loss Statement	248,070	216,32
Relationship between income tax expense and accounting loss The reconciliation between income tax expense and the product of accounting tax rate for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:	profit / (loss) multiplied by the ap	plicable corpora
Profit / (Loss) before income tax	23,289,200	(8, 681,75
Tax at statutory rate of 18.5% (2018: 18.5%) Adjustments:	4,308,502	(1,606,12
Foreign tax paid not recoverable	248,070	216,32
Effect of being taxed on a different basis	(4,308,502)	1,606,12
Income tax expense recognised in the Profit or Loss Statement	248,070	216,32
OTHER CREDITORS		
Financial Liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	1,376,949	1,129,69
Investment creditors	347,588	218,13
Other creditors	1,406,850	1,521,95
	3,131,387	2,869,77
Non-Financial Liabilities:		
Premiums in suspense	69,805	54,21
	3,201,192	2,923,99
INSURANCE PAYABLES		
Claims admitted or intimated	1,148,485	551,53
	7,009,520	6,858,18
Policy benefits	7,009,520	0,000,10
	56,876	50,56

Policy benefits bear interest at 3% per annum (2018: 3% per annum).

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	in Brunei Dollars	Note	2019	2018
_	HALLDANGE CONTRACT LIABILITIES			
9	INSURANCE CONTRACT LIABILITIES		405 500 022	100 725 000
	Balance at the beginning of the year		185,502,933	180,735,899
	Change in life insurance contract liabilities			
	- Due to assumptions change		1,504,732	(587,764)
	- Due to change in discount rate		460,873	(4,055,631)
	- Due to movement during the year		9,833,541	9,410,429
		****	11,799,146	4,767,034
	Balance at the end of the year	,,	197,302,079	185,502,933
	Life insurance contract liabilities at 31 December composition of the contracts with Discretionary Participating Features ("December composition of the contracts without Discretionary Participating Features of the contracts without Discretionary Participating Features of the contracts without Discretionary Participating Features of the contract without Discretionary Participating Features of the contract without Discretionary Participating Features ("December composition of the contract with Discretion of	PF")	185,634,225 11,667,854	176,562,984 8,939, 9 49
	, , ,	`	197,302,079	185,502,933
10	OTHER DEBTORS			
	Financial Assets:			
	Accrued interest receivable		1,675,544	1,533,121
	Investment debtors		350,189	350,189
	Deposit collected (1)		1,003,250	1,003,250
	Other debtors		2,796	11,145
		12	3,031,779	2,897,705
	Non-Financial Assets:			
	Prepayments		10,000	10,000
			3,041,779	2,907,705

⁽¹⁾ Included in deposit collected are statutory deposits amounting to \$1 million (2018: \$1 million) lodged with the Brunei regulator

11 INSURANCE RECEIVABLES

Due from policyholders:			
Outstanding premiums		987,115	1,006,321
Policy loans		20,947,232	19,957, 76 6
Due from reinsurers		196,890	87,794
	12	22,131,237	21,051,881

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in Brunei Dollars	·····				Note	2019	2018
LOANS AND RECE	EIVABLES						
Loans and Receiva	ables :						
Cash and cash equ	ivalents					18,747,302	20 ,589,69
Other debtors					10	3,031,779	2,897,705
Insurance receivable	es				11	22,131,237	21,051,881
Total loans and re	ceivables at amortised cost					43,910,318	44,539,277
B DERIVATIVE FINA	NCIAL INSTRUMENTS						
			Derivative	Derivative		Derivative	Derivative
		Notional	Financial	Financial	Notional	Financial	Financial
in Brunei Dollars		Principal	Assets	Liabilities	Principal	Assets	Liabilities
		2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018
<u>Derivatives</u>							
Foreign exchange:	Forwards	8,703,921	50,603		3,689,010	14,592	-
Interest rates:	Exchange traded futures	5,690,001		54,776	-	-	-
		14,393,922	50,603	54,776	3,689,010	14,592	-

The table above shows the fair value of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets or liabilities together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured.

The fair value of derivatives shown above represents the current risk exposure but not the maximum risk exposure that would arise in the future as a result of the changes in value.

	2019	2018
14 INVESTMENTS		
Mandatorily measured at FVPTL		
Equity securities		
(i) Unquoted equity securities (1)		-
		<u>-</u>
Other investments		
(ii) Collective investment schemes (2)	110,895,849	93,105,294
Total financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL	110,895,849	93,105,294
Designated as at FVTPL		
Debt securities		
(i) Quoted debt securities	153,740,942	140,346,625
(ii) Unquoted debt securities	5,624,222	6,986,016
Total financial assets designated as at FVTPL (3)	159,365,164	147,332,641
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	270,261,013	240,437,935

⁽¹⁾ These unquoted equity securities have nil fair value (2018: nil) as at balance sheet date.

⁽²⁾ Collective investment schemes include but are not limited to Hedge funds, Exchange-Traded funds and Open Ended Investment Companies.

⁽³⁾ These securities are designated as fair value through Profit or Loss Statement on initial recognition.

15 INTERESTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

A structured entity is defined as an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only, or when the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. The Branch has interest in unconsolidated structured entities as described below

The Branch holds shares or units in investment vehicles, which consist of:

 Collective Investment Scheme which comprise: Hedge funds, Exchange-Traded funds ("ETF") and Open Ended Investment Companies ("OEIC")

The Branch's holding in investment vehicles are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective investment vehicle's offering documentation and are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of those investment vehicles.

The investment vehicles in the investment portfolio are managed by portfolio managers who are compensated by the respective investment vehicles for their services. Such compensation generally consists of an asset-based fee and a performance-based incentive fee, and is reflected in the valuation of the investment vehicles.

As part of its investment activities, the Branch invests in unconsolidated structured entities. As at 31 December 2019, the Branch's total interest in unconsolidated structured entities was \$110,895,849 (2018; \$93,105,294) on the Branch's balance sheet.

The Branch does not sponsor any of the unconsolidated structured entities.

As at 31 December 2019, a summary of the Branch's interest in unconsolidated structured entities is as follows:

in Brunei Dollars	Financial in	Total assets		
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Collective Investment Scheme				
Analysed as:				
Hedge funds	46	43	46	43
ETF	14,191,287	3,072,616	14,191,287	3,072,616
OEIC	96,704,516	90,032,635	96,704,516	90,032,635
Total	110,895,849	93,105,294	110,895,849	93,105,294

The Branch's maximum exposure to the loss on the interests presented above is the carrying amount of the Branch's investments.

The Branch has not provided any other financial or other support in addition to that described above as at the reporting date, and there are no intentions to provide support in relation to any other unconsolidated structured entities in the foreseeable future.

16 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Computer			
in Brunei Dollars	Equipment	Building	Other Assets (1)	Total
Cost				
Cost at 1 January 2018	103,196	890,000	866,320	1,859,516
Additions	101,886	-	4,438	106,324
Cost at 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	205,082	890,000	870,758	1,965,840
Additions	72,684	-	2,870	75,554
Disposals / assets written off	(33,825)	-	(127,608)	(161,433)
Cost at 31 December 2019	243,941	890,000	746,020	1,879,961
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 January 2018	(84,873)	(89,000)	(838,612)	(1,012,485)
Depreciation charge for the year	(16,953)	(17,800)	(16,377)	(51,130)
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	(101,826)	(106,800)	(854,989)	(1,063,615)
Depreciation charge for the year	(23,146)	(17,800)	(7,904)	(48,850)
Disposals / assets written off	33,825		127,608	161,433
Accumulated Depreciation at 31 December 2019	(91,147)	(124,600)	(735,285)	(951,032)
Net Book Value				
Net Book Value, at 31 December 2018	103,256	783,200	15,769	902,225
Net Book Value, at 31 December 2019	152,794	765,400	10,735	928,929

⁽¹⁾ Other assets include office furniture, fittings and equipment.

17 AMOUNT DUE TO HEAD OFFICE

The amount due to head office was non-trade related, unsecured, interest-free, repayable on demand and is to be settled in cash. During the financial year, an amount of \$430,054 (2018: \$469,004) was transferred from Unallocated Surplus to Amount due to Head Office.

18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Branch enters into transactions with their related parties in the normal course of business. Transactions are carried out on an arm's length basis.

18.1 Significant related party transactions

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following significant transactions between the Branch and related parties took place at terms agreed between the parties during the financial year:

in Brunei Dollars	2019	2018
Management and performance fees paid by insurance funds to a related company Interest income received from:	881,510	836,104
- Ultimate holding company Other expenses paid to:		(41)
- Head office	675,351	835,539

18.2 Balance sheet balances with related parties

Balance sheet balances with related parties as at 31 December are as follows:

in Brunei Dollars	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents held		
with: - Ultimate holding company	71,670	448,449
Amount due to head office	2,374,840	7,819,227

Outstanding balances at balance sheet date are unsecured and interest free. Settlement will take place in cash.

There was no provision for doubtful debts at the balance sheet date and no bad debt expense for the year (2018: Nil).

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES Governance framework

Managing risk is an integral part of the Branch's core business. As stated in the Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM")

- Operate within parameters and limits that have been set based on the risk appetite approved by the Board, and
- Pursue appropriate risk-adjusted returns.

Group Risk Management department spearheads the development and implementation of the ERM Framework for the Branch.

The Board is responsible to provide oversight on the risk management initiatives. The Board may delegate this responsibility to the Risk Management Committee ("RMC"). At the group level, detailed risk management and oversight activities are undertaken by the following group management committees chaired by the Group Chief Executive Officer and comprising key Senior Management Executives:

- Group Management Committee ("GMC")
- Group Asset-Liability Committee ("Group ALC")
- Group Investment Committee ("Group IC")
- Group Product Management and Approval Committee ("Group PMAC")
- Group Technology Strategy Committee ("Group TSC")

GMC is responsible for providing leadership, direction and functional oversight with regards to all matters of the Branch. The GMC is also responsible for ensuring compliance and alignment with Group Governance and Oversight Framework, i.e. Group standards and guidelines. The GMC is supported by the Group IC, Group ALC, Group PMAC, Group TSC, Local Senior Management Team ("SMT"), Local ALC, Local Product Development Committee ("PDC") and Local TSC.

Group IC is responsible for the oversight of all investment management activities of the company with added oversight to esnure that for the insurance funds, the interests and rights of policyholders are not compromised.

Group ALC is responsible for balance sheet management. Specifically, Group ALC reviews and formulates technical frameworks, policies and methodologies relating to balance sheet management. Group ALC is also responsible for ensuring compliance and alignment with Group Governance and Oversight Framework, i.e. Group standards and guidelines. Group ALC is supported by the local Asset-Liability Committee ("ALC").

Group TSC is responsible for assisting GMC in providing the overall strategic direction and approval of all IT related issues and initiatives to support Great Eastern's group strategic growth into the future. Group TSC is supported by local TSC.

Group PMAC is responsible for reviewing, approving and managing new and existing products, ensuring the business operates within the risk appetite to deliver the annual business targets. Local PDC is responsible for reviewing and endorsing new products at the local operating subsidiaries.

Regulatory framework

The Branch is required to comply with the Insurance Order, 2006 and Regulations, as applicable, including guidelines on investment limits. The responsibility for the formulation, establishment and approval of the investment policy rests with the respective Board. The Board exercises oversight on investments to safeguard the interests of policyholders and shareholders.

Capital management

The Branch's capital management policy is to create shareholder value, deliver sustainable returns to shareholders, maintain a strong capital position with optimum buffer to meet policyholders' obligations and regulatory requirements and make strategic investments for business growth.

The Branch has had no significant changes in the policies and processes relating to its capital structure during the year.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

The following sections provide details regarding the Branch's exposure to insurance and key financial risks and the ojectives, policies and processes for the management of these risks.

There has been no change to the Branch's exposure to these insurance and key financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risks.

Insurance Risk

The principal activities of the Branch are the provision of financial advisory services coupled with insurance protection against risks such as mortality, morbidity (health, disability, critical illness, personal accident).

The Branch's underwriting strategy is designed to ensure that these risks are well diversified in terms of type of risk and level of insured benefits. This is largely achieved through diversification across industry sectors and geography, the use of medical screening in order to ensure that pricing takes account of current health conditions and family medical history, regular review of actual claims experience and product pricing, as well as detailed claims handling procedures. Underwriting limits are also set in place to enforce appropriate risk selection criteria. For example, the Branch has the right not to renew individual policies, it can impose deductibles and it has the right to reject the payment of fraudulent claims.

Risks inherent in the Branch's activities include but are not limited to the following:

Insurance Risks of Life Insurance Contracts

Insurance risks arise when the Branch underwrites insurance contracts. While insurance risks do not vary significantly across the geographical locations in which the Branch currently operates, the types of risks insured and industries, assumptions used in pricing the insurance products as well as subsequent setting of the technical provisions may give rise to potential shortfalls in provision for future claims and expenses when actual experience is different from expected experience. Assumptions that may cause insurance risks to be underestimated include assumptions on policy lapses, mortality, morbidity and expenses.

The Branch utilises reinsurance to manage the mortality and morbidity risks. The Branch's reinsurance management strategy and policy are reviewed annually by RMC and ALC. Reinsurance structures are set based on the type of risk. Catastrophe reinsurance is procured to limit catastrophic losses. The Branch's exposure to group insurance business is not significant, thus there is no material concentrations in insurance risk.

Only reinsurers meeting a minimum credit rating of S&P A- or equivalent are considered when deciding on which reinsurers to reinsure the Branch's risk. The Branch limits its risk to any one reinsurer by ceding different products to different reinsurers or to a panel of reinsurers.

The ALC reviews the actual experience of mortality, morbidity, lapses and surrenders, and expenses to ensure that the policies, guidelines and limits put in place to manage the risks remain adequate and appropriate.

A substantial portion of the Branch's life assurance funds is participating in nature. In the event of volatile investment climate and/or unusual claims experience, the insurer has the option of revising the bonus and dividends payable to policyholders.

Stress Testing ("ST") is performed at least once a year. The purpose of the ST is to test the solvency of the life fund under various scenarios according to prescribed statutory valuation basis, simulating drastic changes in major parameters such as new business volume, investment scenarios, expense patterns, mortality/morbidity patterns and lapse rates.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Insurance Risk (continued)

TABLE 20(A): The table below sets out the concentration of the life insurance risk by Class of Business as at the balance sheet date, net of re-insurance:

Life Insurance

in Brunei Dollars	As at 31 December 2019 Insurance contract liabilities	As at 31 December 2018 Insurance contract liabilities
Whole life	135,012,181	127,684,134
Endowment	51,759,7 52	50,097,075
Term	662,328	703,162
Accident and health	427,004	406,963
Others	9,440,814	6,611,599
Total	197,302,079	185,502,933

The sensitivity analysis below shows the impact of change in key parameters on the value of Insurance contract liabilities, and hence on the Profit or Loss Statement.

Sensitivity analysis produced is based on parameters set out as follows:

		Change in assumptions
(a)	Scenario 1 - Mortality and Major Illness	+ 25% for all future years
(b)	Scenario 2 - Mortality and Major Illness	- 25% for all future years
(c)	Scenario 3 - Health and Disability	+ 25% for all future years
(d)	Scenario 4 - Health and Disability	- 25% for all future years
(e)	Scenario 5 – Lapse and Surrender rates	+ 25% for all future years
(f)	Scenario 6 – Lapse and Surrender rates	- 25% for all future years
(g)	Scenario 7 - Expenses	+ 30% for all future years

TABLE 20(B): Profit / (Loss) After Tax sensitivity:

Impact on 1-year's profit / (loss) after tax

in Brunei Dollars	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
<u>2019</u>							
Gross impact	(2,165,985)	2,265,927	(21,357)	21,869	897,199	(1,065,188)	(69,333)
Reinsurance ceded			-		-	_	- 2
Net impact	(2,165,985)	2,265,927	(21,357)	21,869	897,199	(1,065,188)	(69,333)
<u>2018</u>							
Gross impact	(1,829,174)	1,664,257	(5,963)	5,960	553,057	(722,198)	(52,798)
Reinsurance ceded		2			.4.		1
Net impact	(1,829,174)	1,664,257	(5,963)	5,960	553,057	(722,198)	(52,798)

The above tables demonstrate the sensitivity of the Branch's profit and loss after tax to a reasonably possible change in actuarial valuation assumptions on an individual basis with all other variables held constant.

The effect of sensitivity analysis on reinsurance ceded is not material.

The method used, including the significant assumptions made, for performing the above sensitivity analysis did not change from the previous year.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk

Market risk arises when the market values of assets and liabilities do not move consistently as financial markets change. Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and alternative investment prices can impact present and future earnings of the insurance operation.

The Branch is exposed to market risk in the investments as well as the mismatch risk between its asset and liabilities.

The ALC actively manages market risk through setting of investment policy and asset allocation, approving portfolio construction and risk measurement methodologies, approving hedging and alternative risk transfer strategies. Investment limits are monitored at various levels to ensure that all investment activities are conducted within the Group's risk appetite and in line with the Branch's risk management principles and philosophies. Compliance with established limits forms an integral part of the risk governance and financial reporting framework. The approach adopted by the Group in managing the various types of risk, including interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, equity price risk, credit risk, alternative investment risk and liquidity risk, is briefly described as follows:

- (a) Interest rate risk (including asset liability mismatch). The Branch is exposed to interest rate risk through (i) investments in fixed income instruments and (ii) Insurance contract liabilities. Given the long duration of Insurance contract liabilities and the uncertainty of the cash flows of the Branch, it is not possible to hold assets that will perfectly match the Insurance contract liabilities. This results in a net interest rate risk or asset liability mismatch risk which is managed and monitored by the ALC. The Insurance Fund will incur an economic loss when interest rates drop since the duration of Insurance contract liabilities is generally longer than the duration of the fixed income assets.
- (b) Foreign currency risk. Hedging through currency forwards is typically used for the fixed income portfolio. Internal limits on foreign exchange exposure ranging from 15% to 35% are applied to investments in fixed income portfolios at a fund level. Currency risk derived from investments in foreign equities is generally not hedged.

TABLE 20(C): The tables below show the foreign exchange position of the Branch's financial assets, financial liabilities and insurance contract liabilities by major currencies:

in Brunei Dollars	BND	SGD	USD	Others	Total
As at 31 December 2019					
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED ASSETS					
Financial assets at FVTPL					
Debt securities		151,664,039	3,840,860	3,860,265	159,365,164
Other investments	9	-	86,528,755	24,367,094	110,895,849
Derivative financial assets	-	50,603			50,603
Insurance receivables	22,131,237	-			22,131,237
Other debtors	1,409,980	1,549,505	30,902	41,392	3,031,779
Cash and cash equivalents	6,676,437	11,705,329	184,409	181,127	18,747,302
	30,217,654	164,969,476	90,584,926	28,449,878	314,221,934
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED LIABILITIES					
Other creditors	2,783,799	347,588	•	=	3,131,387
Insurance payables	8,158,005	56,876		-	8,214,881
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	54,776	-	54,776
Amount due to head office	2,374,840	-			2,374,840
Insurance contract liabilities	197,302,079	-	_		197,302,079
	210,618,723	404,464	54,776	-	211,077,963

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk (continued)

(b) Foreign currency risk (continued)

BND	SGD	USD	Others	Total	
-	141, 605,4 56	3,788,293	1,938,892	147,332,641	
3	-	72,623,137	20,482,157	93,105,294	
-	14,592	-	-	14,592	
21,051,881	-	-	-	21,051,881	
1,368,847	1,487,042	32,740	9,076	2,897,705	
7,487,824	12,885,311	32,877	183,679	20,589,691	
29,908,552	155,992,401	76,477, 047	22,613,804	284,991,804	
2,651,804	217,970	-	-	2,869,774	
7,409,725	50,565	-	-	7,460,290	
7,819,227		14		7,819,227	
185,502,933	_	_	-	185,502,933	
203,383,689	268,535	-	-	203,652,224	
	21,051,881 1,368,847 7,487,824 29,908,552 2,651,804 7,409,725 7,819,227 185,502,933	- 141,605,456 14,592 21,051,881 - 1,368,847 1,487,042 7,487,824 12,885,311 29,908,552 155,992,401 2,651,804 217,970 7,409,725 50,565 7,819,227 - 185,502,933 -	- 141,605,456 3,788,293 - 72,623,137 - 14,592 - 21,051,881 1,368,847 1,487,042 32,740 7,487,824 12,885,311 32,877 29,908,552 155,992,401 76,477,047 2,651,804 217,970 - 7,409,725 50,565 - 7,819,227 - 185,502,933	- 141,605,456 3,788,293 1,938,892 72,623,137 20,482,157 - 14,592 21,051,881 1,368,847 1,487,042 32,740 9,076 7,487,824 12,885,311 32,877 183,679 29,908,552 155,992,401 76,477,047 22,613,804 2,651,804 217,970 7,409,725 50,565 7,819,227 185,502,933	

The Branch has no significant concentration of foreign currency risk.

- (c) Equity price risk. Exposure to equity price risk exists in both assets and liabilities. Asset exposure exists through direct equity investment, where the Branch, through investments in Insurance Fund, bears all or most of the volatility in returns and investment performance risk. Limits are set for single security holdings as a percentage of equity holdings.
- (d) Credit spread risk. Exposure to credit spread risk exists in the Branch's investments in bonds. Credit spread is the difference between the quoted rates of return of two different investments of different credit quality. When spreads widen between bonds with different quality ratings, it implies that the market is factoring more risk of default on lower grade bonds. A widening in credit spreads will result in a fall in the values of the Branch's bond portfolio.
- (e) Alternative investment risk. The Branch is exposed to alternative investment risk through investments in real estate and hedge funds. A monitoring process is in place to manage foreign exchange, country and manager concentration risk. This process and the acquisition or divestment of alternative investments are reviewed and approved by RMC and ALCs.
- (f) Commodity risk. The Branch does not have a direct or significant exposure to commodity risk.
- (g) Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk arises when a Branch is unable to meet the cash flow needs of its financial liabilities, or if the assets backing the liabilities cannot be sold quickly enough without incurring unreasonable losses. For an insurance company, the greatest liquidity needs typically arise from its insurance liabilities. Demands for funds can usually be met through ongoing normal operations, premiums received, sale of assets or borrowings. Unexpected demands for liquidity may be triggered by negative publicity, deterioration of the economy, reports of problems in other companies in the same or similar lines of business, unanticipated policy claims, or other unexpected cash demands from policyholders.

Expected liquidity demands are managed through a combination of treasury, investment and asset-liability management practices, which are monitored on an ongoing basis. Actual and projected cash inflows and outflows are monitored and a reasonable amount of assets are kept in liquid instruments at all times. The projected cash flows from the in-force insurance policy contract liabilities consist of renewal premiums, commissions, claims, maturities and surrenders. Renewal premiums, commissions, claims and maturities are generally stable and predictable. Surrenders can be more uncertain although it has been quite stable over the past several years.

Unexpected liquidity demands are managed through a combination of product design, diversification limits, investment strategies and systematic monitoring. The existence of surrender penalty in insurance contracts also protects the Branch from losses due to unexpected surrender trends as well as reduces the sensitivity of surrenders to changes in interest rates.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk (continued)

(g) Liquidity risk (continued)

Maturity Profile

TABLE 20(D): The following tables show the expected recovery or settlement of financial assets and maturity profile of the Branch's financial and insurance contract liabilities which are presented based on contractual undiscounted cash flow basis, except for insurance contract liabilities which are presented based on net cash outflows resulting from recognised liabilities:

in Brunei Dollars	Carrying Amount	< 1 Year	1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	No maturity date	Total
As at 31 December 2019						
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED ASSETS						
Financial assets at FVTPL						
Debt securities	159,365,164	1,541,906	12,005,809	197,767,020	-	211,314,735
Other investments	110,895,849	-	-	-	110,895,849	110,895,849
Insurance receivables	22,131,237	22,087,193	44,044	-		22,131,237
Other debtors	3,031,779	2,028,529	-	-	1,003,250	3,031,779
Cash and cash equivalents	18,747,302	18,747,302	-	<u>-</u>	-	18,747,302
	314,171,331	44,404,930	12,049,853	197,767,020	111,899,099	366,120,902
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED LIABILITIES						
Other creditors	3,131,387	3,131,387	-	-	•	3,131,387
Insurance payables	8,214,881	8,119,494	8,212	-	87,175	8,214,881
Amount due to head office	2,374,840	2,374,840		-		2,374,840
Insurance contract liabilities	197,302,079	(2,616,052)	(1,623,925)	201,542,056		197,302,079
	211,023,187	11,009,669	(1,615,713)	201,542,056	87,175	211,023,187
	Carrying Amount	<1 Year	1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	No maturity date	Total
As at 31 December 2018						
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED ASSETS						
Financial assets at FVTPL						
Debt securities	147,332,641	-	22,797,029	173,176,438	-	195,973,467
Other investments	93,105,294	-	1941	-	93,105,294	93,105,294
Insurance receivables	21,051,881	1,094,115	-	-	19,957,766	21, 051,881
Other debtors	2,897,705	1,540,000	-	-	1,357,705	2,897,705
Cash and cash equivalents	20,589,691	20,589,691	-	-		20,589,691
	284,977,212	23,223,806	22,797,029	173,176,438	114,420,765	333,618,038
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE-RELATED LIABILITIES						
Other creditors	2,869,774	2,869,774	-	-	-	2,869,774
Insurance payables	7,460, 290	7,373,115	-	1.5	87,175	7,460,290
Amount due to head office	7,819,227	7,819,227		4	-	7,819,227
Insurance contract liabilities	185,502,933	(3,744,654)	(1,546,073)	190,793,660	_	185,502,933
insulation contract liabilities		(-,,,	(1)-1-1-1-1			

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk (continued)

(g) Liquidity risk (continued)

TABLE 20(E): The following tables show the current/non-current classification of assets and liabilities:

in Brunei Dollars	 Current*	Non-Current	Total
As at 31 December 2019			
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	18,747,302		18,747,302
Other debtors	2,038,529	1,003,250	3,041,779
Insurance receivables	22,087,193	44,044	22,131,237
Derivative financial assets	50,603	-	50,603
Investments	1,513,631	268,747,382	270,261,013
Property, plant and equipment		928,929	928,929
	44,437,258	270,723,605	315,160,863
LIABILITIES			
Other creditors	3,201,192	1 to -61	3,201,192
Insurance payables	8,119,494	95,387	8,214,881
Derivative financial liabilities	54,776	-	54,776
Income tax	1,481,471		1,481,471
Amount due to head office	2,374,840	-	2,374,840
Insurance contract liabilities	(2,616,052)	199,918,131	197,302,079
	12,615,721	200,013,518	212,629,239
	Current*	Non-Current	Total
As at 31 December 2018			_
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	20,589,691		20,589,691
Other debtors	1,550,000	1,357,705	2,907,705
Insurance receivables	1,094,115	19,957,766	21,051,881
Derivative financial assets	14,592	-	14,592
Investments	-	240,437,935	240,437,935
Property, plant and equipment	-	902,225	902,225
	23,248,398	262,655,631	285,904,029
LIABILITIES			
Other creditors	2,923,992	-	2,923,992
Insurance payables	7,373,115	87,175	7,460,290
Income tax	2,277,039	-	2,277,039
Amount due to head office	7,819,227	-	7,819,227
Insurance contract liabilities	(3,744,654)	189,247,587	185 ,502,933
	16,648,719	189,334,762	205,983,481

^{*} expected recovery or settlement within 12 months from the balance sheet date.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk (continued)

(h) Credit risk. Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Branch is mainly exposed to credit risk through (i) investments in cash and bonds, and (ii) exposure to counterparty's credit in derivatives transactions and reinsurance contracts. For both types of exposures, financial loss may materialise as a result of a credit default by the borrower or counterparty. For investments in bonds, financial loss may also materialise as a result of the widening of credit spread or a downgrade of credit rating.

The task of evaluating and monitoring credit risk is undertaken by the ALC. The Branch has internal limits by issuer or counterparty and by investment grades. These limits are actively monitored to manage the credit and concentration risk. These limits are reviewed on a regular basis. The creditworthiness of reinsurers is assessed on an annual basis by reviewing their financial strength through published credit ratings and other publicly available financial information.

Reinsurance is placed with counterparties that have good credit rating and concentration of risk is avoided by following policy guidelines in respect of counterparty limits that are set each year.

Credit risk in respect of customer balances incurred on non-payment of premiums or contributions will only persist during the grace period specified in the policy document or trust deed until expiry, when the policy is either paid-up or terminated.

in Brunei Dollars	Type of Collaterals	Carrying Amount of Loans	Fair Value of Collateral
As at 31 December 2019			
Policy loans	Cash value of policies	20,947,232	46,525,500
Total		20,947,232	46,525,500
As at 31 December 2018			
Policy loans	Cash value of policies	19,957,766	44,462,371
Total		19,957,766	44,462,371

There were no securities lending arrangements as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: nil)

As at the balance sheet date, no investments (2018: nil) were placed as collateral for currency hedging purposes.

Transactions are conducted under terms and conditions that are usual and customary for standards securities borrowing and lending activities.

The following table sets out the credit analysis for financial assets measured at FVTPL and at amortised cost:

	Neither past due nor impaired					
in Brunei Dollars	Investment Grade (BBB to AAA)	Non Investment Grade (C to BB)	Not Rated	Not subject to credit risk	Past due*	Total
As at 31 December 2019						
Financial assets at FVTPL						
Debt securities	146,801,691		12,563,473		-	159,365,164
Other investments	-	-	-	110,895,849	-	110,895,849
Derivative financial assets	50,603	-	-	-	-	50,603
Insurance receivables	-	-	22,131,237	-		22,131,237
Other debtors	-	-	3,041,779	-	-	3,041,779
Cash and cash equivalents	18,747,302		-	-	-	18,747,302
	165,599,596	104	37,736,489	110,895,849		314,231,934

^{*} The Branch does not hold any financial assets that are past due or impaired.

19 ENTERPRISE RISK GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Market and Credit Risk (continued)

(h) Credit risk (continued)

	Neither	Neither past due nor impaired				
in Brunei Dollars	Investment Grade (BBB to AAA)	Non Investment Grade (C to BB)	Not Rated	Not subject to credit risk	Past due*	Total
As at 31 December 2018	-					
Financial assets at FVTPL						
Debt securities	138,980,462	-	8,352,179	-	-	147,332,641
Other investments	-	-	-	93,105,294	-	93,105,294
Derivative financial assets	14,592	-	-	-		14,592
Insurance receivables	-	-	21,051,881	-		21,051,881
Other debtors	-	-	2,907, 705	-	-	2,907,705
Cash and cash equivalents	20,589,691	-	-		-	20,589,691
	159,584,745	-	32,311,765	93,105,294	-	285,001,804

^{*} The Branch does not hold any financial assets that are past due or impaired.

As at balance sheet date, no ECL was recognized on the trade, insurance receivables and financial assets of the Branch.

(i) Concentration risk. An important element of managing both market and credit risks is to actively manage concentration to specific issuers, counterparties, industry sectors, countries and currencies. Both internal and regulatory limits are put in place and monitored to manage concentration risk. These limits are reviewed on a regular basis by the respective management committees. The Branch's exposures are within the concentration limits set by the regulator.

The Branch actively manages its product mix to ensure that there is no significant concentration of credit risk.

Operation and Compliance Risk

Operational risk is an event or action that may potentially impact partly or completely the achievement of the organisation's objectives resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes and systems, human factors, or external events.

Compliance risk is any event or action that may potentially impact partly or completely the achievement of the organisation's objectives as a result of its failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and standards. The applicable key compliance areas include:

- laws, regulations and rules governing insurance business and regulated financial activities undertaken by the Branch;
- codes of practice promoted by industry associations;
- anti-money laundering; and
- countering of financing of terrorism.

The day-to-day management of operational and compliance risk is through the maintenance of comprehensive internal controls, supported by an infrastructure of systems and procedures to monitor processes and transactions. Issues are managed and monitored by the SMT. The Internal Audit team reviews the systems of internal controls to assess their ongoing relevance and effectiveness, and reports at least quarterly to the Audit Committee.

Technology, Information and Cyber Risks

Technology risk is defined as risk related to any potential adverse outcome, damage, loss, disruption, violation, system/hardware failure, capacity deficiency arising from the use of technologies such as electronic hardware/ devices, software, online networks and telecommunications systems.

Information Risk is defined as risk related to confidentiality, integrity and availability of information (in physical or digital form).

Cyber Risk is defined as risk related to acts perpetrated by malicious threat actors including internal sabotage, espionage, malicious attacks, hacking incidents, fraudulent conduct using information & communication technologies.

Great Eastern adopts a risk based approach in managing technology, information and cyber risks relating to cyber-attacks, data loss/leakage, deficiency in change management, emerging technology, inadequate vendor management, inferior system acquisition and development, network security vulnerability, privilege access misuse, system security vulnerability, system unavailability and technology obsolescence. Key risk indicators related to technology, information and cyber risks are reported to the Board on a regular basis. Independent assessment is performed by Internal Audit for its adequacy and effectiveness.

20 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

20.1 Fair Value Hierarchy

The Branch categorises fair value measurement using a fair value hierarchy that is dependent on the valuation inputs used as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Branch can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, quotes from brokers and market makers, discounted cash flow and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants, and

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements that use inputs of different hierarchy levels are categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

Transfers between levels of the fair value heirarchy

There has been no transfers of financial assets between levels during the financial years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

20.2 Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value

The following table shows an analysis of each class of assets and liabilities measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period:

Level 2 -

	Level 1 -	Valuation techniques - market observable		
in Brunei Dollars	Quoted Market Price	- market observable inputs	Total fair value	
As at 31 December 2019	adoted Market 1 fice	inputo	Total fall Value	
Financial assets				
Derivative financial assets				
Foreign exchange				
Forwards	-	50,603	50,603	
Financial assets at FVTPL				
Debt securities				
Quoted debt securities	153,740,942	-	153,740,942	
Unquoted debt securities	-	5,624,222	5,624,222	
Other investments				
Collective investment schemes	110,895,803	46	110,895,849	
	264,636,745	5,674,871	270,311,616	
Financial liabilities Derivative financial liabilities Interest rates Exchange traded futures	54,776		EA 776	
Exchange traded futures	54,776		54,776 54,776	
	34,110		34,770	
As at 31 December 2018 Financial assets Derivative financial assets Foreign exchange				
Forwards	-	14,592	14,592	
Financial assets at FVTPL Debt securities				
Quoted debt securities	140,346,625	-	140,346,625	
Unquoted debt securities Other investments	-	6,986,016	6,986,016	
Collective investment schemes	93,105,251	43	93,105,294	
	233,451,876	7,000,651	240,452,527	

21 FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING ARRANGEMENTS

Financial assets and liabilities are offset in the balance sheet when the Branch has a legally enforceable right to offset and has the intention to settle the asset and liability on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Branch's reinsurance assets and liabilities that are off-set are as follows:

		31 December 2019	
	Gross	Gross amounts	Net amounts
	carrying	offset in the	in the
in Brunei Dollars	amount	balance sheet	balance sheet
Financial assets			
Reinsurance assets	386,669	(189,779)	196,890
Total	386,669	(189,779)	196,890
Financial liabilities			
Reinsurance liabilities	246,655	(189,779)	56,876
Total	246,655	(189,779)	56,876
		31 December 2018	
	Gross	Gross amounts	Net amounts
	carrying	offset in the	in the
in Brunei Dollars	amount	balance sheet	balance sheet
Financial assets			
Reinsurance assets	171,324	(83,530)	87,794
Total	171,324	(83,530)	87,794
Financial liabilities			
Reinsurance liabilities	134,095	(83,530)	50,565
Total	134,095	(83,530)	50,565

22 AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

At the Board of Directors' Meeting held on 18 February 2020, the Board authorised these financial statements for issue and that two Directors of the Board, Mr Koh Beng Seng and Mr Leo Mun Wai, sign on behalf of the Board.