

#### **Press Release**

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE 2005 DRAFT ACCOUNTS

TOTAL PREMIUM INCOME: €3,335.1m (+1.8% over 2004)

NON-LIFE PREMIUM INCOME: €2,063.8m (-3.9%)

**LIFE PREMIUM INCOME: €1,271.2m (+12.5%)** 

NON-LIFE COMBINED RATIO: 93.7% (92.4% in 2004)

NET PROFIT: €174.1m (+19.8%)

PROPOSED DIVIDEND: €0.15 for each ordinary share with coupon to be

detached on 24 April 2006 and expected payment on 27 April 2006

The Board of Directors of **Aurora Assicurazioni S.p.A.** (Unipol Group), held today under the Chairmanship of Franco Migliorini, approved the draft accounts for the 2005 financial year and the Board report.

Net profit for the financial year was €174.1m (€145.3m as at 31.12.2004, an increase of 19.8%).

2005 premium income totalled €3,335.1m (+1.8% compared to €3,277.2m in the previous year), distributed as follows:

- o Non-Life premium income was €2,063.8m (-3.9% over 2004)
- Life premium income was €1,271.2m (+12.5% over 2004)

Amounts paid for claims, surrendered policies, matured policies and annuities, including claims handling expenses, totalled €2,209.9m (€2,071.4m as at 31.12.2004), an increase of 6.7%.

Technical provisions, net of reinsurers' share, were €10,154.8m (€9,356.0m as at 31.12.2004), an increase of €798.7m (+8.5%); reserving ratio (net technical provisions on retained premiums) rose to 320% in 2005 from 310% in 2004; in Non-Life business the ratio was 201% (unchanged over 2004), whereas in Life business it was 501% compared with 504% in 2004.

Result of the technical account, which includes allocated investment returns, was overall positive for €198.4m (€220.9m as at 31.12.2004); in Non-Life business the

figure was €192.4m (€204.2m in 2004) and in Life business it was €6.0m (€16.7m in 2004).

Investment and liquid assets totalled €10,632.3m (€9,790.2m as at 31.12.2004), an increase of €842m, or 8.6%.

Ordinary and extraordinary property and financial income, net of charges and including value adjustments, were €425.0m (€372.4m as at 31.12.2004).

The first months of the 2006 financial year showed a trend in core business in line with the results achieved in 2005.

Also for 2006 Aurora confirmed the strategic guidelines as defined in its development plan, focussing on:

- improvement in internal organization and operating management of the Company;
- strong development of the Company's innovative ability, especially referring to products and services;
- considerable increase in distribution effectiveness and efficacy;
- laying down and validating common values to create and consolidate a stronger sense of corporate citizenship among all the associates (employees, managers, agents and their union organizations).

The Board of Directors of Aurora Assicurazioni S.p.A. will also propose to the forthcoming Shareholders' Meeting the distribution of a total dividend of €137,970,434.85, corresponding to a dividend of €0.15 for each ordinary share having nominal value of €0.27, with coupon to be detached on 24 April 2006 and payment as from 27 April 2006.

The ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of Aurora Assicurazioni S.p.A. has been convened for 11:00 a.m. on 20 April 2006 in first call and, if necessary, for the same time on 21 April 2006 in second call.

Annexed are the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement.

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### Aurora Assicurazioni SpA

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (€K)	31/12/2005	31/12/2004
Written premiums	3,333,432	3,275,797
Change in provisions for unearned premiums (Non-Life business)	14,547	-10,731
Change in math. provisions (Life business)	-638,254	-548,026
Operating expenses (acquisition and administrative)	-548,291	-560,763
Paid claims (Non-Life), sums paid and changes in sums to be paid (Life)	-2,306,115	-2,280,788
Paid claims of previous financial years (Non-Life)	62,167	67,315
Other technical items	-7,320	-7,095
Balance on the technical account	-89,834	-64,291
Net income on investments (direct business)	312,875	306,894
Balance on technical direct business	223,041	242,603
Change in other math. provisions (equalization - Non-Life)	-461	-410
Balance on reinsurance	-24,385	-21,451
Net income on investments (indirect business)	162	145
Balance on operating activities	198,357	220,887
Other net investment income	15,767	29,046
Other net ordinary income (charges)	-18,243	-25,225
Net extraordinary income (charges)	91,059	27,511
Profit before taxation	286,940	252,220
Tax on profit for the financial year and deferred taxation	-112,797	-106,903
NET PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	174,143	145,317

## Aurora Assicurazioni SpA

BALANCE SHEET (€K)	31/12/2005	31/12/2004
<u>Assets</u>		
Intangible assets	328,035	349,955
Investments	8,782,466	8,422,149
- Land and buildings	37,730	174,567
- Shares and participating interests (including group undertakings)	1,058,804	497,452
- Units and shares in investment funds	20,463	24,776
- Debt securities and other fixed-income securities	6,882,755	6,891,599
- Loans	30,192	28,754
- Sundry financial investments	751,992	803,352
- Deposits with ceding undertakings	530	1,649
Investments for the benefit of Life assurance policyholders who bear the		
investment risk thereof and arising out of pension funds management	672,128	626,658
Technical provisions - reinsurers' share	446,536	525,182
- Non-Life business - technical provisions	328,307	372,715
- Life business - technical provisions	118,230	152,467
Debtors	615,959	676,042
Other assets	1,264,293	799,741
Prepayments and accrued income	76,983	66,225
TOTAL ASSETS	12,186,400	11,465,952
Liabilities		
Capital and reserves	1,093,286	1,056,193
- Subscribed share capital	248,347	248,347
- Reserves	670,795	662,529
- Profit (loss) for the financial year	174,143	145,317
Technical provisions	9,929,167	9,254,589
- Non-Life business - technical provisions	4,177,447	4,126,423
- Life business - technical provisions	5,751,720	5,128,166
Technical provisions where the investment risk is borne by policyholders and	672 420	626 646
provisions arising out of pension funds management	672,128 58,956	626,616 29,637
Provisions for other risks and charges Deposits received from reinsurers	147,047	29,63 <i>1</i> 191,185
Creditors	•	•
Other liabilities	167,064	190,719
	117,511	114,137
Accruals and deferred income	1,242	2,876
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,186,400	11,465,952

#### Aurora Assicurazioni SpA

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Write-downs on investments and write-ups		21,516
Net increase in technical provisions	20 310	748,831
Increase in provisions for risks and charges	23,313	7,457
Decrease in receivables and other assets, including write-downs	38,130	464,453
Decrease in payables and other liabilities	-20,281	-393,091
Change in prepayments and accrued income	-10,758	25,415
Change in accruals and deferred income	-1,634	2,778
Cash inflow from operating activities	1,112,996	1,068,961
Divestments and other cash inflow		
Sales of land and buildings	153,357	34.211
Sales of group undertakings	3,716	396
Other financial divestments:	-,	
- shares and participating interests	2,409,478	524,239
- units and shares in investment funds	19,176	3,320
- debt securities and other fixed-income securities	15,193,534	14,250,144
- sundry financial investments	19,003,042	14,860,901
- loans	9,253	7,798
Tangible assets and stocks (fixtures, fitting, equipment and motor vehicles)	443	204
Increase in deposits received from reinsurers	0	13,950
Deposits with ceding undertakings	1,119	396
TOTAL CASH FLOW	37,906,114	30,764,519
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CASH INFLOWS WERE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:	0.040	40.404
Investments in land and buildings	3,348 542,572	10,134
Investments in group undertakings	542,572	22,097
Other financial investments:	0.404.440	000 044
- shares and participating interests	2,481,118	632,614
- units and shares in investment funds	14,862	12,898
- debt securities and other fixed-income securities	15,227,345	13,786,705
- loans	10,691	10,191
- sundry financial investments	18,951,689	15,470,375
- Class D investments	45,470	109,686
Tangible assets and stocks (fixtures, fitting, equipment and motor vehicles)	11,466	3,806
Decrease in deposits received from reinsurers	44,138	0
Dividends paid  TOTAL CASH FLOW INVESTED	137,051 <b>37,469,750</b>	125,742 <b>30,184,249</b>
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND AS AT 1 JANUARY	-741,374	-161,104
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND AS AT 31 DECEMBER  INCREASE IN CASH FLOW	1,177,738 <b>436,364</b>	741,374 <b>580,270</b>
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TOTAL CASH FLOW	37,906,114	30,764,519