

# PACIFIC CENTURY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED (盈 科 保 險 集 團 有 限 公 司)\*

(An investment holding company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 65)

## UNAUDITED QUARTERLY RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

- For the three months ended 30 September 2006, individual annualised first year premium ("AFYP") increased 46.1% to HK\$153.3 million, contributed from insurance contracts of HK\$89.9 million, up 8.5%, and investment contracts of HK\$63.4 million, up 188.8% as compared with the same period last year.
- Single and first year premium increased 11.3% to HK\$82.7 million, renewal premium increased 9.4% to HK\$413.7 million and total premium increased 9.8% to HK\$496.4 million for the three months ended 30 September 2006 as compared with the same period last year.
- Key performance indicators continue to be strong.
- Unaudited consolidated profit was HK\$34.0 million (2005: HK\$19.1 million) and HK\$222.1 million (2005: HK\$8.0 million) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2006 respectively.

The board of directors (the "Board") of Pacific Century Insurance Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited quarterly consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2006 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2005, as restated in the announcement on 24 January 2006, as follows:

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	Note	30/9/2006	30/9/2005	30/9/2006	30/9/2005
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
CONTINUING OPERATIONS					
REVENUE					
Turnover	1	507,176	459,871	1,440,138	1,314,031
Investment income, net gains					
and other income		<u>183,414</u>	104,690	579,099	251,030
Total revenue and gains, net		690,590	564,561	2,019,237	1,565,061
Less: Reinsurance premiums		(30,795)	(37,294)	(96,496)	(105,672)
Net revenue		659,795	527,267	1,922,741	1,459,389

Note	Three months ended 30/9/2006 30/9/2005		30/9/2006	30/9/2005	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Policyholders' benefits under					
insurance contracts	(173,752)	(146,582)	(498, 162)	(422,107)	
Policyholders' benefits under					
investment contracts	(24,977)	(2,893)	(29,712)	(8,494)	
Agency commission and allowances	(111,724)	(101,227)	(328,754)	(258,855)	
Change in deferred acquisition costs	19,276	10,831	50,506	(17,272)	
Management expenses	(107,706)	(78,757)	(308,015)	(226,086)	
Increase in future insurance					
liabilities under insurance					
contracts	(210,484)	(174,430)	(537,567)	(471,361)	
Finance costs	_(11,030)	_(11,034)	(32,896)	(34,203)	
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PROFIT BEFORE TAX	39,398	23,175	238,141	21,011	
Tax	(5,832)	(4,400)	(17,120)	(13,616)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM					
CONTINUING OPERATIONS	33,566	18,775	221,021	7,395	
DISCONTINUED OPERATION					
Profit for the period from a					
discontinued operation	434	308	1,086	615	
discontinued operation					
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD					
ATTRIBUTABLE TO					
EQUITY HOLDERS	34,000	19,083	222,107	8,010	
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INTERIM DIVIDEND			24,348	8,213	

Λ	lote	30/9/2006	30/9/2005	30/9/2006	30/9/2005
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
EARNINGS PER SHARE					
ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY	[				
EQUITY HOLDERS					
Basic					
- For profit for the period		HK4.20cents	HK2.33cents	HK27.43cents	HK0.98cents
<ul> <li>For profit from continuing operations</li> </ul>		HK4.14cents	HK2.29cents	HK27.30cents	HK0.90cents
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Diluted					
- For profit for the period		HK4.14cents	HK2.29cents	HK27.02cents	HK0.96cents
- For profit from continuing					
operations		HK4.09cents	HK2.26cents	HK26.88cents	HK0.89cents

Three months ended

Nine months ended

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	<b>30/9/2006</b> (Unaudited) HK\$'000	<b>31/12/2005</b> (Audited) HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		57,161	219,649
Investment properties		14,811	15,028
Deferred acquisition costs		1,084,656	1,037,714
Financial assets		527,677	1,016,725
Pledged deposits		24,238	15,751
Total non-current assets		1,708,543	2,304,867
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deferred acquisition costs		289,743	286,179
Premiums receivable		62,865	88,468
Prepayments and other debtors		207,411	210,162
Financial assets		6,367,836	5,887,859
Reinsurance assets		1,962	1,954
Properties held for sale		175,531	_
Tax recoverable		_	1,009
Cash and cash equivalents		2,012,552	1,357,684
		9,117,900	7,833,315
Assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale		57,151	59,773
Total current assets		9,175,051	7,893,088
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payable to policyholders		(151,520)	(147,520)
Accrued expenses and other creditors		(265,479)	(262,497)
Tax payable		(25,083)	(8,988)
		(442,082)	(419,005)
Liabilities directly associated with the assets			
classified as held for sale		(17,904)	(21,610)
Total current liabilities		(459,986)	(440,615)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		8,715,065	7,452,473
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,423,608	9,757,340

	Note	<b>30/9/2006</b> (Unaudited) HK\$'000	<b>31/12/2005</b> (Audited) HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Derivative financial instruments		(15,774)	(3,313)
Interest-bearing loans		(783,726)	(768, 140)
Future insurance liabilities under investment contracts		(663,182)	(546,802)
Future insurance liabilities under insurance contracts		(5,604,180)	(5,050,881)
Policyholders' dividends and bonuses		(869,396)	(771,653)
Total non-current liabilities		(7,936,258)	(7,140,789)
NET ASSETS		2,487,350	2,616,551
EQUITY			
Issued capital		812,448	818,106
Reserves	2	1,674,902	1,765,721
Proposed dividends			32,724
TOTAL EQUITY		2,487,350	2,616,551

## 1. TURNOVER

Turnover represents gross premiums on insurance contracts, commissions received and receivable in respect of general insurance business conducted under agency agreements, and service fees from asset management.

An analysis of turnover is as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30/9/2006	30/9/2005	30/9/2006	30/9/2005
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover				
Life insurance contracts				
Single premium	4,640	5,074	23,099	16,563
First year premium	77,997	69,207	216,217	178,363
Renewal premium	413,723	378,020	1,176,389	1,096,401
Gross Premium	496,360	452,301	1,415,705	1,291,327
General insurance commissions under				
agency agreements	3,560	1,573	7,652	7,170
Asset management fees	3,597	4,197	10,898	12,540
Fees on investment contracts	3,659		5,883	2,994
Attributable to continuing operations				
reported in the consolidated income				
statement	<u>507,176</u>	<u>459,871</u>	1,440,138	1,314,031

## 2. RESERVES

	<b>30/9/2006</b> (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31/12/2005 (Audited) HK\$'000
Share premium account	16,329	14,462
Contributed surplus	152,178	152,178
Share option reserve	16,359	19,101
Hedging reserve	(17,681)	(937)
Available-for-sale financial assets revaluation reserve	(53,730)	187,510
Retained profits	1,561,447	1,393,407
	1,674,902	1,765,721

## **Business Review**

Unaudited consolidated profit was HK\$34.0 million (2005: HK\$19.1 million) and HK\$222.1 million (2005: HK\$8.0 million) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2006 respectively. The increase in profit was mainly due to higher investment income realised during the period. Unrealised loss reserve on available-for-sale financial assets was HK\$53.7 million as at 30 September 2006, as compared to HK\$102.2 million as at 30 June 2006 and an unrealised gain reserve of HK\$187.5 million as at 31 December 2005 respectively.

For the three months ended 30 September 2006, the Group has continued to maintain strong growth momentum and achieved 46.1% growth in individual AFYP to HK\$153.3 million. AFYP for insurance contracts increased 8.5% to HK\$89.9 million and AFYP for investment contracts increased 188.8% to HK\$63.4 million. Single and first year premiums increased 11.3% to HK\$82.7 million. Renewal premiums increased 9.4% to HK\$413.7 million. Total premiums increased 9.8% to HK\$496.4 million. Income from investment contracts was not reflected in premium income as a result of the current accounting standards.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2006, individual AFYP increased 58.0% to HK\$450.5 million. AFYP for insurance contracts increased 20.5% to HK\$247.7 million and AFYP for investment contracts increased 154.6% to HK\$202.8 million. Single and first year premiums increased 22.8% to HK\$239.3 million. Renewal premiums increased 7.3% to HK\$1,176.4 million. Total premiums increased 9.6% to HK\$1,415.7 million. Total operating expenses were HK\$1,114.1 million, 19.4% increase over 2005 arising from higher business volume. Expense ratio decreased to 111.3% as compared to 112.7% in 2005. LIMRA 13-month persistency rate was 88.7%, marginally lower than 88.8% in 2005. LIMRA 25-month persistency rate decreased to 77.8% from 79.2% in 2005. Renewal ratio remained at 100.5% as compared to 2005. Claim ratio was 88.3% as compared to 97.5% for 2005, which was better than our pricing assumption of 100%. Number of agents increased to 1,813 as compared to 1,696 at 31 December 2005. Average productivity as measured by AFYP per agent per month increased by 23.0% to HK\$28,900 as compared to the same period last year.

The Group has achieved solid growth together with strong key performance indicators, and is well-positioned to continue this momentum into the fourth quarter.

By order of the Board Cheng Wan Seung, Ella Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13 November 2006

\* For identification purpose only

The directors of the Company as at the date of this announcement are as follows:

Executive Directors:

Yuen Tin Fan, Francis; Chan Ping Kan, Raymond; So Wing Hung, Peter

Non-Executive Directors:

Peter Anthony Allen; Chung Cho Yee, Mico; Feng Xiaozeng; Zheng Changyong

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Prof. Chang Hsin Kang; Timothy George Freshwater; Wang Xianzhang; Prof. Wong Yue Chim, Richard

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