2015

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FIVE YEAR FIGURES

€ '000	**2015**	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
Gross premiums earned	**92,707**	89,901	93,544	91,773	88,407
Net premium earned	**84,277**	77,888	79,314	76,034	72,267
Net claims incurred	**30,915**	28,713	39,284	35,264	31,267
Investment portfolio*	**180,500**	156,662	142,179	135,536	137,227
Investment income	**2,371**	559	5,181	4,163	(1,522)
Balance sheet Total	**242,126**	209,657	197,478	204,783	205,272
Gross technical provisions	**95,338**	91,050	94,145	90,846	89,686
Net technical provisions	**88,091**	84,589	84,150	80,799	78,965
Claim ratio in %	**36.7%**	36.9%	49.5%	46.4%	43.3%
Shareholders information					
Equity	**111,693**	95,354	85,182	83,410	81,051
Result after tax	**16,274**	16,305	8,843	9,944	7,971

* Investment portfolio excludes cash received as collateral.

PROFILE

For more than 120 years, Nationale Borg has been a specialized issuer of bonds and guarantees. As a specialist in these products, the company has achieved a special position in a market that is dominated by banks. Nationale Borg is also a reinsurer of surety bond and credit insurance portfolios of other insurance companies.
Nationale Borg employs 78 people in four locations. At our Amsterdam head office, we underwrite guarantees and provide central services to our group companies. Nationale Borg has a branch office in Belgium (Antwerp) to provide guarantees to the Belgian market, and two active subsidiaries. Its subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance NV based in Willemstad (Curaçao), provides reinsurance capacity to bond and credit insurance companies. Another subsidiary is Nationale Waarborg BV, based in Nieuwegein, which is active in the field of home purchase bonds.
The company is supervised by De Nederlandsche Bank, the Dutch bank and insurance supervisor. Our subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance is supervised by the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Nationale Borg is an active member of ICISA, the International Credit Insurance and Surety Association, and of PASA, the Pan-American Surety Association, which unite surety and credit insurance providers from around the world. These memberships give us access to an international network of correspondent insurers. On 13 January 2016 Standard & Poor's reconfirmed the group's existing 'A-' rating representing financial strength, with developing outlook.

The shares of Nationale Borg are owned, through Nationale Borg Beheer, by Egeria and HAL Investments, two investors who have been the company's shareholders since 2007.
In August 2015 the current shareholders of Nationale Borg Beheer came to an agreement with AmTrust International Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of AmTrust Financial Services Inc. – established in New York with an international portfolio of specialized insurance companies – about the intended transfer of the company. The transaction is subject to approval of the Dutch regulator, which is expected within the forthcoming months. The Curaçao regulator gave its approval for the transaction on 17 December 2015.

BONDS AND GUARANTEES

We issue bonds and guarantees (direct business) on behalf of our clients to beneficiaries anywhere in the world. These guarantees enable our clients to meet their legal or contractual obligations. In the Netherlands and Belgium, Nationale Borg is one of the best known issuers of bonds and guarantees. We are a well-known brand, particularly in the transportation, construction and logistics sectors. We also hold a prominent position in the world of capital goods manufacturers, as well as in the import and export business and the food and beverage sector. Our most common guarantees are bid, performance, advance payment and maintenance bonds, together with customs bonds and EU subsidy guarantees. In addition, we are a specialist in the Dutch niche market of bonds for corporates that elect to self-insure disability payments to employees. Our commercial departments in Amsterdam and Antwerp service our customer base, which consists of business clients only, most of them in the Netherlands and Belgium.

GLOBAL REINSURANCE

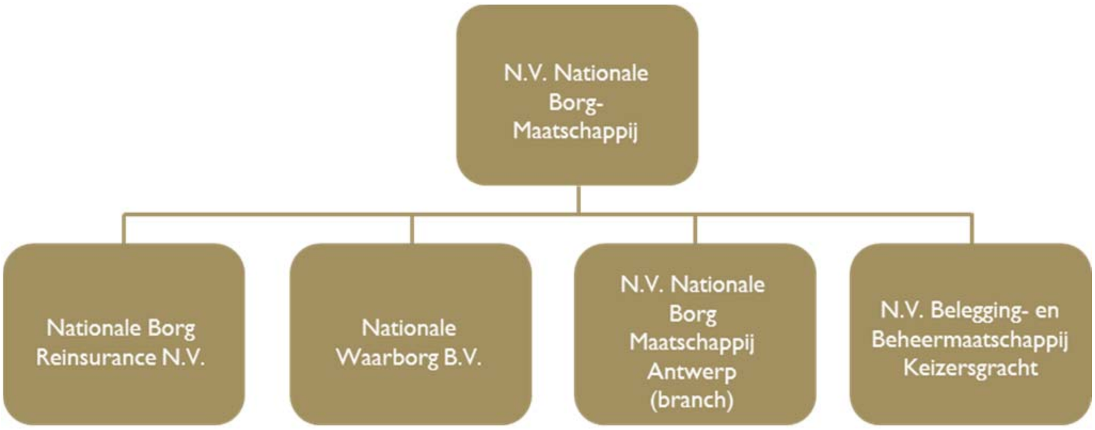
Nationale Borg Reinsurance is the reinsurance carrier within the Nationale Borg Group. The group has operated for 66 years as a specialized reinsurer of Surety, Credit Insurance and Political Risk Insurance. The company is based in Willemstad, Curaçao, and is supervised by the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten. Our reinsurance business is recognized within the industry as a trustworthy partner with a long-term commitment to its niche, with both treaty and facultative capacity. Nationale Borg Reinsurance has built its reputation in the specialist world of reinsurance through direct contact with its cedants, as well as through extensive relationships within the broker market. The company's active membership of several worldwide and regional associations, such as ICISA, the International Credit Insurance and Surety Association, PASA, the Pan-American Surety Association, SFAA, the Surety & Fidelity Association of America, Aman Union, the joined Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee and the Islamic Corporation (DHAMAN) for the Insurance Investment and Export credit (ICIEC) and SAC, the Surety Association of Canada, creates further access to its business partners.

HOME PURCHASE BONDS

Home purchase bonds are the only guarantees provided by Nationale Borg to private individuals. In the Netherlands, it is common for home buyers to provide these bonds when signing the purchase contract as a guarantee fine to encourage that they will actually pay the purchase price and take transfer of the home concerned.

Nationale Waarborg provides the commercial presence and sales & distribution channel for home purchase bonds on behalf of Nationale Borg. It acts as a service provider to intermediaries who sell home purchase bonds and it provides underwriting and claims handling services. Through Nationale Waarborg Nationale Borg Group has a leading position in this niche market.

GROUP STRUCTURE



Supervisory Board:
P.M. Walhof
A. Tukker
M.J.J. Wetzels
J.N. van Wiechen

Executive Board:
A.P.J.C. Kroon
H.C.J. Ettema
A. Nederlof

SUPERVISORY BOARD REPORT

The Supervisory Board advises the General Meeting to approve the annual financial statements of NV Nationale Borg-Maatschappij for the year 2015, dated 29 March 2016, as prepared by the Executive Board of the company. The annual report includes an unqualified auditors' opinion from KPMG Accountants NV. We advise the General Meeting to discharge the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board in accordance with the Bylaws of the company.

The Supervisory Board has held five meetings in 2015, covering all important subjects based on an annual schedule as well as on the actual issues relevant to the company. The Supervisory Board is informed on a monthly basis about financial results and key developments of the company. The Audit Committee has held three meetings during 2015, the Remuneration Committee met twice, and the Investment Committee convened once a month. In August 2015 Mr. Pieter Walhof joined the Supervisory Board as a second independent member. He was subsequently appointed as its chairman.

A major event during 2015 was the intended transfer of ownership of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij, to AmTrust International Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of AmTrust Financial Services Inc., for which a Share Purchase Agreement was signed on 4 August 2015. The Supervisory Board fully supports the intended change of ownership as an important step in the strategic positioning of the company.

The Supervisory Board has been closely involved in discussions relating to strategy for the three business lines - guarantees, reinsurance and home purchase bonds - including the target setting and budgeting process. On an ongoing basis, the Board also pays special attention to large bonding claim cases.

During 2015, the company continued its preparations to comply with the qualitative and quantitative requirements of Solvency II. The 2015 Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA, or ERB according to Dutch regulation) was submitted to the Dutch regulator in December 2015. Particular attention was given to the further development of the Compliance function, the Actuarial function and the Management Control Framework. The Supervisory Board is of the opinion that NV Nationale Borg-Maatschappij was ready for the implementation of Solvency II as per 1 January 2016.

With respect to the distribution of the result and retained earnings, the Supervisory Board agrees with the proposal of the Executive Board to retain all earnings and add them to the company's equity.

Amsterdam, 29 March 2016

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

SIGNS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

During 2015, there were continued signs that indicated a further recovery from the crisis that had kept the economy in its grip since 2008. At the same time, however, there was unprecedented uncertainty and a very unstable political and economic climate. Once the euro crisis seemed under control, new economic issues emerged as the consequence of geopolitical developments and the world finds itself in a climate where minor events can cause big disruptions.

Despite all this uncertainty, the economy developed favourably in the Netherlands and Belgium as did the confidence of companies and consumers that the crisis is behind us. This was most visible in the way the housing market in the Netherlands recovered during 2015.

That is not to say that many businesses are no longer vulnerable as they cope with the consequences of the crisis while they do not yet experience the benefits of the recovery. Also, the low oil price poses problems to the segment of the business community that depends on higher oil prices to be viable in the longer term.

Nationale Borg Group is exposed to risks from countries all around the globe, but the majority of its risks are concentrated in Europe and within Europe, the focus is on The Netherlands and Belgium. Within our reinsurance portfolio credit insurance and surety risks are equally represented. Our direct insurance activity focuses entirely on surety.

Credit insurers continue to face declining rates and softening conditions, but so far most are able to keep losses at an acceptable level. Surety providers continued to show good results in 2015, although many markets anticipate a decline in bonded projects as government budgets become tighter. Combined with an ample supply of reinsurance capacity, this has resulted in continued very soft reinsurance market conditions, where commission rates are high and where loss ratios show an increase from the very low levels we saw over the past years.

On the Dutch and Belgian surety side, our concern over the course of the crisis was the continued decline in order books of construction companies when their options to implement counter measures, such as reducing the cost base, were virtually depleted. This problem was compounded by low or negative margins on new projects, fierce competition and restrictive lending. In this context, we managed our exposures within the narrow boundaries provided by the product characteristics, whilst maintaining both risk and costs at acceptable levels. However, order books are beginning to fill again and performance is improving. We are cautiously optimistic about the prospects for the construction industry. Instead, our concern is shifting to the offshore and energy related industries.

At Nationale Borg we have always focused on Risk Management and the past year was no exception. During 2015, we slowly began deploy commercial opportunities, although we remain cautious in our underwriting. The decline in our exposure slowed considerably during 2015 and we once again see potential for growth in our traditional markets The sale of WGA/WIA bonds that cover disability payment obligations of our clients is another evolving opportunity.

Our prudent approach to risk did pay off during the year and the results from our surety activity, which were excellent, were boosted even further by a substantial large recovery on a very large loss we incurred in 2012. The result from reinsurance was satisfactory and in home purchase bonds, we had an excellent year. The performance of our investment portfolio contributed only marginally to the year's result.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

WELL POSITIONED IN BONDS AND GUARANTEES

In the strategy we laid out at the end of the last decade, we anticipated growth opportunities for our surety business within a tightly controlled risk environment and we had since built the organization needed to pursue this strategy. As the crisis forced us to tighten our Risk Management policy, it became clear that we had to prepare for a longer period of declining guarantee and premium volumes.
In 2012, we introduced a new IT system for guarantees that boosted efficiency and later that year, we scaled down our organization to a sustainable cost level. In 2013, we introduced a complete overhaul of our client interface, BorgOnline, and we grouped the staff in our Guarantee activity into teams that service various industries. The Belgium team services the market from its location in Antwerp, while the Dutch market is serviced from Amsterdam by three teams that work along product lines rather than geographical lines. This has helped us to further improve the expertise of our organization in a more effective way. The three teams focus on customs and excise related business; business from the construction sector; and on business from the capital goods, energy and other sectors, respectively. Although our risk appetite remains prudent, we are once again looking to grow our market share and to expand the relationships with our client base.
We are well prepared for the increasingly competitive environment.

STABLE POSITION IN REINSURANCE

In the reinsurance activity the organisation structure has not changed. With a growing team spread around the globe, but centrally managed from Willemstad (Curaçao), all cedants are visited at least on an annual basis. Meanwhile, we are present at many industry events and meetings, in order to develop a good understanding of the various markets. Each underwriting decision is taken by the Executive Board of Nationale Borg Reinsurance on Curaçao on the basis of a recommendation from the underwriters.
During 2015, we saw a higher premium volume in the reinsurance activity, mostly as a consequence of exchange rate fluctuations, and a satisfactory underwriting result in the absence of large individual losses. The results of all past underwriting years matured further in 2015 and most underwriting years from 2009 onwards contributed positively to the result. We experience a very stable position in our reinsurance market which we expect to be able to grow gradually.

STRONG GROWTH FOR NATIONALE WAARBORG

The number of transactions in the Dutch housing market continued its growth during 2015. On the back of this positive market sentiment the number of guaranteed issued by Nationale Waarborg increased 32% compared to 2014. Nationale Waarborg implemented a new processing system to optimize front-end processes and operational efficiency. A very low incidence of new claims, combined with continued emphasis on the recovery of older losses resulted in a record low claim ratio and a very good year for Nationale Waarborg.

PREMIUM DEVELOPMENT

Total premiums earned increased by 3.1% in 2015. In guarantees, however, premiums earned decreased by 3.9%, mainly due to lower exposure levels and rate pressure from increased competition. Although the exposure of € 3.0 billion (bonds and guarantees) as per year-end was somewhat inflated by the presence of short term tender bonds, we are beginning to see an upswing in exposures. In reinsurance, we continue to see increased exposure levels on new treaties we have written over the last years, but as said, the increase of 5.7% in premium earned was mainly caused by exchange rate fluctuations.

INSURANCE RESULT

The overall portfolio showed an excellent performance. The net loss ratio in the guarantee activity reached minus 11.3% (2014: 10.2%), while in reinsurance, the overall loss ratio came in at 42.9% (2014: 42.0%). Both ratios are well within our long term objective.
We are very satisfied with the result achieved. It demonstrates that our prudent underwriting approach is paying off, while we position ourselves for renewed exposure growth. During this year our staff once again demonstrated their commitment to high quality service for our clients and to a focus on a solid balance between risk and return. We thank all our employees for their continued commitment.

INVESTMENT RESULT

(amounts x € 1,000)
The composition of our investment portfolio was changed in 2015 compared to the 2014 balance sheet date. In 2015 both the high dividend yield equities and the government bonds portfolio were sold. The proceeds are held in cash The total return on investments, including value adjustments through equity amounted to € 2,434 (2014: € 1,503).
The income from dividends (2015: € 538, 2014: € 700) and rental income from property (2015: €35, 2014: € 269) showed a decrease compared to 2014 figures due to a lower nominal investment base. In 2015 the reduction in rental income is explained by the fact that no fictitious rental income for our office building was recorded. The interest income decreased because of lower interest rates and the sale of the government bonds (2014: € 260, 2014: € 892). The realized and unrealized gains and losses (including value adjustments through equity) increased by €2,222 (2015: € 2,103, 2014: € (119)).
For more information regarding Risk Management relating to financial instruments, we refer to the Risk Management paragraph in the notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The assets held against the technical provisions and equity attributable to the shareholders include investments like equity.
The market risk associated with investments includes interest rate risk, currency risk, concentration risk, asset liability management risk and equity risk. It also includes counterparty risk and liquidity risk. With respect to market risk we have a moderately risky investment policy.
Market risk is centrally managed by Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. Control measures, which are part of Nationale Borg's Investment Policy are designed to fit group's need, which is dependent on the scale and volatility of the specific risk.
Market risk is considered to be the risk of economic losses triggered by changes in currency rates, interest rates, equity price changes and counterparty defaults or downgrades.
In addition to the above mentioned Market risks Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is exposed to liquidity risk. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij must at all times be able to fund items such as claims, reinsurance flows and operational cost. Premiums, fees, investment income, incoming reinsurance flows and recoveries in general are the main source to service the daily needs for ongoing liquidity. By taking various economical and market

circumstances into consideration, the company ensures that it has a sufficient buffer of cash on call to provide itself the necessary liquidity if there were to be an unanticipated large outflow of cash as the result of claims. Investments equities are made only in very liquid categories that can be marketed overnight, as such providing sufficient payment capacity to meet the demand for liquidity within the time frames specified for our business.

CASH FLOW AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Nationale Borg has no debt outstanding and had no funding requirements in 2015. In our Risk Management framework we also take into account liquidity management in order to ensure that we are always able to meet the payment obligations arising from claims in our insurance business. For more information regarding our liquidity Risk Management we refer to the Risk Management paragraph in the notes to the financial statements.

ENVIRONMENT

Nationale Borg has a sustainability policy in place. According to this policy we monitor our consumption of water, electricity, paper and other materials closely. Given the nature of our business the environmental impact of our consumption is limited.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS

The composition of the Executive Board changed compared to 2014 (2015: 100% male versus 2014: 33% female and 67% male). In 2015 Mr. Harmen Ettema succeeded Ms. Laura Pool as director. The composition of the Supervisory Board also changed in 2015 (2015 and 2014 100% male). In 2015 Mr. Pieter Walhof joined the Supervisory Board as its chairman. There were no vacancies. The preference for a balanced gender composition will be taken into consideration when a new vacancy becomes available.

PERSONNEL

In 2015 78 (2014: 74) employees were employed by Nationale Borg. The average number of full time equivalent amounted to 65.7 (2014: 66.4). Most employees within Nationale Borg are on the payroll of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. For these employees the collective labor agreement (in Dutch 'Collectieve Arbeids-Overeenkomst', CAO) for insurance companies is applicable. In December 2014 a new CAO was agreed for the period 1 January 2015 until 30 June 2016. At year-end 2015 there were no vacancies.

SOLVENCY II

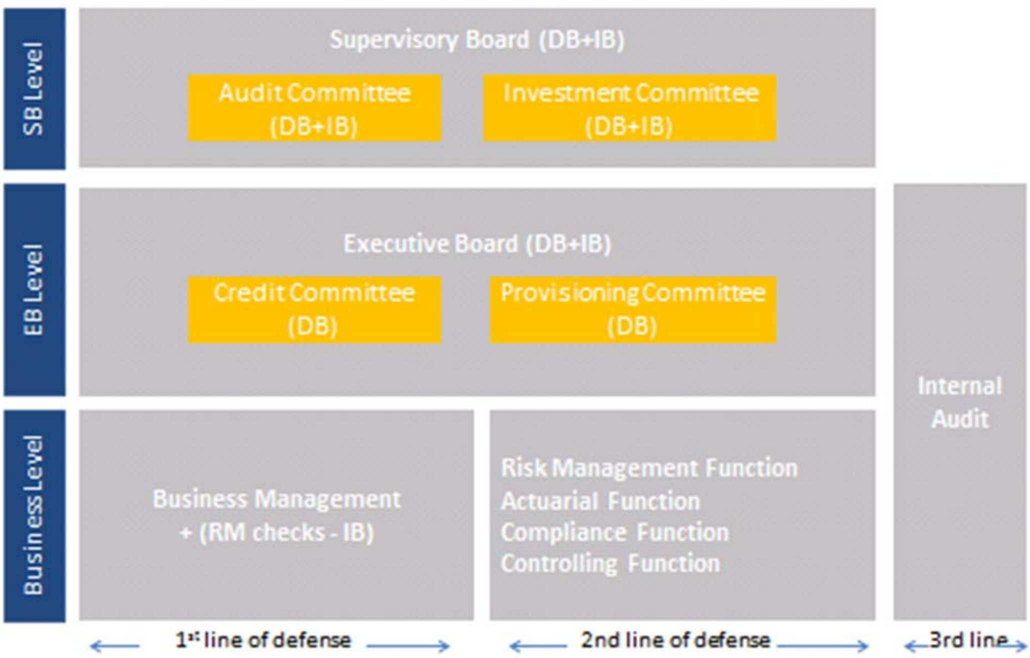
Solvency II is the new regulatory framework for insurance companies operating in the European Union. It became effective on 1 January 2016. Solvency II is a risk-based approach to capital, rather than the volume-based approach of the Solvency I regime. Insurers must therefore hold more capital for underwriting, investment and operational risk. In 2015, all Dutch insurance companies were required to submit Solvency II reports to the Dutch Central Bank, at reporting dates 31 December 2014, 30 June 2015 and 30 September 2015. All required reports were submitted by Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. The report of 31 December 2015 will be submitted in 2016. The company is well on track in implementing the new solvency and reporting standards and it is confident that it meets these standards as per 1 January 2016.

RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK GOVERNANCE

THREE LINES OF DEFENSE

As an insurance company, Nationale Borg can only operate by taking calculated risks and by managing them carefully. To ensure risk-taking is properly embedded, Nationale Borg has Risk Management integrated in its strategic, business planning processes and in its daily business activities. Nationale Borg's Risk Management framework is based on the 'three lines of defense' governance model, whereby ownership for risk is taken at three levels in the organization. This governance framework ensures that risk is managed in line with the risk appetite as defined by the Executive Board. Business Management (the commercial departments) forms the first line of defense. They have primary responsibility for day-to-day Risk Management and ensure that the business is managed within the agreed risk appetite. Virtually all employees in the non-support functions for direct business and home purchase bonds are involved in issuing guarantees and setting up facilities and as such directly related to the risks we take. Therefore we regard Risk Management as an integral part of our business processes/decisions. The Risk Management function is part of the second line of defense. Risk Management is headed by the CFO/CRO. The CRO manages the functional, independent risk function which supports the commercial departments in their decision making, but which also has sufficient countervailing power to prevent risk concentrations and other forms of excessive risks. Internal Audit forms the third line of defense, providing independent and objective assurance on the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Risk Management function and risk governance framework (design and implementation; e.g. the embedding in the first line).



DB= direct business *IB=indirect business*

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

For Risk Management purposes the Supervisory Board is assisted by two sub-committees:

- The **Audit Committee** assists the Supervisory Board in supervising and advising the Executive Board with respect to the structure and operation of internal Risk Management and control systems, as well as compliance with legislation and regulations applicable to Nationale Borg and its subsidiaries.
- The **Investment Committee** assists the Supervisory Board in supervising and advising the Executive Board with respect to the investment strategy, including approving large transactions in the investment portfolio that impact the risk profile.

The Executive Board is supported by two committees with regard to Risk Management:

1. The **Credit Committee**. The primary responsibility of the committee is to approve reviews and proposals for the direct business for exposures in excess of € 10 million. The committee includes the CEO and CFO/CRO. They decide on the basis of a pre-advise by Risk management and the Commercial department.

- The **Provisioning Committee.** The primary responsibility of the committee is to (re)assess the adequacy of provisions and set new provisions for the Direct Business. This committee also reviews provisions for large claim cases. The committee comprises of the CEO, CRO/CFO, Head of Finance & Reporting and Head of Risk Management & Compliance.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTION

The CRO has the overall responsibility for the Risk Management function. Day to day second line Risk Management activities are assigned to risk managers. The Risk Management function reports to the Executive Board. When escalation is deemed necessary, the rule of the whistle blower policy shall be applicable. In addition, the Risk Management function can ultimately bypass normal reporting lines and report directly to the chairman of the Audit Committee

RISK POLICIES

The Risk Management policy covers all risk categories, financial and non-financial risks, hence also the risks to be included in the calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement, as well as the risks that are not or not fully included in the calculation thereof. These risks are:

a) Non-life Underwriting risk/ Insurance risk;
b) Market risk;
c) Operational risk;
d) Strategic risk;
e) Other risks (market risk, operational risk, strategic risk, environmental risk, outsourcing risk, IT-risk, integrity risk and legal risk).

This Risk Management Policy and our underwriting guidelines for guarantees have been posted on our intranet and as such are available to all employees.

It is important to stress that most of our underwriting guidelines are integrated in our IT system to ensure that only applications that fit within the existing guidelines or within specific arrangements at a client level can be authorized. Any deviations from these standards need escalation to receive approval as an exception.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Besides the Risk Management Policy, there are written policies for Capital Management and ORSA. Furthermore for all key functions (Risk Management, Actuarial, Compliance, Internal Audit) a written policy is prepared that addresses the object, scope, role and responsibility of the function

This paragraph contains a more details description of the non-life underwriting risk / insurance risk. The other risk areas are descripted in the Risk Management paragraph in the notes to the financial statements.

Non-life Underwriting risk / insurance risk- Guarantee business

New business is usually acquired without intermediaries, therefore our Relationship Managers are the first to look at new clients. In order to be able to form a solid judgment, we only employ Relationship Managers with sufficient financial analytical skills. We only pursue cases which fit our criteria sufficiently.

All underwriting decisions – both concerning the underwriting of new risks as well as the continuation of existing facilities (credit reviews) – are made in accordance with an authorization matrix that determines who should be involved in the decision. This is based on size and type of the risk. All files in excess of the €10 million limit (on ultimate parent level) are discussed in the Credit Committee. Meetings of the Credit Committee are attended by the managers of the Risk Management and the Commercial department. This is also the case for files subject to the "escalation procedure" where the Committee is requested to give the final decision on a case in the event of an opposing view between the Commercial and Risk Management departments or in excess of chosen limits.

The Commercial department submits a credit proposal with recommendations, which is reviewed by Risk Management. Under normal circumstances, each client group is reviewed at least once a year; the frequency may be set at shorter intervals however if Risk Management deems this necessary.

The use of a pricing tool, which includes aspects such as the expected default probability (PD), probable mean loss in the event of claim (PML), cost of capital and organizational costs in general; is a required part of each assessment. These factors combined together ensure adequate pricing. The model effectively provides the tool to steer the portfolio towards a suitable risk-reward region, subject to overall risk constraints (sector, product type, etc.).

Part of the input of the pricing model is the RCS (Risk Classification System) score we determine for each client. The RCS Code is derived from Finan, a software program that processes a company's financials and assigns a rating based on ratios. We keep close track of changes in the composition of ratings that prevail in our client portfolio as an indicator of changes in the portfolio.

Furthermore we monitor the Economic Value Added (EVA) for each risk individually and for the portfolio as a whole.

Non-life Underwriting risk/ Insurance risk- Reinsurance business

Nationale Borg Reinsurance underwrites risks similar to the ones it takes in the Surety business within the group as well as risk from Credit insurance and Political risk cover. The specific competences accumulated in the fields of guarantees are applied to evaluate the underwriting performance of cedants of this business.

Reinsurance conditions set by us, as a treaty leader, or presented to us, as a following market participant, should meet the overall guidelines set by the Executive Board, and approved by the Supervisory Board as well as senior management of the shareholder Nationale Borg-Maatschappij.

Each underwriting decision is taken by the Executive Board on the basis of a recommendation from the underwriting team.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Nationale Borg Reinsurance has set up a framework based on which the operational and financial performance of prospective reinsurance clients are monitored. Regular visits are made to assess the cedant and its business. The opportunities are assessed by a team of underwriters. All underwriting decisions are subject to approval by the Executive Board of Nationale Borg Reinsurance.
By nature of the activity, the spread of risk is very high. Not only does Nationale Borg Reinsurance participate for a small share in all underlying risks in the cedants' portfolios, but also the geographic spread of the cedants and contracts provides additional diversification.
Contracts can be clustered into proportional treaty, excess of loss and facultative contracts. In proportional treaty business Nationale Borg Reinsurance participates for a certain fixed percentage in all business risks underwritten by the cedant within the limits and conditions of the treaty. In excess of loss contracts Nationale Borg Reinsurance provides a fixed cover of losses in excess of a hurdle amount up to a contract limit. Depending on contract conditions the cover can have one or more reinstatements.
Underwriting of treaty and excess of loss business is based on the evaluation of the ceding company.

Facultative contracts provide coverage for a fixed share of a named risk. Generally, such coverage is provided for a limited number of risks in case a cedant has exhausted its treaty capacity. Underwriting of facultative business is based on the individual merits of the underlying risk.

PRODUCT APPROVAL

In our niche market, product development is not a daily routine since we experience a stable product portfolio. All acceptable types of guarantees are included in our product model and any changes to or additions need the specific approval of the Head of Risk Management, Manager Operations and the IT Manager. In case of a new product, or a major change to an existing product, a commercial business case and a recommendation of Risk Management must be submitted to the Credit Committee in case of a guarantee product or to the Executive Board in case of any other product for final approval.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES

On 15 December 2010, the 'Verbond van Verzekeraars', the Dutch Association of Insurance Companies, introduced its Governance Principles. The Code applies to all insurance companies with a license to operate in the Netherlands as from 1 January 2011. Because Nationale Borg is a Dutch insurance group, its financial statements are prepared on the basis of title 9, book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Therefore, the "Code Verzekeraars" is also applicable to Nationale Borg.
Entities subject to application of the Code, must state in their annual report whether the Code is adhered to and where that is not the case, an explanation must be provided as to why there has been a deviation from it. As from 1 January 2015 it is no longer required by law to provide this explanation.
Although it is assumed is that in principle the Code is applied by each insurer, its application depends on the activities and other specific characteristics of the insurer and the group to which it belongs. It is important that the insurer's conduct follows the intentions of the Code, where substance is more important than form.
The application of the Code within Nationale Borg is described below.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

SUPERVISORY BOARD

COMPOSITION AND EXPERTISE

Nationale Borg has a Supervisory Board consisting of four members with a broad and diverse background (e.g. actuarial, legal, construction, general management). The members do not only bring financial and industry expertise and experience to the Board, but a broad social and commercial knowledge and network as well.

- The remuneration of the members of the Board is set by the general meeting of shareholders. This remuneration does not depend on the result of Nationale Borg or any of its subsidiaries. The remuneration of the Board members is on the agenda of the annual meeting of shareholders every second year;
- In accordance with the Code, Board members are encouraged to keep their expertise up to standards and to broaden it where necessary. To add to their general financial knowhow and their general knowledge and experience, supervisory Board members are frequently presented with detailed information that allows them to learn more in-depth about the risk aspects that are specific to Nationale Borg. Wherever necessary, Board members take educational courses and hire external expertise;
- Every year the Supervisory Board evaluates its own performance and the relationship between the Supervisory Board and Executive Board and it assesses the need for actions required for improvements. So far, the Supervisory Board has felt this internal evaluation to be adequate and there has not been any reason to involve outside expertise.

TASKS AND PROCEDURES

- The Supervisory Board regulations and those of its committee are in agreement with the Code .
- The Supervisory Board is supported by the Audit Committee. The committee prepares Board decisions in the field of auditing and financial reporting. Decision making and assessments take place in the Board itself;
- The Supervisory Board is supported by the Remuneration Committee. The committee prepares Board decisions with respect to remuneration of board members, key personnel (individual level) and personnel (general level);
- The Supervisory Board receives the monthly reporting package which contains several analyses of the composition of the risks undertaken by the company including the claims data. During the Board meetings the contents of the report is discussed. Risk Management is an agenda item at each meeting;
- The Supervisory Board has signed a moral and ethical statement.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

COMPOSITION AND EXPERTISE

- The Executive Board of Nationale Borg and the Boards of its subsidiaries consist of members with a broad and diverse background, experience and knowledge. An Executive Board of three members covers all important areas of expertise;
- Executive Board members are encouraged to keep their expertise up to standards and to broaden it where necessary. Wherever necessary, Board members can take educational courses and hire external expertise. In the annual performance evaluation of the Board members, the effectiveness of the Board and of each individual member is assessed with the purpose to determine the need for actions to improve the members' expertise;

- Preparation for decisions regarding Risk Management is the task of the CFO/CRO, who is supported by the Risk Management department. The CFO/CRO is closely involved in the preparation of decisions that have a material impact on the risk profile of Nationale Borg. The CFO/CRO operates independent of the commercial tasks and responsibilities.

TASKS AND PROCEDURES

- The principles in the Code regard corporate culture and form an integral part of the culture of Nationale Borg. As such, the principles have been included in the Compliance Manual, which serves as a guideline to weigh the interests of all stakeholders in the company;
- Putting the client's interest first is a principle that Nationale Borg includes in its approval process in an indirect way. Overextension of credit lines and excessive conditions are not an issue because of the product sold by Nationale Borg and because the way clients are facilitated. In addition, Nationale Borg continuously works on ways to serve its clients better and more efficiently and effectively. This is a continuous process in which new initiatives are taken and process changes already initiated are further improved and optimized;
- The Executive Board and senior management of Nationale Borg have signed a moral and ethical statement. The principles included in this statement apply to all employees of Nationale Borg and serve as the guiding principles for their behaviour on the basis of the applicable Compliance Manual. The contract of each new employee refers to the Compliance Manual of Nationale Borg which includes a Code of conduct and which states that this Code should be adhered to. The manual is accessible for each employee through the company's intranet.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- Risk management in Nationale Borg is set up in accordance with the principles of the Code. Tasks and responsibilities of each of the relevant bodies and functions (Commerce, Risk Management, Executive Board) are covered in the Risk Manual, internal policies and the individual responsibility of line managers. The Risk Manual is accessible to all employees through intranet and they are assumed to have an active knowledge of its content. In more general terms, our risk appetite is set periodically by the Executive Board in consultation with the Supervisory Board;
- In 2014 a Provisioning Committee has been established. The primary responsibility of the committee is to (re)assess the adequacy of provisions and set new provisions for the direct business. This committee also reviews provisions for large claim cases. The committee comprises of the CEO, CRO/CFO, Head of Finance & Reporting and Head of Risk Management & Compliance;
- The Investment Committee assists the Supervisory Board in supervising and advising the Executive Board with respect to the investment strategy, including approving large transactions in the investment portfolio that impact the risk profile. The Investment Committee consists of two members of the Supervisory Board, the CEO and the CFO/CRO;
- The process of approval of new products (which in the case of Nationale Borg is a process that mostly runs parallel to the request for a guarantee facility) is in accordance with the Code.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Nationale Borg has set up an independent Internal Audit function that reports to the Executive Board of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and its Audit Committee. Taking into account the size of Nationale Borg, its mandate, structure and governance are in line with the principles of the Code and its scope covers all activities. The Internal Audit function reports on a regular basis about its findings and audits to the Executive Board of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and its Audit Committee.
To the extent that it is necessary, the internal audit function is in contact with the external auditors and when necessary it will take the initiative for contact between the external auditors and the supervisor of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij, the Dutch Central Bank.

REMUNERATION POLICY

- Nationale Borg's remuneration policy for its Executive Board and senior management meets the principles of the Code;
- Governance with respect to remuneration of the Board of supervisors is included in the Supervisory Board regulations in line with the principles of the Code;
- The Supervisory Board is responsible for the implementation and evaluation of the remuneration policy adopted with regard to the members of the Executive Board, it approves the remuneration policy for senior management and it oversees its implementation by the Executive Board. Additionally, the Supervisory Board approves the principles of the remuneration for other employees of Nationale Borg;
- The Supervisory Board annually discusses the highest variable income items and it ensures that the Executive Board assesses whether variable incomes are consistent with the remuneration policy adopted by Nationale Borg.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

OUTLOOK 2016

There are very mixed signals about the economy and the geopolitical and economic environment offers little reason to feel secure that the economic recovery will continue. We depend to a large extent on the economic circumstances in the outside world, as these impact the risks to which our clients are exposed. While our clients and the clients of our cedants were for many years exposed to a harsh economic climate that eroded their resilience, they have begun to recover during the past year. Nonetheless, we will continue to monitor our risks closely through adequate and timely risk reviews and by taking appropriate measures to mitigate them. At the same time, we will start to expand our business once again, capitalizing on client relationships built on mutual trust and support and by looking for new business opportunities, some of which may result from our anticipated membership of AmTrust International Limited.

Whenever possible in a responsible manner, we will grow our presence in our two home markets for guarantees, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as in the international reinsurance market. We are open to sound new business opportunities and we will seize them as best we can.

We do not anticipate major changes in the number of staff we employ nor in the way we finance ourselves. Apart from regular investments to secure the quality of processes and IT systems, we do not foresee major investments in 2016.

Once again, in 2015, we have demonstrated that we provide a welcome service to our clients and cedants and that in doing so we can produce outstanding results. We feel confident that in our anticipated new setting we will be able to service our clients even better and that we can continue to serve all our stakeholders like we have in the past.

Amsterdam, 29 March 2016

A.P.J.C. Kroon
A. Nederlof
H.C.J. Ettema

2015

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATIONALE BORG

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Before appropriation of result

€ '000	*Note*		**31 December 2015**		**31 December 2014**
ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	*6*		**8,886**		8,292
Intangible assets	*7*		**3,233**		2,796
Financial assets	*8*		**31,965**		54,456
Reinsurance contracts	*9*		**19,561**		19,524
Trade and other receivables:	*10*				
• Accounts receivable on insurance and reinsurance business		**9,818**		10,150	
• Current income tax receivable		**2,389**			
• Other accounts receivables		**246**		116	
			12,453		10,266
Other assets:	*11*				
• Deferred acquisition costs		**6,059**		5,685	
• Miscellaneous assets and accruals		**1,081**		1,086	
			7,140		6,771
Cash and cash equivalents	*12*				
• Cash		**139,844**		94,204	
• Cash received as collateral		**19,044**		13,348	
			158,888		107,552
TOTAL ASSETS			**242,126**		209,657

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

€ '000	*Note*	**31 December 2015**		**31 December 2014**	
EQUITY					
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the company	*13*		**111,693**		95,354
LIABILITIES					
Technical provisions	*14*		**95,338**		91,050
Payables:	*15*				
• Accounts payable on insurance and reinsurance business		**19,041**		13,341	
• Trade and other payables		**6,583**		5,664	
			25,624		19,005
Other liabilities:	*16*				
• Deposits received from reinsurers		**0**		17	
• Profit commission payable		**1,452**		69	
• Miscellaneous liabilities and accruals		**2,768**		2,068	
			4,220		2,154
Deferred income tax liabilities	*17*	**3,421**		2,597	
Current income tax liabilities	*18*	**1,831**		(503)	
			5,252		2,094
TOTAL LIABILITIES			**130,434**		114,303
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABLITIES			**242,126**		209,657

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

€ '000	*Note*	**2015**	**2014**
Insurance premium revenue		**92,707**	89,901
Insurance premium ceded to reinsurers		**(8,430)**	(12,013)
NET PREMIUMS EARNED	*19*	**84,277**	77,888
Service income		**1,657**	1,302
Reinsurance commission received		**3,480**	3,849
Net income from investments	*20*	**2,371**	559
TOTAL INCOME AFTER REINSURANCE		**91,785**	83,598
Insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses		**1,674**	(27,546)
Insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses recovered from reinsurers		**(32,589)**	(1,167)
NET INSURANCE CLAIMS	*21*	**(30,915)**	(28,713)
Acquisition cost	*22*	**(29,853)**	(26,010)
Net operating expenses	*23*	**(11,334)**	(11,266)
Profit before tax		**19,683**	17,609
Income tax expenses	*24*	**(3,409)**	(1,304)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR FROM OPERATIONS		**16,274**	16,305
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the company		**16,274**	16,305
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations (euro)	*25*	**20.25**	20.29

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR

€ '000		**2015**	**2014**
Profit for the year from operations		**16,274**	16,305
Other comprehensive income:	*26*		
Net fair value gains/(losses) on available for sale financial investments		**(707)**	944
Net revaluation property for own use		**770**	923
Foreign exchange results on assets		–	–
Total other comprehensive income		**63**	1,867
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		**16,337**	18,172
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the company		**16,337**	18,172

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Attributable to the equity holders of the company:

€ '000	Subscribed capital	Capital reserve	Revaluation reserve	Currency Translation reserve	Revenue reserve	Profit for the year	Total
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2015	4,019	824	5,876	–	76,331	8,305	**95,354**
Result income statement	–	–	–	–	–	16,274	**16,274**
Other comprehensive income	–	–	63	–	–	–	**63**
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	63	–	–	16,274	**16,338**
Dividend distribution	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Appropriations to reserves	–	–	–	–	8,305	(8,305)	–
Other movements	–	–	(117)	–	117	–	–
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2015	**4,019**	**824**	**5,822**	–	**84,753**	**16,274**	**111,693**

€ '000	Subscribed capital	Capital reserve	Revaluation reserve	Currency Translation reserve	Revenue reserve	Profit for the year	Total
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2014	4,019	824	5,280	–	72,216	2,843	85,182
Result income statement	–	–	–	–	–	16,305	16,305
Other comprehensive income	–	–	1,867	–	–	–	1,867
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	1,867	–	–	16,305	18,172
Dividend distribution	–	–	–	–	–	(8,000)	(8,000)
Appropriations to reserves	–	–	–	–	2,843	(2,843)	–
Other movements	–	–	(1,272)	–	1,272	–	–
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2014	4,019	824	5,876	–	76,330	8,305	95,354

The other movements in 2014 and 2015 relate to the transfer of the revaluation surplus of our building to the revenue reserve.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR

€ '000	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	**19,683**	17,609
Adjustments for:		
• Realized capital (gains) in investments	**342**	680
• Realized capital (gains) and losses on property own use	**0**	(107)
• Unrealized capital (gains) and losses on investments	**2,259**	14
• Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	**790**	734
• Foreign exchange result	**(414)**	(638)
Changes in operational assets and liabilities:		
• Underwriting provisions (gross)	**4,288**	(3,095)
• Reinsurance assets (net)	**(37)**	4,230
• Deferred acquisition costs	**(374)**	(478)
• Accounts receivable and payable on insurance and reinsurance business	**6,032**	9,377
• Changes in other assets and liabilities	**3,091**	2,122
• Interest on financial instruments	**(705)**	(1,051)
Income taxes paid	**(2,165)**	(2,835)
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**32,790**	26,562
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Investments and acquisition (cash outflows):		
• Financial investments	**(27,177)**	(3,911)
• Property, plant and equipment and intangible fixed assets	**(1,052)**	(483)
Divestments, redemptions and disposals (cash inflows);		
• Financial investments	**46,774**	5,281
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES	**18,546**	887
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	**_**	(8,000)
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**_**	(8,000)
Foreign exchange results	**_**	_
CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**51,335**	19,449

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR

	2015	**2014**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the preceding year	**107,552**	88,103
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	**158,888**	107,552

	2015	**2014**
Cash at banks	**75,744**	40,954
Cash savings and deposit accounts	**64,100**	53,250
Cash received as collateral	**19,044**	13,348
Total cash and cash equivalents	**158,888**	107,552

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACTIVITIES OF NATIONALE BORG

Nationale Borg is an insurance company, active in bonds and guarantees in its domestic markets (the Netherlands and Belgium). These risks are partly reinsured in the international reinsurance market.
In addition, the company reinsures risks similar to the ones it underwrites in its domestic markets, as well as risk emanating from credit insurance and political risk. Reinsurance clients are mainly companies which have their business in foreign markets.

2. GENERAL

Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is established in Amsterdam. The shares of this entity are fully owned by Nationale Borg Beheer which is owned and managed by HAL Investments BV and fund Egeria Capital II BV managed by Egeria Capital Management BV. Both HAL and Egeria own 46.7% of the ordinary shares, the remaining 6.6% of the ordinary shares are owned by employees of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij..
Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is a joint-stock company and is located (also registered office) at Keizersgracht 165, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
In August 2015 the current shareholders of Nationale Borg Beheer came to an agreement with AmTrust International Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of AmTrust Financial Services Inc. – established in New York with an international portfolio of specialized insurance companies – about the intended transfer of the company. The transaction is subject to approval of the Dutch regulator, which is expected within the forthcoming months. The Curaçao regulator gave its approval for the transaction on 17 December 2015.

3. PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF RESULT

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements 2015 of Nationale Borg have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union ('EU') and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code. Nationale Borg's accounting policies under International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and its decision on the options available are set out in the section 'Principles of valuation and determination of results' below.
A number of standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective as of 1 January 2015. There was no impact related to these amendments on these financial statements.
All amounts in these statements are in thousands of euro, unless specified otherwise.
The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Executive Board on 29 March 2016.

CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements comprise the accounts of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and each of those entities in which it either owns, directly or indirectly, more than half of the voting power or over which it has control of their operating and financial policies. The group in 2015 (and 2014) included the following entities:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Name	Country of incorporation	Interest held %
Nationale Borg Reinsurance NV	Dutch Antilles, Curaçao	100 %
NV Belegging- en beheermaatschappij "Keizersgracht"	The Netherlands, Amsterdam	100 %
Nationale Waarborg BV	The Netherlands, Nieuwegein	100 %

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the group. They are de-consolidated from the date on which control ceases.
he group uses the purchase method of accounting to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets, given equity instruments issued, liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are initially measured at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.
Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealized gains on intra-group transactions are eliminated. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Subsidiaries' accounting policies have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policy adopted by the group.
The reporting dates of subsidiaries are the same as the reporting date of Nationale Borg. There are no material restrictions on subsidiaries to transfer funds to Nationale Borg other than the capital restrictions regarding Nationale Borg Reinsurance. The capital needed for the business of this subsidiary according to the standards of the Antilles regulator amounts to a minimum of € 10 million.

USE OF ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements necessitates the use of estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of the assets and liabilities and the amounts of the contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date, as well as reported income and expenses for the year. The actual outcome may differ from these estimates.
The process of setting assumptions is subject to internal control procedures and approvals, and takes into account internal and external studies, industry statistics, environmental factors and trends, and regulatory requirements.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in euro, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the profit and loss account.
Translation differences on non-monetary items, measured at fair value through profit and loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Non-monetary items are retranslated at the date fair value is determined. Translation differences on non-monetary items measured at fair value through the revaluation reserve are included in the revaluation reserve in equity. The most relevant currencies for the group are presented below:

Currency	End rate in €		Average rate in €	
	2015	**2014**	**2015**	**2014**
US Dollar	**0.9153**	0.8227	**0.9071**	0.7553
ARS Argentine Peso	**0.07048**	0.09637	**0.09718**	0.09373
COP Colombian Peso	**0.000291**	0.000350	**0.000334**	0.000379

FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The fair values of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading and available-for-sale securities) are based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.
The fair values of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. The group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance sheet date.

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

GOODWILL

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary recognized at the date of acquisition. It is initially recognized as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.
For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the group's cash-generating units. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. An impairment loss recognized for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.
On disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Computer software that has been purchased is stated at cost less amortization and any impairment losses. Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis over its useful life. The amortization period has been set to 5 years. Amortization is included in other operating expenses.

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

PROPERTY IN OWN USE

Land and buildings held for own use are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings held for own use are credited to the revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against the revaluation reserve directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the profit and loss account. Increases that reverse a revaluation decrease on the same asset previously recognized in net profit are recognized in the profit and loss account. Depreciation is recognized based on the fair value and the estimated useful life. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis. On disposal the related revaluation reserve is transferred to retained earnings.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of the assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives,. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred. Expenditure incurred on major improvements is capitalized and depreciated.

The depreciation period is based on the estimated economic useful life of the asset. Land is not depreciated. All other assets are depreciated using the straight-line depreciation method over the estimated economic useful lives presented below:

Asset category:	Years
Buildings	40
Reconstructions	5
Computer hardware	5
Fixtures and fittings	5 - 10

The fair values of land and buildings are based on regular appraisals by an independent qualified valuator. Subsequent expenditure is included in the asset's carrying amount when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

FINANCIAL ASSETS

The group classifies its financial assets into the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss, loans and receivables, and available for sale. The classification is determined by management at initial recognition and depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired.

CLASSIFICATION

I) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit and loss at inception.

A financial asset is classified into the 'financial assets at fair value through profit and loss' category at inception if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term, if it forms part of a portfolio of financial assets in which there is evidence of short-term profit-taking, or if so designated by management. Financial assets designated as at fair value through profit and loss at inception are those that are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. Information about these financial assets is provided internally on a fair value basis to the group's key management personnel. The group's investment strategy is to invest in equity and debt securities and to evaluate them with reference to their fair values. Investments in equity that are part of these portfolios are recognized at fair value through profit and loss.

II) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market other than those that the group intends to sell in the short term or that it has designated as at fair value through profit and loss or available for sale. Receivables arising from insurance contracts are also classified in this category and are reviewed for impairment as part of the impairment review of loans and receivables.

III) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale investments are financial assets that are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices or that are not classified as loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or financial assets at fair value through profit and loss.

RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT

Regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade-date – the date on which the group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial assets are initially recognized at fair value plus, in the case of all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit and loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit and loss are initially recognized at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the income statement.

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from them have expired or where they have been transferred and the group has also transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit and loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit and loss' category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise. Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit and loss is recognized in the income statement as part of other income when the group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available for sale are recognized in other comprehensive income.

When securities classified as available for sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognized in equity are included in the income statement as net realized gains on financial assets.

Interest on available-for-sale securities calculated using the effective interest method is recognized in the income statement. Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognized in the income statement when the group's right to receive payments is established. Both are included in the investment income line.

DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUE

The fair values of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded available-for-sale securities) are based on quoted market prices at balance sheet date. The quoted market price used for financial assets by the group is the current bid price.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. If the above criteria are not met, the market is regarded as being inactive. For example a market is inactive when there is a wide bid-offer spread or significant increase in the bid-offer spread or there are few recent transactions.

For all other financial instruments, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. In these techniques, fair values are estimated from observable data in respect of similar financial instruments, using models to estimate the present value of expected future cash flows or other valuation techniques, using inputs (for example, LIBOR yield curve, foreign exchange rates, volatilities and counterparty spreads) existing at the dates of the consolidated statement of financial position. In cases where the fair value of unlisted equity instruments cannot be determined reliably, the instruments are carried at cost less any impairments. The fair value for loans and advances as well as liabilities to banks and customers are determined using a present value model on the basis of contractually agreed cash flows, taking into account credit quality, liquidity and costs. The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the group for similar financial instruments.

The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial asset is not active, the group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis and option pricing models making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held-for-trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near-term. In addition, the group may choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held-for-trading or available-for-sale categories if the group has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification. Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortized cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made. Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables and held-to-maturity categories are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

I) FINANCIAL ASSETS CARRIED AT AMORTIZED COST

The group assesses at each end of the reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the group about the following events:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or debtor;
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payments;
- It becoming probable that the issuer or debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flow from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the group, including:
  - adverse changes in the payment status of issuers or debtors in the group; or
  - national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group.

The group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant. If the group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognized are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments carried at amortized cost, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognized in the income statement. If a held-to-maturity investment or a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under contract. As a practical expedient, the group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics (that is, on the basis of the group's grading process that considers asset type, industry, geographical location, past-due status and other relevant factors). Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the issuer's ability to pay all amounts due under the contractual terms of the debt instrument being evaluated.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as improved credit rating), the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the income statement.

II) ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

The group assesses at each date of the consolidated statement of financial position whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity investments classified as available for sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is an objective evidence of impairment resulting in the recognition of an impairment loss. In this respect, a decline of 20% or more is regarded as significant, and a period of 9 months or longer is considered to be prolonged. If any such quantitative evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the asset is considered for impairment, taking qualitative evidence into account. The cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognized in the consolidated income statement. Impairment losses recognized in the consolidated income statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the consolidated income statement. If in a subsequent period the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available for sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated income statement

III) IMPAIRMENT OF OTHER NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Assets that have an indefinite useful life – for example land and goodwill – are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the assets' carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

DEFERRED ACQUISITION COSTS

Commission costs that vary with and are related to securing new contracts and renewing existing contracts are capitalized as deferred acquisition costs. All other costs are recognized as expenses when incurred. The deferred acquisition costs are subsequently amortized over the life of the policies as premium is earned.

OFFSETTING FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is only reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash, bank deposits on demand, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

CAPITAL AND RESERVES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

EQUITY

The share capital of Nationale Borg consists of 803,760 shares with a nominal value of € 5.- , which have been fully paid.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL

The share capital is classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of equity instruments are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds, net of tax. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issues of equity instruments as consideration for the acquisition of a business are included in the cost of acquisition.

CAPITAL RESERVE

Capital reserve is the amount of share premium received by the company in excess of the nominal value of the shares it had issued.

REVALUATION RESERVE

The revaluation reserve comprises the unrealized gains/losses of real estate in own use and the securities available-for-sale after the deduction of deferred taxes.
Reversals of impairment losses in shares and other variable yield securities are also credited directly to this revaluation reserve. For debt instruments and other fixed income securities, any reversals of impairments above the original cost are included in the revaluation reserve.

CURRENCY TRANSLATION RESERVE

The currency translation reserve comprises the unrealized foreign exchange gains/losses of non-monetary items measured at fair value through the revaluation reserve.

REVENUE RESERVE

Revenue reserve is the accumulated amount of profits and losses at balance sheet date, which have not been distributed to shareholders (i.e. retained earnings). The distribution of retained earnings is restricted by the requirements imposed by the Wet op het Financieel Toezicht (Act on financial supervision). The required and available solvency margin is disclosed in the Capital Management paragraph.

INSURANCE CONTRACTS

The group issues contracts that transfer insurance risk. Insurance contracts are contracts that transfer significant insurance risk, which is defined as the possibility of having to pay benefits on the occurrence of an event that are at least 10% more than the benefits payable if the insured event did not occur.
Nationale Borg's insurance contracts can be classified in two categories:

- Guarantee / bonding contracts;
- Reinsurance contracts.

The contracts issued by Nationale Borg qualify for Dutch regulatory purposes as insurance contracts and have been accounted for as such under IFRS.
The group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that reinsurance assets are impaired. Impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and

that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset or group of that can be reliably estimated.

PROVISIONS

PROVISION FOR UNEARNED PREMIUMS

Guarantee premiums are recognized as earned premium proportionally to the insurance risk of the contract. The provision for unearned premiums represents the unearned share of premiums for own account.
The unearned premium and commission reserves for assumed reinsurance are calculated on the basis of the assumptions that cedants book all premiums at the mid-point of the reporting quarter and that on average bond premiums cover a 15 month risk period and credit insurance premiums cover a 7.5 month risk period. We calculate the premiums reserve on the basis of the remaining risk period as per the reporting date.

PROVISION FOR OUTSTANDING CLAIMS

Claims and loss adjustment expenses are charged to the income as incurred based on the estimated liability for compensation owed to contract holders. They include direct and indirect claims settlement costs and arise from the risks the group has taken up to balance sheet date. The group does not discount its liabilities given the cycle of the group's business. The claims provision is calculated either on a case-by-case basis (guarantees, money and fraud insurance) or by approximation on the basis of experience (reinsurance). When appropriate, deductions are made for salvage, subrogation and other expected recoveries from third parties. Provisions have also been made for claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) and for future claims handling expenses. 'IBNR' reserves relate to money and fraud policies only and are set to recognize the estimated cost of losses that have occurred but which have not yet been notified to the group.

REINSURANCE CONTRACTS

Reinsurance premiums, commissions and claim settlements, as well as the reinsurance element of technical provisions are accounted for in the same way as the original contracts for which the reinsurance was concluded. In the case and to the extent that the assuming reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations, the group remains liable to its policyholders for the portion reinsured. Consequently, provisions will be made, if necessary, for receivables on reinsurance contracts which are deemed uncollectible.

LIABILITY ADEQUACY TEST

At each balance sheet date, liability adequacy tests are performed to ensure the adequacy of the contract liabilities (provisions). Both for the provision for unearned premium as the provision for outstanding claims the adequacy is tested by calculating a Best Estimate reserve, which is based on future cash flows taking into account the time value of money (i.e. discounting). This Best Estimate reserve is compared with the reserves at balance sheet date. Any deficiency is immediately charged to the profit and loss account, initially by writing off the intangible assets (deferred acquisition costs) related to insurance portfolios and by subsequently establishing a provision for losses arising from liability adequacy tests (the unexpired risk provision).

REINSURERS' SHARE OF UNDERWRITING PROVISIONS

The benefits to which the group is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognized as reinsurance assets. These assets consist of short term balances due from reinsurers (classified within loans and receivables), as well as longer term receivables (classified as reinsurance assets) that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsurance contracts. Amounts recoverable from

or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognized as an expense when due.
The group assesses its reinsurance assets for impairment. If there is objective evidence that the reinsurance asset is impaired, the group reduces the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount and recognizes that impairment loss in the income statement. The group gathers the objective evidence that a reinsurance asset is impaired by applying similar procedures adopted for financial assets held at amortized costs. The impairment loss is calculated under the same method used for these financial assets.
The group has profit commission arrangements with its reinsurance companies that are based on the loss ratio per underwriting year. The group accounts for these commissions based on detailed assessments of the expected loss ratios.

INCOME FROM REINSURANCE CONTRACTS

The group recognizes the gains and losses on assumed reinsurance directly in the income statement.

RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES RELATED TO INSURANCE CONTRACTS

Receivables and payables are recognized when due. These include amounts due to and from agents, brokers and insurance contract holders.
If there is objective evidence that the insurance receivable is impaired, the group reduces the carrying amount of the insurance receivable accordingly and recognizes that impairment loss in the income statement. The group gathers the objective evidence that an insurance receivable is impaired by applying procedures similar to those adopted for loans and receivables. The impairment loss is also calculated under the same method used for financial assets.

SALVAGE AND SUBROGATION REIMBURSEMENTS

Some insurance contracts permit the group to sell goods acquired to settle a claim (i.e. salvage). The group may also have the right to pursue third parties for payment of some or all costs (i.e. subrogation).
Estimates of salvage recoveries are included as an allowance in the measurement of the insurance liability for claims. The allowance is the amount that can reasonably be recovered from the disposal of the goods required.
Subrogation reimbursements are also considered as an allowance in the measurement of the insurance liability for claims and are recognized in other assets when the liability is settled. The allowance is the assessment of the amount that can be recovered from the action against the liable third party.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED FROM REINSURERS

Deposits received from reinsurers represent amounts received from reinsurance companies in respect to ceded claims and premium provisions and are stated at amortized costs using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognized on an straight-line basis.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES

PENSION OBLIGATIONS

As from 2014 Nationale Borg entered into a new pension scheme that qualifies as a defined contribution scheme. A settlement with the employees for the change in premium contribution in relation to the transition from the previous to the new pension scheme, has been agreed upon. The transitional arrangements are conditional and end after 2016.

PROFIT SHARING AND BONUS PLANS

The group recognizes a liability and an expense for bonuses and profit sharing based on a formula that takes into consideration, amongst others, individual targets and the profit attributable to the company's shareholders after certain adjustments. The group recognizes a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

TAX LIABILITIES

Income tax on the net profit for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.
Deferred tax assets are recognized where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries.
Deferred tax related to fair value re-measurement of available-for-sale investments and cash flow hedges, which are charged or credited directly to equity, is also credited or charged directly to equity and is subsequently recognized in the profit and loss account together with the deferred gain or loss.
Deferred income tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

CURRENT INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at balance sheet date, and any adjustments to tax payable in respect to previous years.

INCOME

Revenue comprises the fair value for services, net of tax, after eliminating revenue within the group. Revenue is recognized as follows:

NET PREMIUMS EARNED

Written premiums include both direct and assumed insurance business and are defined as all premiums invoiced to third parties and the premium assumed, excluding tax, in respect to:

- Guarantees; and

- Reinsurance.

Accruals for premium refunds are charged against premiums written. Premiums earned include an adjustment for the unearned share of premiums, Premiums are recognized as earned premium proportionally to the insurance risk of the contract. The provision for unearned premiums represents the unearned share of premiums for own account.
The unearned premium and commission reserves for assumed reinsurance are calculated on the basis of the assumptions that cedants book all premiums at the mid-point of the reporting quarter and that on average bond premiums cover a 15 month risk period and credit insurance premiums cover a 7.5 month risk period. We calculate the premiums reserve on the basis of the remaining risk period as per the reporting date.
Part of the insurance premium is ceded to reinsurers to diversify risk and to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss on insurance assumed. Amounts recoverable for ceded unearned premiums under cession agreements are reported as assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.
Regular fees charged to the customer periodically (monthly, quarterly or annually) and billed in advance are recognized on a straight-line basis over the billing period, which is deemed to be equivalent to the period over which the service is rendered. Fees charged at the end of the period are accrued as a receivable that is offset against the financial liability when charged to the customer.

NET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

Net investment income is the result of investment income minus investment expenses, including interest income, dividend income from available-for-sale equities, impairment and depreciation of investment property. Dividend income from available-for-sale equities is recognized when payment is received. This line also includes the realized revaluations on available for sale financial assets and the realized and unrealized revaluations on financial assets 'at fair value through profit and loss'.

EXPENSES

NET INSURANCE CLAIMS

Claims charges include paid claims, the change in claims provisions net of recoveries, and the claims handling expenses.
Claims ceded under cession contracts are recorded as reductions of gross claims.

NET OPERATING EXPENSES

Net operating expenses comprise administrative expenses, gross acquisition costs, gross change in deferred acquisition costs and the change in reinsurance share of deferred acquisition costs.

INCOME TAX

The total sum of income tax expense recognized in the income statement is the sum of current tax expense (or recovery) plus the change in deferred tax liabilities and assets during the period, net of tax amounts recognized directly in equity or arising from a business combination.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Some of the terminology used in the cash flow statement is explained as follows:

- Cash comprises cash and deposits on demand.
- Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

- Cash flows are inflows and outflows of cash and cash equivalents.
- Operating activities are the principal revenue-producing activities of the group and other activities that are not investing or financing activities.
- Investing activities are the acquisition and disposal of long-term assets and other investments not included in cash equivalents.
- Financing activities are activities that result in changes in the size and composition of the contributed equity and borrowings of the group.

The cash flow statement has been drawn up in accordance with the indirect method, classifying cash flows as cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities. In the net cash flows from operating activities, the profit before tax is adjusted for those items in the profit and loss account, and changes in balance sheet items, which do not result in actual cash flows during the year.

Cash flows arising from foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the date of the cash flows.

The net cash flow shown in respect of accounts receivables only relates to transactions involving actual payments or receipts. The Addition to loan loss provision which is deducted from the item Loans and advances to customers in the balance sheet has been adjusted accordingly from the profit before tax and is shown separately in the cash flow statement.

The difference between the net cash flow in accordance with the cash flow statement and the change in Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet is due to exchange rate differences and is separately accounted for as part of the reconciliation of the net cash flow and the balance sheet change in Cash and cash equivalents.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nationale Borg makes use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors (e.g. expectation of future events), that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Loss Reserves

The following overview outlines the loss reserve estimation process.

Guarantee Insurance	A strict procedure for setting up reserves is followed, taking into account various factors, such as type of bonds, duration, counter indemnities and collateral. The objective is to reserve adequately. The company usually sets up reserves before the client becomes insolvent, estimating the risk of claims in the light of the specific guarantees issued. Reserves may exist for a significant time before being utilized or released.
Reinsurance	Reserves are set up on the basis of the most recent outstanding loss information supplied by the ceding company, individual policy loss information, market developments and account experience. Given the time lag in reporting by cedants to insurers, the company aims to reserve the estimated losses on a continuous basis. It should be mentioned that during the underwriting year generally a large proportion of the premium is set aside as a loss reserve, as claims relating to the

	underwriting year usually are incurred with a significant time lag. Time lags vary per ceding company, treaty and country.
Money and Fraud Insurance	Each eligible claim is reserved. The money and fraud portfolio is in run-off. The remaining reserves relate to claims cases that are rejected, investigated or subject to a legal procedure.

At year-end 2015 and 2014 the provision for unexpired risk was nil based on a premium deficiency test.

Incurred but not reported	Nationale Borg-Maatschappij maintains IBNR reserves for Money and Fraud Insurance. There is a general reserve pool available for any contract or claim. With regard to the Reinsurance business no IBNR as such is formed. As the company uses the Ultimate Loss Ratio technique for the provisioning on the indirect business, estimates of incurred but not reported losses by the cedants are included as part of the claim provisioning

Estimated impairment of goodwill

Nationale Borg-Maatschappij tests annually whether the goodwill related to the home purchase bonds has suffered any impairment. The recoverable amounts of cash generating units have been determined bases on value in use calculations. These calculations require the use of estimates.
In order to test the value in use against the recognised goodwill, the group has stress tested the carrying amount to the discounted value of the sum of the projected results for a period of 5 years. The discount rate is set at 15.6%. This percentage is based on the ROE of 12.5% taking into account the applicable tax rate. Based on these assumptions there is no indication of any potential impairment of the goodwill.

Impairment of available-for-sale financial investments

The company assesses at each date of the consolidated statement of financial position whether there is objective evidence that financial investments classified as available-for-sale financial assets are impaired. Financial investments classified as available-for-sale financial investments are impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost. In this respect, a decline of 20% or more is regarded as significant, and a period of 9 months or longer is considered to be prolonged. If any such quantitative evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the asset is considered for impairment, taking qualitative evidence into account.

Variable Reinsurance Commission and future Profit Commission

For inwards reinsurance treaties which contain a variable reinsurance commission clause or for which profit commission is first calculated after at least 24 months, a special reserve has been set up. This reserve is based on the expected final reinsurance commission and profit commission to be paid, using the ULR methodology.

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4. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK PROFILE AND RISK APPETITE

RISK PROFILE

Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is a specialized issuer of bonds and guarantees. Nationale Borg Reinsurance is a reinsurer of these risks as well as of credit insurance risks and political risks. For the long term Nationale Borg-Maatschappij wants to grow its market share in its two home markets (The Netherlands and Belgium) and make use of opportunities to write profitable business in the global reinsurance market.
Key to our mission and continuity is prudent Risk Management. As an insurance company, Nationale Borg by definition assumes risk against a premium. The risks Nationale Borg is exposed to can be broken down into several categories:

Insurance risk (non-life)

This is described as the risk we run on a professional basis as an insurance company. Insurance risk is the risk that the premiums and provisions, which were calculated on the basis of expected risk, do not adequately cover the actual losses incurred. We distinguish from a risk perspective between Guarantees, Home Purchase Bonds, and Assumed Reinsurance; our Risk Management guidelines detail the desired process and checklists we need to apply to sufficiently mitigate the risks in our business. For reinsurance activities and for home purchase bonds separate guidelines and instructions are available.
In line with the implementation of Solvency II we continue to enhance our Risk Management framework in 2016.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk associated with investments, including interest rate risk, currency risk, concentration risk, investment risk and liquidity risk. Risks associated with differences in duration (ALM risk) are included in market risk as well. Furthermore credit risk (counterparty default) is included in market risk. Credit risk is the risk associated with the default of a counterparty, whether this arises from insolvency, dispute or another reason.
With respect to market risk we have a moderately conservative investment policy with approximately 77% (2014: 60%) in cash and deposits, 6% (2014: nil) in a money market fund, 11% (2014: 17%) in equities and 6% (2014: 7%) in real estate(funds). We have limited the equity risk with an option strategy. These risks are monitored and managed by the investment committee, which meets every month or more frequently when it is deemed necessary.

Other risks

Other risks include operational risk, environmental risk, outsourcing risk, IT-risk, integrity risk , legal risk and strategic risk. If not referred to otherwise in the respective policies, the respective managers are responsible for the monitoring of the other risks in their area of responsibility. All risks are integrated in the risk monitory process.
Other risks also include the risks associated with people, processes and systems. The risk we run as a company in general, which we control via process risk-control frameworks.
We update our risk profile with Risk Assessments yearly as part of the ORSA (Own Risk and Solvency Assessment) and monitor our risks continuously.

Strategic risks are those risks that are most consequential to Nationale Borg's ability to execute its strategies and achieve its business objectives.

RISK APPETITE

Nationale Borg's Risk Appetite is determined by the Executive Board in line with the group's strategy and is endorsed by the Supervisory Board. Our Risk Appetite defines our attitude to risk we would like to and are able to take in the near future. Nationale Borg has the ambition to increase its market share and to write profitable business in the surety market. In order to achieve this (risk) ambition, Nationale Borg has the following targets:

- Regulatory requirements: be in a position to meet current and forthcoming regulatory targets;
- Rating: maintain at least an A- rating (S&P or comparable);
- ROE on the appropriate risk/reward level compared to market benchmarks (at present 12.5%);
- Earnings based: reducing earnings volatility and limit the maximum loss per event at € 5 million (net) for direct business and €10 million, maximized at € 20 million (net) for indirect business;
- Only when all "business related" risks (insurance risks and operational risks) are covered by our available capital, we can assume additional risks in our investment portfolio (effectively this means that our investment risks are covered by excess capital);
- Maintaining our long standing and good reputation as a specialized provider of guarantees and reinsurance coverage.

For market risks, Nationale Borg has defined its risk appetite as follows:

- Maximize the return on the investment portfolio for the longer term with a low risk appetite whilst taking into considerations the requirements with respect to keeping liquidity, regulations and capital adequacy;
- Nationale Borg's return-to-risk appetite is defined by way of a range of permitted exposure in various investment risk categories (segregated into 3 broad categories by levels of risk-return);
- Additional funds are available to invest in other financial securities, including bonds, equity shares, real estate funds, etc.; provided that the investments are in line with the current Investment Policy;
- Ensure availability (at all times) of liquid financial assets sufficient to cover NB's technical liabilities, while optimizing returns.

The investment strategy and larger (more than € 1 million) transactional decisions are approved by the Investment Committee.

For all risk categories the risks identified in the risk assessment will be scored on likelihood and impact. Likelihood is the assessed probability that an occurrence will take place:

Likelihood Score	Description
1 (from 0.5 up to 1.5)	Less than once every 20 years
2 (from 1.5 up to 2.5)	Once every 10-20 years
3 (from 2.5 up to 3.5)	Once every 5-10 years
4 (from 3.5 up to 4.5)	Once every 1-5 years
5 (from 4.5 up to 5.5)	More than once a year

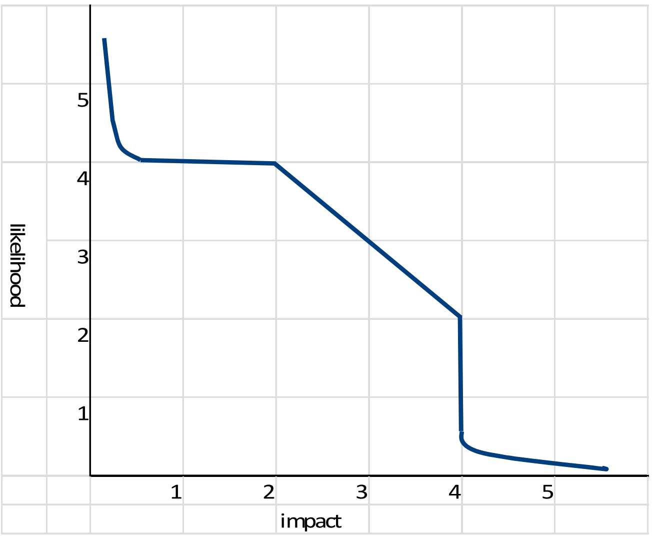
Impact Score	Description financial (€)	Description reputational
1 (from 0.5 up to 1.5)	Limited damage: <500k	No reputational damage
2 (from 1.5 up to 2.5)	Damage with material effect in monthly figures: 0.5mln-1mln	Internal Issue
3 (from 2.5 up to 3.5)	Damage with material effect in quarterly figures: 1mln-2.5mln	Commotion with one customer or cedent
4 (from 3.5 up to 4.5)	Damage with material effect in yearly figures: 2.5mln-5mln	Commotion with multiple customers or cedents
5 (from 4.5 up to 5.5)	Significant unrecoverable damage: >5mln	Commotion with multiple customers or cedents, with (bad) media exposure

Risk scoring & and evaluation process:
Gross risk profile assessment: at first an assessment will be made for each individual (key) risk, one for the likelihood and one for the impact, on the aforementioned scales from 1 to 5. The gross risk is the assessment of risks without taking into account the risk reduction derived from mitigating controls.

Net risk profile assessment: secondly an assessment will be made for each individual (key) risk including the risk reduction derived from mitigating controls, also by scoring on likelihood and impact on the aforementioned scales from 1 to 5 two scores are given for the individual risks, one for the likelihood and one for the impact, on a scale from 1 to 5.

Not acceptable risks:
- A total score (likelihood + impact) 6 or higher;
- An individual score 4 or higher (on either likelihood or impact).

In the figure below the blue line indicates the risk appetite of Nationale Borg.



In our opinion the mitigation of our risks, though set by the Executive Board and Supervisory Board, is an important topic for all employees, especially line management. We all have to contribute in day-to-day business to the mitigation of our risks. It is obviously the task of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board to monitor strategy, our market position and potential changes in product offering and competition.

Risk appetite also depends on the effort, costs and time constraints associated with controls or even the limitation of putting controls in place. In exceptional cases risk may be accepted beyond the scope of the aforementioned risk scores. These will be specifically addressed in the risk assessment and may also be in scope of stress test scenarios.

REINSURANCE PROTECTION

Nationale Borg has a General Reinsurance Agreement ('GRA') in place that allows the company to spread the risk of its direct guarantee business over a number of reputable reinsurers. This allows Nationale Borg to take on relatively large exposures without jeopardizing its financial position.
Since 2007, the GRA is a fixed quota share treaty with retention of 50% with an excess-of-loss cover attached, which limits the net loss to Nationale Borg to € 5 million per risk. The cover has two layers, totaling € 45 million, so that there is no gap between this cover and the quota share cover, not even in the highly unlikely event of a 100% loss on a client with an exposure of € 100 million.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Ownership for risk is taken at several levels in the organization. Due to the specific characteristics of the risks (insurance, market, operational) each risk has a specific Risk Management approach:

- Insurance risk
  - Bonds and guarantees: is managed by the commercial underwriting departments in cooperation with the Risk Management department and Credit Committee;
  - Reinsurance: is managed by the commercial underwriting departments and the Executive Board of Nationale Borg Reinsurance;

- Market risk is managed by the Finance department and by the Investment Committee;
- Other risks are managed by the line managers along the lines of their individual responsibilities.

All risks are monitored by the CFO/CRO and the team of second line managers.

INSURANCE RISK

From a risk perspective we distinguish between Bonds and Guarantees, Home Purchase Bonds and Reinsurance.

BONDS AND GUARANTEES

Policy and procedure

Nationale Borg in its role as Surety company focuses on profitable, financially sound clients (B-to-B) requiring guarantees/bonds directly related to the core activity/contractual obligations of the company. In order to prevent the risk of anti-selection Nationale Borg is active in branches in which bonds are part of regular business (Building & Construction, Capital Goods and Transport & Logistics). Depending on the type of the bond the validity period in general is limited to a 2-5 years timespan. In case of a longer underlying contractual obligation, or even a total absence of such a self-liquidating character linked to contract expiration dates, such bond should include a clause allowing Nationale Borg to cancel the bond when needed. In the event that such cancellation clause is lacking and the final expiry date included based on the linked (trade) obligation might give reason for an ‘extend or pay’ situation conditions should be agreed to prevent such forced position.

Home markets of Nationale Borg comprise of companies established in both the Netherlands and Belgium and/or subsidiaries of foreign (Corporate) companies having a direct link to the Netherlands or Belgium. Furthermore Nationale Borg decided upon a more international strategy, focusing on large, listed corporates in European countries to be served in cooperation with well-known financial (surety) partners.

Bonds might be issued worldwide, either direct or through fronting, subject to internal country and underwriting policies in place. Financial guarantees are excluded. Nationale Borg assures the beneficiaries of its bonds that its clients will perform according to contract conditions, such as timely delivery of goods and delivery of goods according to specifications. Contract conditions can also mean the timely payment of import, export or excise duties, or the fulfillment of conditions that will void this obligation. Nationale Borg makes sure the bonds being issued are directly linked to the client’s core activity/operations. In order to prevent losses occurring from claims payments in an intended ‘sterfhuisconstructie’ Nationale Borg focuses on client commitment and recourse obligations at adequate client group level. Besides the existing legal right of subrogation vis-à-vis the legal entity on which behalf a claim should be paid, bonding facilities in general are offered at client parent level including ‘compte joint’ agreements with material subsidiaries.

The insurance risk accepted in the bonding business comprising of both nonperformance by our clients in combination with credit risk (default) is controlled through a multi-layer control structure. A structure specifically designed to secure Nationale Borg’s ‘zero loss’ underwriting policy. Preventing ‘anti selection’ (Nationale Borg being offered a credit risk deemed insufficiently solid by the contractual counterparty and beneficiary ‘to be’ of the bond) is a key element in this respect. This implies that at the time of issuing the guarantee we anticipate (= we ascertain that based on current knowledge) the guarantee will not be claimed. In addition we make sure a valid exit scenario is available. Subsequent claims can only be realized by mistakes in underwriting decisions or subsequent negative developments. In the direct business we underwrite only guarantees. Furthermore, we take all our underwriting decisions ourselves without the use of intermediaries Our net maximum loss for any risk not to exceed € 5 million. Our reinsurance protection is set up accordingly.

Underwriting

Since new business is usually acquired without intermediaries, our Relationship Managers are the first to look at new clients. In order to be able to form a solid judgment, we only employ Relationship managers with sufficient financial analytical skills. We only pursue cases which fit our criteria sufficiently.

All underwriting decisions – both concerning the underwriting of new risks as well as the continuation of existing facilities (credit reviews) – are made in accordance with an authorization matrix that determines who should be involved in the decision. This is based on size and type of the risk. All files in excess of € 10 million limit (on ultimate parent level) are discussed in the Credit Committee, CRO, the head of the Commercial department and the head of the Risk Management department. This is also the case for files subject to the "escalation procedure" where the Committee is requested to give the final decision on a case in the event of an opposing view between the Commercial and Risk Management department.

The Commercial department submits a credit proposal with recommendations, which is reviewed by Risk Management department. Under normal circumstances, each client group is reviewed at least once a year; the frequency may be set at shorter intervals however if Risk Management department deems this necessary. The use of a pricing tool, which includes aspects such as the expected default probability (PD), probable mean loss in the event of claim (PML), cost of capital and organizational costs in general; is a required part of each assessment. This has notably increased the awareness that pricing, in addition to market factors, also needs an explicit point-in-time evaluation of the underlying risk. These factors combined together ensure adequate pricing, independent of others. The model effectively provides the tool to steer the portfolio towards a suitable risk-reward region, subject to overall risk constraints (sector, product type, etc.).

Part of the input of the pricing model is the RCS (Risk Classification System) Code we assign to each client. The RCS Code is derived from Finan, a software program that processes a company's financials and assigns a rating based on ratios. We keep close track of changes in the composition of ratings that prevail in our client portfolio as an indicator of changes in the portfolio.

As a consequence we calculate the Economic Value Added (EVA) for each risk individually and for the portfolio as a whole.

Fronting

In order to service customers for whom guarantees need to be issued to beneficiaries who do not accept Nationale Borg as a guarantor, the company has fronting arrangements with several parties. Common reasons for non-acceptance are requirements by the beneficiary that the guarantee must be issued by a party that is incorporated or regulated locally or simply by a bank.

Outside the Netherlands and Belgium, Nationale Borg may not always be a familiar name to beneficiaries. In these cases the ultimate guarantee is issued by a correspondent who meets the beneficiary's requirements. The correspondent receives a back-to-back guarantee from Nationale Borg. Total exposure from such guarantees fronted through other insurers is € 86,642 (2014: €77,139) and through banks is € 4,947 (2014: € 4,563).

We also make use of credit facilities in relation to incoming reinsurance business. Cedants demand cash deposits or Letters of Credit (LOC's) as a security for our potential obligations under the respective

treaties. The total LOC's at 31December 2015 amounted to € 63,515 (2014: € 57,180). As the LOC's relate to obligations that are already taken into account in the technical provisions we do not state these LOC's as contingencies.
At 31 December 2015 we have a guarantee facility from ING Bank NV, a credit facility agreement from BHF Bank (€ 1.7 million uncommitted) and two credit agreements (for a total amount of € 75 million) from Deutsche Bank Nederland N.V. for the issuance of guarantees or standby LOC's. Under the credit agreement between Nationale Borg Reinsurance and Deutsche Bank our cash deposits with Deutsche Bank and our investment in the money market fund have been pledged as collateral to Deutsche Bank. Furthermore the sum of our cash deposit must at all times be at least € 35 mln. Under the agreement between Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and Deutsche Bank our credit rating at Standard & Poor's should not fall below A- (event of default).

Monitoring
From the moment we experience specific increased risks we track the clients continuously and when needed we intensify the surveillance by changing the regime of supervision (normal, watch list, intensive care).
For clients in risk categories, normal and watch list, we apply a full review at least once a year. On a quarterly basis we apply so-called quick scans. Clients in Intensive care are handled within the Risk Management department and specifically discussed on a case by case basis quarterly within the so-called provisioning committee.

Reporting
In monthly reports the development of the business and the risk component is reported to the Executive Board, the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee. In these monthly reports all relative movements within the risk portfolio (exposures, RCS, EVA) are monitored and commented upon. The Supervisory Board meets 5 to 6 times a year and the Audit Committee 3 times.
Over the past years, we have increased the number of reports from our Data warehouse and developed several models/reports to estimate the capital need for our business, focusing on the estimation of the capital required to cover insurance risk.
All risk exposure components are back tested each year and main drivers of the business are reported to the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board on a monthly basis.
Given the nature of the business covered, loss reserves are set on a case by case best estimate basis, taking into account the nature of the exposure. All losses are discussed regularly in the credit committee and with line management. On a quarterly basis the claims are discussed within the Provisioning Committee, in which the CEO, the CRO/CFO and Head of Risk Management and Head of Finance & Reporting participate. The adequacy of the reserves is back tested once a year by the Actuary.
For the risks emanating from the business, all employees with access to our Columbus IT system have access to the real time exposures of all our clients. If our exposure on a client/risk changes as a result of an authorized process, this exposure is updated automatically and real time.
The system also provides a complete overview of all facilities and all guarantees outstanding.
In addition to this various reports are produced on a monthly basis (or ad hoc when requested) which provide a large number of details on the overall exposure and the exposure per client, underwriter, team etc. As such all movements in exposure per risk client are monitored on a daily basis. The main report is the EVA report, which provides client/risk details on the movement of exposures, ratings, rates and economic value added over time.

These reports are also part of the monthly reporting package.

Risk exposure

The ten largest guarantee clients account for approximately 23% (2014: 26%) of premium income (excluding premium income from home purchase bonds), while the twenty largest clients together account for approximately 36% (2014: 39%) of premium income. This demonstrates that Nationale Borg has a diverse client base and that there is no significant concentration exposure.

To give an impression of the overall risk, the following table shows the nominal amounts of outstanding guarantees per year-end and the number of guarantees outstanding.

Guarantees:

	2015			**2014**		
	Exposure € '000	**Number**	**Average exposure per guarantee € '000**	**Exposure € '000**	**Number**	**Average exposure per guarantee € '000**
Belgium						
• Contract bonds	766,073	8,968	85,423	**750,792**	8,802	85,298
• Other bonds	137,887	226	610,119	**121,550**	260	467,502
Netherlands						
• Contract bonds	996,231	3,579	278,354	**1,043,802**	4,124	253,104
• Other bonds	1,094,489	6,085	179,867	**917,053**	4,490	204,243
Total	**2,994,679**	**18,858**	**158,802**	**2,833,197**	17,676	160,285

The gross premium income from Guarantees can be further specified as follows:

€ '000	**2015**	**2014**
Belgium		
• Contract Bonds	**4,803**	5,041
• Other Bonds	**1,107**	1,343
Netherlands		
• Contract Bonds	**7,191**	8,400
• Other Bonds	**10,326**	9,536
Total Premium from Guarantees	**23,427**	24,319

Claim development (including Money and Fraud Insurance)

In its direct business, Nationale Borg keeps track of its claims on an individual basis. Each case is unique and is considered individually. Guarantee claims are evaluated by the Risk Management department and after discussion in the risk committee the claim provision is set, taking into account all relevant information. Periodically, these provisions are evaluated based on new information and estimation of the likelihood of recovery. For money and fraud insurance (a limited portfolio in run off), a similar process takes place,

involving underwriters and Executive Board. The magnitude of claim cases during the last five years for Guarantees and Money and Fraud Insurance are shown in the following table.
The net losses incurred for Guarantees and Money and Fraud were as follows:

Business line/year	**2015**	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
Guarantee	**(1,076)**	23	4,656	4,144	8,795
Money and Fraud	**(44)**	(54)	(55)	(12)	(35)

At the end of 2015 Nationale Borg had earmarked clients with a nominal exposure of € 75 million (2014: € 69 million) that require special attention from Risk Management (intensive care clients).
Of these risks 4 (2014: 4) cases have a nominal gross exposure in excess of € 5 million. In the unlikely event that all earmarked guarantees currently outstanding to these parties would lead to full claims (without any recovery), such claims would have an impact on the result of Nationale Borg before reinsurance of € 46 million (2014: € 26 million).

REINSURANCE

Underwriting

Through its reinsurance subsidiary, Nationale Borg Reinsurance, Nationale Borg assumes risks similar to the ones it takes in its direct business - risks from guarantees - as well as risk from Credit insurance and Political risk cover). The specific competencies accumulated in the fields of guarantees within the group are applied to evaluate the underwriting performance of cedants of this business.
Nationale Borg Reinsurance has set up a framework based on which the operational and financial performance of prospective reinsurance clients are monitored. Regular visits (at least once a year) are made to assess the cedant and its business. The opportunities are assessed by a team of underwriters. All underwriting decisions are subject to approval by the Executive Board of Nationale Borg Reinsurance.
By nature of the activity, the spread of risk is very high. Not only does Nationale Borg Reinsurance participate for a small share in all underlying risks in the cedants' portfolios, but also the geographic spread of the cedants and contracts provides additional diversification.
Contracts can be clustered into proportional treaty, excess of loss and facultative contracts. In proportional treaty business Nationale Borg Reinsurance participates for a certain fixed percentage in all business risks underwritten by the cedant within the limits and conditions of the treaty. In excess of loss contracts Nationale Borg Reinsurance provides a fixed cover of losses in excess of a hurdle amount up to a contract limit. Depending on contract conditions the cover can have one or more reinstatements.

Underwriting of treaty and excess of loss business is based on the evaluation of the ceding company. Facultative contracts provide coverage for a fixed share of a named risk. Generally, such coverage is provided for a limited number of risks in case a cedant has exhausted its treaty capacity. Underwriting of facultative business is based on the individual merits of the underlying risk and remains limited in relation to our overall portfolio.

Monitoring & reporting

In order to follow the developments of the underlying business within the cedants' portfolio we have a complete pallet. All data are gathered in a data warehouse from which all kind of ad hoc and standard reports are produced and discussed. The technical accounts booked are uploaded in the system on a weekly basis and statistics show "live" data. All data relating to the reinsurance clients are stored electronically in an identical format, providing easy access to the underwriters and managers. Triangular statistics per cedant, line of business, territory are the basis for control and planning.

Risk Exposure

The reinsurance portfolio is specified as shown in the table below:

	Percentage Novated	2015	2014
Treaty			
• Number of countries		**42**	44
• Number of cedants	92.8%	**97**	94
• Total amount (PML basis, in € millions)*	93.6%	**4,902**	4,684
o Bond	90.5%	**3,001**	2,805
o Credit	98.3%	**1,701**	1,672
o Political risk	100.0%	**200**	207

	Percentage Novated	2015	2014
Facultative			
• Number of countries		**18**	19
• Number of risks	70.0%	**53**	79
• Total nominal amount (in € thousands)	77.0%	**64,502**	71,334
• Average amount per guarantee (in € thousands)		**1,217**	903

* Total exposure amount is an estimate based on information supplied by cedants.

Claim development

The development of reinsurance contracts provides a measure of the ability of Nationale Borg Reinsurance to estimate the ultimate value of claims. The top of the table shows the accounting years when premiums were booked for the different underlying underwriting years. This table is presented on a consolidated basis for all the reinsurance contracts. A change in loss ratio of 1% (up or down) has an impact of € 709 on our loss expenses. The gross figures are equal to net, because there is neither external reinsurance nor any external retrocession on these contracts:

UW Year					**Accounting Year**					
2006	**2006**	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	13,727	31,206	33,341	34,641	35,580	36,224	36,694	36,923	37,157	37,317
Losses paid	509	4,608	8,779	10,780	12,279	13,717	14,376	15,329	15,923	16,382
Recoveries	23	177	505	637	793	978	1,169	1,273	1,333	1,374
Loss reserves	3,355	7,042	4,981	3,890	3,154	3,361	3,310	2,625	2,510	2,345
Loss incurred	3,841	11,473	13,255	14,033	14,639	16,099	16,517	16,681	17,101	17,353
Loss ratio	28.0%	36.8%	39.8%	40.5%	41.1%	44.4%	45.0%	45.2%	46.0%	46.5%
2007		**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium		12,876	28,011	30,128	31,104	32,088	32,574	32,786	32,964	33,072
Losses paid		514	4,860	9,850	12,555	15,855	17,453	18,001	20,847	22,185
Recoveries		7	214	612	796	1,159	1,293	1,436	3,585	3,700
Loss reserves		2,997	6,803	4,641	4,264	2,627	1,889	1,949	2,382	1,348
Loss incurred		3,504	11,449	13,879	16,023	17,324	18,050	18,514	19,644	19,833
Loss ratio		27.2%	40.9%	46.1%	51.5%	54.0%	55.4%	56.5%	59.6%	60.0%
2008			**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium			17,149	34,862	38,085	39,593	40,066	40,551	40,800	41,012
Losses paid			1,199	11,878	26,213	30,937	32,232	33,695	35,216	35,774
Recoveries			15	297	1,514	2,399	3,874	4,377	4,757	4,947
Loss reserves			6,076	12,229	4,784	2,781	2,902	2,771	1,887	1,782
Loss incurred			7,260	23,810	29,484	31,320	31,259	32,088	32,345	32,609
Loss ratio			42.3%	68.3%	77.4%	79.1%	78.0%	79.1%	79.3%	79.5%
2009				**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium				19,116	40,409	43,811	45,401	46,384	46,580	46,960
Losses paid				657	5,483	9,571	12,474	14,104	15,660	16,298
Recoveries				19	367	926	1,332	1,522	1,808	1,991
Loss reserves				5,450	8,205	5,907	4,266	3,926	2,426	1,938
Loss incurred				6,088	13,322	14,552	15,409	16,508	16,278	16,245
Loss ratio				31.8%	33.0%	33.2%	33.9%	35.60%	34.9%	34.6%
2010					**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium					21,629	47,406	51,568	53,649	54,614	55,225
Losses paid					446	5,511	11,402	14,838	17,165	18,531
Recoveries					8	566	939	1,450	1,807	2,271
Loss reserves					4,495	10,446	8,034	5,250	3,280	3,404
Loss incurred					4,933	15,391	18,498	18,639	18,638	19,664
Loss ratio					22.8%	32.5%	35.9%	34.7%	34.1%	35.6%

2011	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	25,518	57,180	63,939	66,534	67,752
Losses paid	724	10,125	18,716	22,627	25,570
Recoveries	43	472	1,057	1,593	2,524
Loss reserves	6,099	12,900	10,100	7,083	4,242
Loss incurred	6,780	22,553	27,758	28,117	27,287
Loss ratio	26.6%	39.4%	43.4%	42.3%	40.3%

2012	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	25,861	58,851	67,752	70,865
Losses paid	2,058	10,916	21,408	29,039
Recoveries	42	607	1,481	2,702
Loss reserves	6,411	13,575	9,944	7,063
Loss incurred	8,427	23,884	29,872	33,400
Loss ratio	32.6%	40.6%	44.1%	47.1%

2013	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	23,850	50,008	57,115
Losses paid	1,185	8,689	15,607
Recoveries	26	446	969
Loss reserves	7,621	12,930	10,537
Loss incurred	8,781	21,173	25,175
Loss ratio	36.8%	42.3%	44.1%

2014	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	26,196	55,032
Losses paid	886	9,570
Recoveries	46	807
Loss reserves	6,785	11,355
Loss incurred	7,625	20,118
Loss ratio	29.1%	36.6%

2015	**2015**
Premium	22,631
Losses paid	551
Recoveries	23
Loss reserves	7,647
Loss incurred	8,175
Loss ratio	36.1%

TOTAL	**2006**	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Premium	13,727	44,082	78,501	118,807	166,807	224,639	289,344	356,933	422,606	486,983
Losses paid	509	5,122	14,838	33,164	56,976	76,315	100,120	126,784	158,421	189,505
Recoveries	23	184	734	1,566	3,478	6,071	9,121	11,749	16,855	21,308
Loss reserves	3,355	10,039	17,860	26,209	24,902	31,221	39,712	47,818	49,227	51,662
Loss incurred	3,841	14,977	31,964	57,809	78,401	101,464	130,713	162,852	190,793	219,859
Loss ratio	***28.0%***	***34.0%***	***40.7%***	***48.7%***	***47.0%***	***45.2%***	***45.2%***	***45.6%***	***45.1%***	***451%***

Based on the expected claims ratio of a contract, the actual loss reserve is determined by the difference between the actual reported ratio and the expected ratio in relation to the premium income on the contract. The expected loss ratios are adjusted periodically, based on newer insights as the contract develops. The table above is supplied on a pro forma basis and only contains the losses and recoveries as stated by the cedants. At the aggregate level, the percentage of this portfolio novated to Nationale Borg Reinsurance represents 92.8% (2014: 98.9%) of the Premium, 90.8% (2014: 90.4%) of the Losses paid net of recovery and 79.2% (2014: 81%) of the Loss Reserves.

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HOME PURCHASE BONDS

Underwriting

Via its 100% subsidiary, Nationale Waarborg, Nationale Borg also operates (indirectly) in the retail market. Through various 'framework arrangements' agreed with large financial parties and intermediaries, Nationale Borg provides so called '10% aankoopgaranties' (home purchase bonds) on behalf of a private person vis-à-vis a public notary related to the process of buying a house.

Clear underwriting guidelines and rules have been defined in this respect related to maximum amounts to be guaranteed and information needed in order to accept individual requests received. When dealing with intermediaries Nationale Waarborg makes sure the underwriting terms and conditions are closely followed. Noncompliance with terms and conditions agreed (if not explicitly accepted by Nationale Waarborg following various procedures in place) will result in non-acceptance of such request and might ultimately result in cancellation or renegotiation of the underlying framework arrangement.

In home purchase bonds the risks are very short term (a few months) and very limited per contract (10% of the amount of the purchase price (average value € 25,000). The focus is on standard products for the Dutch market.

Monitoring & reporting

Since home purchase bonds are automatically booked on a daily basis within our system we can closely follow the developments. The same applies to the development of losses. A Nationale Borg employee has to authorize all claim bookings. As such we have a close view on the developments, which are officially reported on a monthly and discussed on a regular basis.

MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk associated with investments, including interest rate risk, currency risk, concentration risk, investment risk and liquidity risk. Possible risks associated with differences in duration (ALM risk) are included in Market Risk as well. Furthermore credit risk (counterparty default) is included in Market Risk. Credit risk is the risk associated with the default of a counterparty, whether this arises from insolvency, dispute or another reason.

Market risk is managed at group level. Control measures also being part of Nationale Borg Investment Policy are designed to fit the need, which is dependent on the scale and volatility of the specific risk.

Market risk is considered to be the risk of economic losses triggered by changes in currency rates, interest and equity price changes due to counter party default or downgrades. In relation to market circumstances foreseen and encountered Nationale Borg pro-actively monitors and manages its investment portfolio according to the investment policy agreed by the Investment Committee.

In addition to Market risk Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is exposed to Liquidity risk. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij must be capable at all times to fund items such as claims, reinsurance flows and operational cost. Liquidity Management is integrated in our Investment policy.

MARKET RISK IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Investments are held in Euro, US dollar and Danish crown denominated financial instruments. The currency risk associated with these investments are explained in the paragraph here after. Investment risk is the risk of economic losses triggered by changes in prices of investments. In 2015, Nationale Borg was exposed to interest and equity price risk. At balance sheet date Nationale Borg had a fair sized investment portfolio that consisted of real estate (funds) (2015: € 11,274, 2014: 11,627), equity portfolio (2015: € 19,290, 2014: €

26,968), cash & deposits (2015: € 139,844, 2014: 94,204) and investment in a money market fund (2015: € 10,012, 2014: nil)

In order to reduce our liquidity risk, a substantial part of the total investment portfolio is put into cash and deposits. The cash and cash equivalents are spread across multiple banks.

Risk of loss due to stress movements (i.e. decline or adverse movement in the market value of the securities under stress conditions) in market rates is estimated to be € 18.4 million. A more refined method to measure market risks has been developed as part of the preparation for Solvency II and to monitor capital requirements. The stress movement is measured by applying stress loss rates to the various categories of investments, per the table below:

Risk category	Amount in € million	Proportion	Stress rate	Stress loss in € million
Low (Cash and MMF)	149.9	83%	5%	7.5
Medium (Bonds)	0	0%	4%	–
High (Equity)	30.6	17%	42%	10.9
Total	180.5	100.0%		18.4

In addition to the asset management being outsourced to a professional asset manager of repute, stock index derivatives are also managed by the asset manager in order to protect the portfolio against a potential massive impairment. The stock markets indices have, in the past 15 years, observed drops (losses) in excess of the 30% value that is used for the market risk estimate. In order to limit exposure to such a possibility, Put options are purchased in such a way as to offer protection for the major part of the equity portfolio (up to € 10.8 million).

Counterparty default risk related to investments

The following table gives insight in the profile of the investment portfolio.

	2015					2014	
	Opening	Purchases / sales	Gains/ losses	Total		Total	
Government bonds (AA+ sovereign) - fixed rate	16,088	(15,805)	(282)	–	–	16,088	58%
Government bonds (AA+ sovereign) - indexed rate	7,774	(7,784)	10	–	–	7,846	29%
Money Market Fund	–	10,012	–	**10,012**	79%	–	–
Real Estate Fund	3,627	(1,121)	158	**2,664**	21%	3,627	13%
Total - Available for Sale	27,489	(14,698)	(115)	**12,676**	100%	27,489	100%
Equity and Preferred shares	26,967	(9,505)	1,827	**19,289**	66%	26,967	100%
Total - To / From P&L	26,967	(9,505)	1,827	**19,289**	66%	26,967	100%
Total - All Financial Securities	54,456	(24,203)	1,712	**31,965**		54,456	

In 2015, the split of investments (excluding put options on indices that are part of Equity and preferred shares classified as 'At fair value through profit and loss' amounting to € 114; and Real Estate Fund classified as 'Available for sale' amounting to € 2,664) by country of risk is provided in the following table:

	Equity	MMF	Total	%
Belgium	2,956	–	**2,956**	10%
Germany	12,977	–	**12,977**	44%
France	997	–	**997**	3%
Luxembourg	–	10,012	**10,012**	34%
Netherlands	2,245		**2,245**	8%
United States	–	–	–	–
Total	19,175	10,012	**29,187**	100%

In addition, counterparty default risk also exists with regard to deposits at cedants amounting to € 12,503 (2014: € 14,936) and credit risk with respect to outstanding premium receivables of € 9,818 (2014: € 3,781).

CURRENCY RISK

The foreign currency risk emanates on account of claims of international cedants that are paid in non-euro currencies. For the purpose of managing this risk, all material loss provisions in currencies closely correlated with the USD are deemed to be managed on an equivalent 'USD' basis. Non-'USD' currencies are managed on a deemed 'euro' basis.

For the year 2015 the technical provisions included an exposure of approximately USD 34.0 million (2014: USD 25.3 million). It is the company policy to balance this exposure to a large extent by keeping USD bank deposits amounting to USD 30.0 million (2014: USD 28.1 million). Besides the bank deposits we also keep USD and other currencies position in deposits with reinsurers. The carrying amount of these deposits was USD 4.9 million (2014: USD 6.4 million) at balance sheet date.
As a result of this matching policy, a change in USD exchange rate should not lead to a significant foreign exchange result for the balance sheet positions.

LIQUIDITY RISK

Premiums, fees, investment income, incoming reinsurance flows and recoveries in general are the main source to service the daily needs for ongoing liquidity. Taking into consideration various economical and market circumstances the company makes sure to keep a sufficient buffer of cash on demand to provide itself the necessary liquidity, if there were to be an unanticipated large outflow of cash as the result of claims. Investments in bonds and equities are made only in categories which are very liquid and can be marketed overnight, as such providing sufficient payment capacity to meet the demand for liquidity within the time frames specified for our business.
Furthermore, Nationale Borg makes sure the reinsurance treaties include simultaneous settlement clauses (cash call), enabling Nationale Borg to request payment from its reinsurers of their share in any large claims prior to effecting the claims to beneficiaries or policyholders.
Nationale Borg is exposed to liquidity risk if there is insufficient cash available to pay its (insurance) obligations. Using the chain ladder method to project the cash flows for Nationale Borg, we find that 33% of the Best Estimate of the 2015 Loss Reserve will need to be paid in the first 12 months; and, similarly, 68% of the Best Estimate will be paid in 36 months. The net premium (i.e. premium minus commission and brokerage) is also projected using the same method. Around 47% of the future net premium will be received in the first 12 months and 75% in 36 months. The cumulative premium exceeds the cumulative losses by 86%.
The average duration of the projected claims is 3.19 years; while the duration for the projected net premium is 2.68 years indicating that, in aggregate, the premiums are received earlier than the claims.
During the year liquidity shortfall could occur if there were to be an unanticipated large outflow of cash as the result of claims. As a result, the potential for liquidity shortfall is estimated by examining the claims cash flows in a quarter relative to the size of the reserve at the beginning of the quarter. The mean plus standard deviation of cash outflow on account of claims is estimated over the past 24 quarters and applied to the loss reserve at 31 December 2015 as follows:

Loss reserve in € million	Stress outflow	Liquidity needed in € million
66.8	26.2%	17.5

In the current environment, Nationale Borg keeps a substantial share of its assets in cash. In addition, the company keeps a buffer of cash on demand to provide itself the necessary liquidity. Investments in equities are made only in categories which are very liquid and can be marketed overnight. This provides more than enough capacity to meet the demand for liquidity within the time frames specified for our business.
Simple addition (ignoring possible diversification effects) of the calculation of the cash outflow from claims (€ 17.5 million) with the stress loss in investments (€ 18.4 million) provides an estimate of the minimum

liquidity requirements to be € 35.9 million. The investments in the Low and Medium Risk category represent relatively safe and liquid assets for coverage of this amount of worst case liquidity needs. As a matter of policy the amount of investments in these categories always cover the liquidity requirements with a conservative margin (€110 million in December 2015).

Regarding cash and cash equivalents a concentration risk is applicable. The table below provides an overview of the financial institutions were cash positions are held:

	2015	**2014**
ING	**76,453**	66,506
Rabo	**13,178**	19,638
Deutsche Bank	**36,652**	11,842
Kas Bank	**1**	1,159
SNS	**23,252**	1,093
Federal Government of Finance (Belgium)	**6,400**	6,400
Barclays	**1,876**	_
Other	**1,076**	914
Total cash and cash equivalents	**158,888**	107,552

CREDIT RISK

Clients deposits
In case the creditworthiness of a client deteriorates Nationale Borg can decide that collateral is required in order to extend the issuing of guarantees. Any cash collateral received is put into bank deposits on demand. This collateral will be returned to customers as soon as guarantees expire or when the client creditworthiness improves again. Interest received on these separated deposits is transferred to the respective clients.

Counterparty default risk of reinsurers
General Reinsurance Agreement
Nationale Borg has a General Reinsurance Agreement ('GRA') with a panel of reinsurers that allows the company to transfer to these reinsurers part of the risk from its direct business with the exception of home purchase bonds, as well as from facultative acceptance of reinsurance risk. This allows Nationale Borg to take on larger exposures than would be justified by its own net equity position.
The General Reinsurance Agreement is a fixed quota share treaty with retention at 50%, in combination with an excess of loss treaty on the retention, which limits the retention of Nationale Borg to € 5 million per risk in guarantees. As from 2009, the treaty no longer applied to direct money and fraud insurance risks.
The 2015 limit of the quota share treaty was € 100 million. The excess of loss cover insured losses over € 5 million up to an amount of € 45 million.

Counterparty risk

The counterparty risk of the reinsurers is peculiar in that it represents a case of double default. The risk arises when both, claims arise in the Guarantees portfolio in conjunction with some failure in the panel of reinsurers to cover the ceded portion of these claims.

The gross exposure (at risk) from the ceded portion of the Guarantees portfolio is calculated as the sum of: outbound loss reserve on existing claims and worst case gross loss estimate (expected loss + 99.50% loss level) per the prevailing pricing method, on the ceded exposure.

The product of each reinsurer's share in the panel with the gross exposure yields the exposure to each entity. This is multiplied by the probability of default for the S&P 'A-' rating, to yield the estimate of counterparty risk. The sum of this risk across the whole panel is € 0.09 million.

Reinsurance Counterparty Risk	**€ million**
Total Exposure	2,995
Ceded Exposure	2,079
Ceded Stress loss (SL)	45.3
Outbound Loss Reserve (LR)	2.3
Counterparty risk	0.09

OTHER RISKS

Operational risk is managed by the departments in cooperation with the Risk Management department and Compliance. In case a new risk is identified this risk is discussed with Risk Management and mitigating controls are defined. The regular Risk Assessment process contributes to the identification and analysis of risks. The Risk Assessment is facilitated by Risk Management and attended by line managers of the business departments. During this Risk Assessment risks are analyzed and assessed. Risk analysis consist of describing the risk on a detailed level including assigning a risk owner.

Line Management of the business is responsible for effectively operating internal controls and keep documentation in order to proof existence and operating effectiveness. It is the responsibility of business management to ensure internal controls (agreed in risk assessments).

Risk Management is responsible to monitor the implementation of new controls and to monitor the operating effectiveness of existing controls. Internal Audit is responsible to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system. A monitoring and reporting process needs to be developed.

Strategic risks are those risks that are most consequential to Nationale Borg's ability to execute its strategies and achieve its business objectives. These are the risk exposures that can ultimately affect shareholder value or the viability of the organization.

Strategic risk is managed by the Executive Board. Examples of strategic risk that resulted from the last Risk Assessment are:

- Increase in competition direct business;
- Changes in regulation / application of catastrophe risk in Solvency II capital;
- Downgrade credit rating Nationale Borg.

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We closely monitor our business/market environment and follow trends etc. which are periodically discussed in the Executive and Supervisory Board. The Strategic Plan is updated on a yearly basis and forms the basis for the ORSA and next year's budget.

Other risks also include environmental risk, outsourcing risk, IT-risk, integrity risk and legal risk. If not referred to otherwise in the respective policies, the respective managers are responsible for the monitoring of the other risks in their area of responsibility. An overall report will be produced by the Compliance Officer.

The other risks are assigned as follows:
- Environmental risk: Head of Risk Management & Compliance;
- Outsourcing risk: the CRO will oversee the allocation of responsibilities to line managers such as IT and HR;
- IT-risk: the CRO will monitor the IT-risks;
- Integrity risk: Head of Risk Management & Compliance;
- Legal risk: Head of Risk Management & Compliance with external assistance as deemed necessary;

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The optimal capital position is determined by comparing the following objectives and requirements:
- ROE and dividend requirements from shareholders;
- Minimum regulatory requirements for Solvency I and II;
- Rating agency (S&P) requirements to maintain an A rating;
- Requirements from counterparts (mainly cedents and only relevant for NBRe).

The internal objective is to maintain a buffer over the greater of regulatory and rating agency requirements.

Nationale Borg is of the opinion that the Solvency II capital calculations are not tailored to the specific characteristics of the business and that the required capital includes a redundant recession risk component that provides ample safety margin. Therefore, it manages the capital ratios close to the minimum requirement of 100% of the Solvency II requirements. The company is well on track in implementing the new solvency and reporting standards and it is confident that it meets these standards as per 1 January 2016.
The solvency I capital needed for Nationale Borg-Maatschappij according to the standards of the regulator is € 5.3 million (2014: € 3.7 million). The corresponding available capital is € 95.2 million (2014: €73.5 million). On a consolidated level the solvency I capital requirement amounts to € 18.2 million (2014: € 10.8 million) and the available capital according to this measurement is € 68.8 million (2014: € 54.3 million).
Furthermore, Nationale Borg-Maatschappij aims to preserve an S&P rating in the A range. This rating is applicable to all companies within the group. Nationale Borg does not only meet the requirements of the minimum level for such a rating, it also preserves a solid safety margin above this standard so it can meet the standard even in extremely adverse conditions.
Given the current uncertain economic conditions, which increase the downside risk in our insurance portfolio by nature of the risks we insure against, we have opted to keep the risk in our investment portfolio at a low level.

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

During 2015 there were no transfers of financial assets between the Level 1, 2 and 3 fair value hierarchy classifications. As all financial assets and liabilities are classified in the Level 1 fair value hierarchy, the fair value of these assets and liabilities are not sensitive to possible favorable or unfavorable changes in the assumptions used to determine the fair value (for example, discount rate, credit rating assumptions).

At 31 December 2015, investments classified as Level 1 comprised 100 % of financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value measurements classified as Level 1 equity securities, derivative contracts and a money market fund.
For the accounting policies regarding the determination of the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, reference is made to the "Principles of valuation and determination of result".
The following table presents the group's assets and liabilities measured at fair value at 31 December 2015.

Assets	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Available-for-sale assets				
• Shares and other variable yield securities	_	12,676	_	**12,676**
• Bonds and other fixed income securities	_	_	_	_
Total available-for-sale assets	_	**12,676**	_	**12,676**
Financial assets at fair value through P&L				
• Shares and other variable yield securities	19,289	_	_	**19,289**
• Bonds and other fixed income securities	_	_		_
Loans and Receivables				
Reinsurance contracts (deposits only)	_	12,503	_	**12,503**
• Trade and other receivables	_	10,064	_	**10,064**
• Other assets	_	6,517	_	**6,517**
• Cash and cash equivalents	158,888	_	_	**158,888**
• Total loans and receivables	158,888	29,084	_	**187,972**
Total assets	**178,177**	**41,760**	_	**219,937**

Liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial liabilities at amortized costs				
• Payables	_	25,623	_	**25,623**
• Other liabilities	_	6,460	_	**6,460**
Total liabilities	_	**32,083**	_	**32,083**

The comparative figures for 2014 are:

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Available-for-sale assets				
• Shares and other variable yield securities	_	3,627	_	**3,627**
• Bonds and other fixed income securities	23,862	_	_	**23,862**
Total available-for-sale assets	23,862	3,627	_	**27,489**
Financial assets at fair value through P&L				
• Shares and other variable yield securities	26,967	_	_	**26,967**
• Bonds and other fixed income securities				
Loans and Receivables				
• Reinsurance contracts (deposits only)	_	13,063	_	**13,063**
• Trade and other receivables	_	10,266	_	**10,266**
• Other assets	_	6,771	_	**6,771**
• Cash and cash equivalents	107,552	_	_	**107,552**
Total loans and receivables	107,552	30,100	_	**137,652**
Total assets	158,381	33,727	_	**192,108**

Liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial liabilities at amortized costs				
• Payables	_	19,005	_	**19,005**
• Other liabilities	_	4,248	_	**4,248**
Total liabilities	_	23,253	_	**23,253**

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

FOUNDATION 'STICHTING ENBEMIJ'

Stichting Enbemij is considered a related party, as 1 out of the 3 members of the board is a member of the Executive Board of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. In 2015 there were no transactions in relation to this foundation.

OTHER

- One director of subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance is the owner of Gilhol Management and Consulting NV (Gilhol). Nationale Borg-Maatschappij offers guarantees to customers located at the Antilles. Regarding these guarantees Gilhol serves as a local intermediary. The total receivable of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij at year end reduced to almost € 0;
- Three employees of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij participate in the share based payment program (cash settled) of Nationale Borg Beheer;
- HAL Investments B.V. (shareholder in parent company Nationale Borg Beheer) provides Nationale Borg-Maatschappij with assistance regarding the internal audit function by making one of their employees partially available at a limited charge;
- Nationale Borg-Maatschappij rents out parts of its property for own use for housing purposes. It concerns 6 apartments and one house. These apartments and the house are rented out on an 'at arms length' bases to (former) employees, a third party, and relatives of 2 Executive Board members of Nationale Borg- Maatschappij. For 2015 the rent charged amounted to € 35 in total and was fully paid at year end;
- In 2015 Nationale Borg-Maatschappij paid transaction expenses related to the sale of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij on behalf of Nationale Borg Beheer. These costs were charged to Nationale Borg Beheer through the intercompany account;
- The director of subsidiary Nationale Waarborg holds 33% of the share capital of Flexfront BV. Both companies are located at the same address and therefore costs for housing and office facilities are shared. The costs charged by Flexfront BV amounted to € 104 in 2015 (2014: € 58);
- Nationale Borg Reinsurance participates (for 3%) in the General Reinsurance Agreement of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij;
- Nationale Borg-Maatschappij provides bonds and guarantees to companies related to Egeria and HAL Investments. The total exposure at year-end 2015 was € 88,250.

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and buildings	Recon-structions	Fixtures & Fittings	IT hardware	Company cars	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2015 *)	6,370	2,691	746	1,996	_	**11,803**
Additions/disposals	_	-18	25	77	_	**84**
At cost as at 31 December 2015 *)	6,370	2,673	771	2,073	_	**11,887**
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 1 January 2015	1,156	(2,215)	(654)	(1,798)	_	**(3,511)**
Depreciation charge for the year through profit and loss	(188)	(227)	(25)	(91)	_	**(531)**
Revaluations through equity	1,041	_	_	_	_	**1,041**
Depreciation on disposals	_	_	_	_	_	_
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 31 December 2015	2,009	(2,442)	(679)	(1,889)	_	**(3,001)**
Book value as at 1 January 2015	7,526	476	92	198	_	**8,292**
Book value as at 31 December 2015	**8,379**	**231**	**92**	**184**	_	**8,886**

	Land and buildings	Recon-structions	Fixtures & Fittings	IT hardware	Company cars	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2014 *)	6,370	2,565	742	1,903	_	11,580
Additions/disposals	_	126	4	93	_	223
At cost as at 31 December 2014 *)	6,370	2,691	746	1,996	_	11,803
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 1 January 2014	96	(1,968)	(623)	(1,718)	_	(4,213)
Depreciation charge for the year through profit and loss	(168)	(247)	(31)	(80)	_	(526)
Revaluations through equity	1,228	_	_	_	_	1,228
Depreciation on disposals	_	_	_	_	_	_
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 31 December 2014	1,156	(2,215)	(654)	(1,798)	_	(3,511)
Book value as at 1 January 2014	6,466	597	119	185	_	7,367
Book value as at 31 December 2014	7,526	476	92	198	_	8,292

*) For land and buildings this line item refers to the market value at the indicated date.

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Land and buildings relate only to property for own use. Depreciation expense on land and buildings for property for own use of €188 (2014: €168) has been charged to the net operating expenses.
The market value of land and buildings for own use including the reconstructions is € 8,610 at 31 December 2015 and determined by an independent, external valuator as per the balance sheet date. The historical cost price is €2,860 (2014: € 2,839). The gross revaluation reserve related to the property for own use amounts to € 7,643 (2014: € 6,772).

The land and buildings classified as property for own use are mainly in use as office building for business activities of the Nationale Borg. Besides Nationale Borg-Maatschappij rents out parts of its property for own use for housing purposes. It concerns 6 apartments and one house. Four of the apartments are earmarked as social housing.

REAL ESTATE IN OWN USE

This property is owned directly by Nationale Borg for own (future) use.

7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets refer to the brand name of Nationale Waarborg, goodwill paid on the acquisition of Nationale Waarborg and software:

	Brand name	Goodwill	Software	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2015	1,456	2,809	1,505	**5,770**
Additions acquired separately	–	–	697	**697**
At cost as at 31 December 2015	1,456	2,809	2,202	**6,467**
Accumulated impairments at 1 January 2015	(1,456)	(718)		**(2,174)**
Accumulated amortization at 1 January 2015			(801)	**(801)**
Amortization charge for the year	–	–	(259)	**(259)**
Accumulated amortization and impairments at 31 December 2015	(1,456)	(718)	(1,060)	**(3,234)**
Book value as at 1 January 2015	–	2,091	705	**2,796**
Book value as at 31 December 2015	–	**2,091**	**1,142**	**3,233**
At cost as at 1 January 2014	1,456	2,809	1,245	5,510
Additions	–	–	260	260
At cost as at 31 December 2014	1,456	2,809	1,505	5,770
Accumulated impairments at 1 January 2014	(1,456)	(718)		(2,174)
Accumulated amortization at 1 January 2014			(592)	(592)
Amortization charge for the year	–	–	(209)	(209)
Accumulated amortization and impairments at 31 December 2014	(1,456)	(718)	(801)	(2,975)
Book value as at 1 January 2014	–	2,091	653	2,744
Book value as at 31 December 2014	–	2,091	705	2,796

The amortization charge for the year is taken into account in the net operating expenses in the line Depreciation.

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets classified by type and nature 2015 and 2014:

2015	**Available for sale**	**Asset at Fair Value through P&L**	**Total**
Shares and other variable yield securities	12,676	19,289	**31,965**
Bonds and other fixed income securities	–	–	–
	12,676	19,289	**31,965**

2014	**Available for sale**	**Asset at Fair Value through P&L**	**Total**
Shares and other variable yield securities	3,627	26,967	30,594
Bonds and other fixed income securities	23,862	–	23,862
	27,489	26,967	54,456

Movements in available-for-sale assets:

	2015	**2014**
Book value at 1 January	**27,489**	27,813
Additions	**10,012**	
Disposals / Maturity	**(24,187)**	(672)
Revaluations through equity	**(677)**	944
Revaluations income statement	**39**	(596)
Book value at 31 December	**12,676**	27,489

Movements in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss:

	2015	**2014**
Book value at 1 January	**26,967**	27,041
Additions	**17,165**	3,911
Disposals	**(23,087)**	(4,609)
Revaluations	**(2,169)**	(14)
Effects of movements in foreign exchange	**414**	638
Book value at 31 December	**19,289**	26,967

The ‘at fair value through profit and loss’ assets also contain derivatives for an amount of € 114 (2014: € 201). These derivatives expire within one year after balance sheet date.

9. REINSURANCE CONTRACTS

	2015	2014
Deposits at insurers	**12,503**	13,063
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities:		
• Provisions for unearned premiums	**4,724**	4,307
• Claims and loss adjustment expenses	**2,334**	2,154
	19,561	19,524

All assets related to reinsurance contracts are current and collectible within one year.

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2015	2014
Accounts receivable on insurance and reinsurance business:		
• Amounts owed by policy holders and direct insurance operations	**5,384**	4,618
• Receivables arising out of reinsurance	**4,434**	5,532
• Current income tax receivable	**2,389**	–
• Other accounts receivable	**246**	116
Total receivables	**12,453**	10,266

The outstanding receivables are substantially all current and consequently their fair values do not materially defer from its book value. All trade and other receivables are collectible within one year. The current income tax receivable is related to Nationale Borg Reinsurance.
There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables as the group has a large number of internationally dispersed debtors. All receivables are considered on an individual basis for impairment testing. The group does not hold any collateral over these balances.
Movements on the provision for impairment of receivables are as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**2,167**	1,713
Provision for receivables impairment	**(79)**	519
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	**1**	(65)
Balance as at 31 December	**2,089**	2,167

The creation or release of provision for impaired receivables has been included in net operating expenses in the income statement. Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovery.

11. OTHER ASSETS

	2015	2014
Accrued interest	**120**	561
Deferred acquisition costs	**6,059**	5,685

Sliding scale commission receivable	**623**	–
Other	**338**	525
	7,140	6,771

The miscellaneous assets and accruals are substantially all current and consequently their fair values do not materially differ from their book value. Depending on their nature other assets are collectible or will be realized within a period of one year.
Movements on the deferred acquisition costs are as follows:

	2015	**2014**
Balance as at 1 January	**5,685**	5,207
Change in deferred acquisition costs	**374**	478
Balance as at 31 December	**6,059**	5,685

The premiums are earned taking into account the duration of the risk period of the underlying insurance portfolios.

12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2015	**2014**
Cash at banks	**75,744**	40,954
Cash savings and deposits	**64,100**	53,250
Cash received as collateral	**19,044**	13,348
Total cash and cash equivalents	**158,888**	107,552

The total carrying amount of the deposits that have been pledged as collateral at 31 December 2015, was € 44.1 million (2014: € 6,400). All other cash and deposits are available without restrictions.

13. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The Capital and Reserves are further disclosed in note 14 to the company financial statements.

14. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

	2015	**2014**
Total		
Provision for claims	**67,403**	66,196
Claims incurred but not reported	**224**	225
Provision for unearned premium	**27,711**	24,629
Total underwriting provisions at 31 December	**95,338**	91,050

Guarantees		
Provision for claims	**4,508**	3,937
Claims incurred but not reported	**–**	–
Provision for unearned premium	**9,532**	7,923
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**14,040**	11,860

	2014	2013
Money and Fraud Insurance		
Provision for claims	**39**	121
Claims incurred but not reported	**224**	225
Provision for unearned premium	**–**	–
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**263**	346
Reinsurance		
Provision for claims	**62,856**	62,138
Claims incurred but not reported	**–**	–
Provision for unearned premium	**18,179**	16,706
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**81,035**	78,844

The movement schedule of technical provisions:

	Gross 2015	**Reinsured 2015**	**Net 2015**
Total			
Opening provision for claims	**66,421**	2,118	64,303
Change in provision	**(202)**	204	(406)
Effects of changes in foreign exchange	**1,408**	–	1,408
Ending provision for claims	**67,627**	2,322	65,305
Opening provision for unearned premium	**24,629**	4,316	20,313
Change in provision	**3,082**	575	2,507
Ending provision for unearned premium	**27,711**	4,891	22,820
Guarantees			
Opening provision for claims	**3,937**	2,039	1,898
Change in provision	**571**	247	324
Ending provision for claims	**4,508**	2,286	2,222
Opening provision for unearned premium	**7,923**	4,288	3,635
Change in provision	**1,609**	590	1,019
Ending provision for unearned premium	**9,532**	4,878	4,654

Money and Fraud Insurance			
Opening provision for claims	**346**	79	267
Change in provision	**(83)**	(43)	(40)
Ending provision for claims	**263**	36	227
Opening provision for unearned premium	_	_	_
Change in provision	_	_	_
Ending provision for unearned premium	_	_	_
Reinsurance			
Opening provision for claims	**62,138**	_	62,138
Change in provision	**(690)**	_	(690)
Effects of changes in foreign exchange	**1,408**	_	1,408
Ending provision for claims	**62,856**	_	62,856
Opening provision for unearned premium	**16,706**	28	16,678
Change in provision	**1,473**	(15)	1,488
Ending provision for unearned premium	**18,179**	13	18,166

In 2014 we commuted the remaining outwards treaty retrocession arrangements.

15. PAYABLES

	2015	**2014**
Accounts payable on insurance and reinsurance business		
Payables arising out of reinsurance operations	**(3)**	(7)
Amounts due to policy holders*	**19,044**	13,348
	19,041	13,341
Trade and other accounts payable		
Accounts payable	**74**	182
Other accounts payable**	**6,509**	5,482
	6,583	5,664
Total accounts payable	**25,624**	19,005

*Amounts due to policy holders includes bank deposits from policy holders.

** Other accounts payable consist of the reinsurance commission reserve amounting to € 1,701 (2014: € 1,593) and current accounts with credit balances in relation to cedants, reinsurers and policy holders.

The payables are all current and consequently their fair value does not materially differ from their book value.

16. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2015	2015	2014	2014
Deposits received from reinsurers		–		17
Profit commission payable		**1,452**		69
Miscellaneous liabilities and accruals:				
Payroll and other accruals	**2,024**		1,677	
Sundry creditors	**744**		391	
		2,768		2,068
Balance as at 31 December		**4,220**		2,154

In 2015 a split is made between Profit commission and Sliding scale commission (see Note 11). This explains the increase in Profit commission payable. All other liabilities are current liabilities and payable within one year, consequently their fair value does not materially differ from their book value.

17. DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

	2015	2014
Deferred income tax assets	**(57)**	(231)
Deferred income tax liabilities	**3,479**	2,828
	3,421	2,597

The movement on the deferred income taxes is as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**2,597**	2,097
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	**300**	307
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	**350**	(44)
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	**174**	237
Balance as at 31 December	**3,421**	2,597

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year is as follows:

Deferred tax assets	UPR	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2015	(231)	**(231)**
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	–	–
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	174	**(19)**
Balance as at 31 December 2015	(57)	**(250)**
Balance as at 1 January 2014	(57)	(57)
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	–	–
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	(174)	(174)
Balance as at 31 December 2014	(231)	(231)

Deferred tax liabilities	Unrealized appreciation of investment property	Unrealized appreciation of other investments	Equalization reserve	Deferred acquisition cost	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2015	1,772	_	994	62	**2,828**
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	270	30	_	_	**300**
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	_	_	77	273	**350**
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	_	_	_	_	_
Balance as at 31 December 2015	2,042	30	1,071	335	**3,478**

	Unrealized appreciation of investment property	Equalization reserve	Deferred acquisition cost	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2014	1,507	613	34	**2,154**
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	307	_	_	**307**
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	(42)	_	(2)	**(44)**
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	_	381	30	**411**
Balance as at 31 December 2014	1,772	994	62	**2,828**

The deferred income tax charged or credited to equity at the end of year is as follows:

	2015	2014
Reserves in shareholders' equity:		
Revaluation reserve	**300**	307

18. CURRENT INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

	2015	2014
Current income tax liabilities	**1,831**	(503)

The current income tax liabilities consist of income and other local taxes payable for 2015.

19. NET PREMIUM EARNED

	2015			2014		
	Gross	Reinsurers' share	Net	Gross	Reinsurers' share	Net
Total						
Written Premium	95,790	8,847	**86,943**	90,669	11,998	78,671
Change in provision for unearned premium	(3,083)	(417)	**(2,666)**	(768)	15	(783)
Earned premium	92,707	8,430	**84,277**	89,901	12,013	77,888
Guarantees						
Written premium	23,426	7,888	**15,538**	24,319	11,923	12,396
Change in provision for unearned premium	(28)	374	**(402)**	25	9	16
Earned premium	23,398	8,262	**15,136**	24,344	11,932	12,412
Reinsurance						
Written premium	72,364	959	**71,405**	66,350	75	66,275
Change in provision for unearned premium	(3,055)	(791)	**(2,264)**	(793)	6	(799)
Earned premium	69,309	168	**69,141**	65,557	81	65,476

20. NET INVESTMENT INCOME

NET INVESTMENT INCOME BY TYPE OF INVESTMENT

	2015	2014
Income/expense from:		
• Property	**35**	269
• Bonds and other fixed rate securities	**882**	656
• Shares and other variable yield securities including derivatives	**2,054**	(363)
• Other investments (deposits and receivables)	**(600)**	(3)
Net income/(expense) from investments	**2,371**	559

NET INVESTMENT INCOME BY NATURE OF INCOME/(EXPENSE)

	2015	2014
Income/(expense) from:		
Interest	**260**	892
Dividends	**538**	700
Realized gains	**4,209**	(1,049)
Unrealized gains	**(2,169)**	(14)
Rental income from property	**35**	269
Costs of investments	**(502)**	(239)
Net income/(expense) from investments	**2,371**	559

21. NET INSURANCE CLAIMS

	2015			2014		
	Gross	Re-insurers' share	Net	Gross	Re-insurers' share	Net
Total						
Claims paid in the year	(2,860)	(32,793)	**29,933**	31,375	1,365	30,010
Change in provision for outstanding claims	(201)	204	**(405)**	(5,321)	(2,532)	(2,789)
Claims handling expenses	1,387	–	**1,387**	1,492	–	1,492
Total insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses	(1,674)	(32,589)	**30,915**	27,546	(1,167)	28,713
Guarantees						
Claims paid in the year	(34,195)	(32,793)	**(1,402)**	1,011	806	205
Change in provision for outstanding claims	571	245	**326**	(2,091)	(1,909)	(182)
Claims handling expenses	1,156	–	**1,159**	1,243	–	1,243
Total insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses	(32,468)	(32,548)	**80**	163	(1,103)	1,266
Money/Fraud Insurance						
Claims paid in the year	(2)	–	**(2)**	(5)	–	(5)
Change in provision for outstanding claims	(83)	(41)	**(42)**	(15)	34	(49)
Claims handling expenses	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses	(85)	(41)	**(44)**	(20)	34	(54)

Reinsurance						
Claims paid in the year	31,337	–	**31,337**	30,369	559	29,810
Change in provision for outstanding claims	(689)	–	**(689)**	(3,215)	(657)	(2,558)
Claims handling expenses	231	–	**231**	249	–	249
Total insurance claims and loss adjustment expenses	30,879	–	**30,879**	27,403	(98)	27,501

22. ACQUISITION COST

	2015	2014
Acquisition costs	**27,067**	24,842
Change in deferred acquisition costs	**(300)**	(544)
Change in profit commission payable	**760**	(886)
Profit commission paid	**2,326**	2,598
Total acquisition costs	**29,853**	26,010

23. NET OPERATING EXPENSES

	2015	2014
Staff expenses	**9,320**	8,871
Administrative expenses	**2,939**	3,652
Depreciation	**795**	736
Exchange rate differences	**(1,831)**	(1,976)
Other	**111**	(17)
Total net operating expenses	**11,334**	11,266

The staff expenses contain pension charges amounting to € 1.2 million (2014: € 830) in total.

24. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	2015	2014
Current tax	**3,059**	893
Deferred tax	**350**	411
Total income tax expenses	**3,409**	1,304

Tax on the group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average tax rate applicable to profits of the consolidated companies as follows:

	2015	2014
Profit before tax	**19,683**	17,609

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Overview tax calculated at domestic tax rates applicable to profits in the respective countries:

	2015			2014		
	Tax bases	**Tax rate**	**Nominal tax charge**	Tax bases	**Tax rate**	**Nominal tax charge**
Netherlands	7,390	25.00%	**1,848**	1,942	25.00%	486
Belgium	1,309	33.99%	**445**	1,527	33.99%	519
Curaçao	54,501	1.25%	**681**	66,350	1.38%	912
Total			**2,974**			1,917

	2015	**2014**
Tax calculated at domestic tax rates applicable to profits in the respective countries	**2,974**	1,917
Reassessment of prior year local tax positions	**(463)**	(844)
Tax exempt income and permanent differences	**897**	231
Tax charge for the year	**3,408**	1,304

The effective tax rate is 17.3% (2014: 7.4%). The effective tax rate in 2015 was higher due to the 2014 reduction of the tax rate (retrospectively) in Curaçao.
The applicable tax rate in the Netherlands is 25.00% and in Belgium 33.99%. In the Antilles income tax is charged at a rate of 25% based on 5 per cent of the total written premium.

Based on a settlement agreement with the fiscal authorities of Curaçao and the Netherlands a Curaçao tax refund in 2014 is taken into account in Nationale Borg-Maatschappij (resided in the Netherlands). For 2015 this percentage is set at 25% (2014: 24%).

25. EARNINGS AND DIVIDENDS PER SHARE

	2015	**2014**
Continued operations:		
Profit attributable to the company's equity holders	**16,274**	16,305
Number of ordinary shares issued as per 31 December	**803,760**	803,760
Earnings per share (in euro)	**20.25**	20.29

Basic earnings per share are calculated dividing the net profit of the year attributable to the equity holders of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.
There are no equity instruments that would lead to a dilution of the earnings per share.

DIVIDEND PER SHARE

In 2015 no dividend per share has been paid. The dividend per share paid in 2014 amounted to € 9.95 per share.

26. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2015			2014		
	Gross	**Income tax**	**Net**	**Gross**	**Income tax**	**Net**
Net fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale financial investments	(677)	(30)	**(707)**	944	_	944
Net revaluation property for own use	1,041	(270)	**770**	1,230	(307)	923
	364	(300)	**63**	2,174	(307)	1,867

Net fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale financial investments
The other comprehensive income resulting from available-for-sale financial investments contains income from financial investments on the balance sheet of subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance as well as Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. The income tax charges of Nationale Borg Reinsurance are based on a percentage of the gross written premiums. Therefore the impact of income tax on these fair value changes is zero.

The financial investments of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij consists of fractions in one investment fund containing participations in other real estate investment funds. This investment is classified as available-for-sale. In 2015 an investment in a Money Market fund took place. Fair value changes are taken into account in the other comprehensive income. At realisation through disposal of fractions, the fair value changes are reversed in the revaluation reserve and taken into account in the income statement.

Net revaluation property for own use
Fair value changes related to property for own use are taken into account in the other comprehensive income. The revaluation reserve is released in favor of the revenue reserve on a straight line basis over a 40 years period. Only at realisation through disposal of the property, the fair value changes will be reversed in the revaluation reserve and taken into account in the income statement.

27. CONTINGENCIES

The group, like all other insurers, is subject to litigation in the normal course of business. The group does not believe that such litigation will have a material effect on its profit or loss and financial condition.

28. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments.

29. PERSONNEL

The number of employees working for the group:	**2015**	**2014**
Total average number of employees (full-time equivalent)	**65.7**	66.4
Total year-end number of employees (full-time equivalent)	**68.5**	64.9
Total year-end number of employees	**78**	74

30. REMUNERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

The table below provides details regarding the remuneration of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board. The Executive Board consists of 3 members (2014: 3 members). The Supervisory Board consists of 4 members (2014: 3 members).

	2015	**2014**
Short-term compensation	**766**	625
Bonus payments	**492**	109
Long-term employee benefits	**–**	12
Pension and other benefits	**48**	171
Total compensation paid to the Executive Board	**1,306**	917

Since 2015 one of the members of the Executive Board participates in the share based payment program (cash settled) at Nationale Borg Beheer level. The value of these 'phantom shares' increased by € 82 in 2015.

Short-term benefits	**34**	34
Total compensation paid to the Supervisory Board	**34**	34

31. AUDITOR FEES

With reference to section 2:382 of the Dutch Civil Code, the following fees for the financial year have been charged by KPMG accountants NV to the company and its subsidiaries.

For the year 2015:

	KPMG accountants NV	Other KPMG network	Total KPMG
Audit of the financial statements	134	–	**134**
Tax-related advisory services	–	64	**64**
Other non-audit services	–	12	**12**
Total fees charged during the year	**134**	**76**	**210**

For the year 2014:

	KPMG accountants NV	Other KPMG network	Total KPMG
Audit of the financial statements	143	_	143
Tax-related advisory services	_	273	273
Other non-audit services	43	8	51
Total fees charged during the year	186	281	467

32. TAX OBLIGATIONS

Nationale Borg-Maatschappij together with Belegging- en Beheermaatschappij Keizersgracht, Nationale Borg Beheer and Nationale Waarborg form a fiscal unity for corporate income tax purposes. Therefore, all direct payable tax amounts of this group are recorded in the accounts of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. All four corporate entities are fully liable for the full amount of the payable corporate income tax. The fiscal unity will be disconnected after the sale of National Borg-Maatschappij.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amsterdam, 29 March 2016

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Before appropriation of result	*Note*		**31 December 2015**		**31 December 2014**
ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	*5*		**8,842**		8,266
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	*6*		**95,673**		85,988
Intangible assets	*7*		**2,675**		2,717
Financial assets	*8*		**2,664**		3,627
Reinsurance contracts	*9*		**27,765**		21,725
Trade and other receivables:	*10*				
• Accounts receivable on insurance and reinsurance business		**6,619**		6,881	
• Other accounts receivables		**250**		53	
			6,869		6,934
Other assets:					
• Deferred acquisition costs	*11*	**1,341**		260	
• Miscellaneous assets and accruals	*12*	**437**		606	
			1,778		866
Cash and cash equivalents:	*13*				
• Cash		**23,542**		15,720	
• Cash received as collateral		**19,044**		13,348	
			42,586		29,068
TOTAL ASSETS			**188,852**		159,191

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	31 December 2015		31 December 2014	
EQUITY					
Subscribed capital		**4,019**		4,019	
Capital reserve		**824**		824	
Revaluation reserve		**5,822**		5,876	
Currency translation reserve		**–**		–	
Revenue reserve		**84,753**		76,330	
Undistributed profits		**16,274**		8,305	
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the company	*14*		**111,693**		95,354
TOTAL EQUITY			**111,693**		95,354
LIABILITIES					
Technical provisions	*15*		**30,702**		22,808
Payables:	*16*				
• Accounts payable on insurance and reinsurance business		**19,041**		13,341	
• Trade and other payables		**779**		8,460	
			19,820		21,801
Other liabilities:					
• Deposits received from reinsurers	*17*	**16,398**		10,591	
• Profit commission payable		**61**		(178)	
• Miscellaneous liabilities and accruals		**5,709**		5,347	
			22,168		15,760
Deferred income tax liabilities	*18*	**3,422**		2,771	
Current income tax liabilities	*19*	**1,048**		697	
			4,470		3,468
TOTAL LIABILITIES			**77,160**		63,837
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			**188,852**		159,191

COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

	2015	2014
Share of income from group companies	**10,481**	15,776
Other income and expense	**8,225**	3,341
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	**18,706**	19,117
Income tax expenses	**(2,432)**	(2,812)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	**16,274**	16,305

COMPANY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR

		2015	2014
Profit for the year		**16,274**	16,305
Other comprehensive income:	*20*		
Share in other comprehensive income of subsidiaries		**(796)**	303
Net fair value gains/(losses) on available for sale financial investments		**89**	641
Net revaluation property for own use		**770**	923
Currency translation differences assets		**–**	–
Total other comprehensive income		**63**	1,867
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		**16,338**	18,172
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the company		**16,338**	18,172

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Attributable to the equity holders of the company:

€ '000	Subscribed Capital	Capital Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	Currency translation reserve	Revenue Reserve	Profit for the Year	Total
EQUITY AT 1 JANUARY 2015	4,019	824	5,876	–	76,330	8,305	**95,354**
Result income statement	–	–	–	–	–	16,274	**16,274**
Other comprehensive income	–	–	63	–	–	–	**63**
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	63	–	–	16,274	**16,338**
Dividend distribution	–	–	–	–	–	-	–
Appropriations to reserves	–	–	–	–	8,305	(8,305)	–
Other movements	–	–	(117)	–	117	–	–
EQUITY AT 31 DECEMBER 2015	**4,019**	**824**	**5,822**	–	**84,753**	**16,274**	**111,693**
EQUITY AT 1 JANUARY 2014	4,019	824	5,280	–	72,216	2,843	85,182
Result income statement	–	–	–	–	–	16,305	16,305
Other comprehensive income	–	–	1,867	–	–	–	1,867
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	1,867	–	–	16,305	18,172
Dividend distribution	–	–	–	–	–	(8,000)	(8,000)
Appropriations to reserves	–	–	–	–	2,843	(2,843)	–
Other movements	–	–	(1,272)	–	1,272	–	–
EQUITY AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	4,019	824	5,876	–	76,330	8,305	95,354

COMPANY CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR

	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	**8,225**	3,341
Adjustments for:		
• Realized capital (gains) and losses on investments	**–**	680
• Realized capital (gains) and losses on property own use	**–**	(107)
• Unrealized capital (gains) and losses on investments	**89**	–
• Depreciation and amortization property, plant and equipment and intangible fixed assets (including impairments)	**752**	724
Changes in operational assets and liabilities:		
• Underwriting provisions (gross)	**7,894**	(6,029)
• Reinsurance assets (net)	**(6,040)**	7,004
• Deferred acquisition costs	**(1,081)**	(118)
• Accounts receivable and payable on insurance and reinsurance business	**5,962**	9,972
• Changes in other assets and liabilities	**(715)**	(5,864)
• Interest on financial instruments	**(705)**	(1,051)
Income taxes paid	**(1,310)**	315
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**13,072**	8,868
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Investments and acquisition (cash outflows):		
• Property, plant and equipment and intangible fixed assets	**(517)**	(398)
Divestments, redemptions and disposals (cash inflows):		
• Dividends received from subsidiaries	**–**	–
• Financial investments	**963**	672
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES	**446**	274
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	**–**	(8,000)
NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**–**	(8,000)
Foreign exchange results	**–**	–
CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**13,518**	1,140

COMPANY CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR

	2015	2014
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the preceding year	**29,068**	27,928
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	**42,586**	29,068

	2015	**2014**
Cash at bank	**15,451**	7,219
Cash savings and deposits accounts	**8,091**	8,501
Cash received as collateral	**19,044**	13,348
Total cash and cash equivalents	**42,586**	29,068

NOTES TO THE COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

NV Nationale Borg-Maatschappij, based in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) is the parent company of Nationale Borg. The company statements are part of the 2015 financial statements, which also include the consolidated annual accounts. The company statement has been rendered in abbreviated form pursuant to Book 2, section 402 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

IMPACT OF NOVATION

As per January 1, 2011, Nationale Borg-Maatschappij transferred its entire reinsurance portfolio to Nationale Borg Reinsurance as far as the cedants had agreed to this. This transfer of contracts was subject to the approval of each individual cedant. In 2012 it was decided that not only current reinsurance business of the cedants novated in 2011 would be transferred from Nationale Borg-Maatschappij to Nationale Borg Reinsurance , but also the financial line items regarding previous years. This influenced the openings positions of several financial line items in previous 2012. All novations in 2012 and thereafter were transferred for the entire positions (current and previous years).

Furthermore, Nationale Borg-Maatschappij has retroceded its remaining reinsurance portfolio for all underwriting years to Nationale Borg Reinsurance. The treatment of this retrocession at Nationale Borg Reinsurance does not differ from the treatment of business assumed from 3rd parties.

2. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The company annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with Part 9, Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

In the preparation of the company annual accounts, the provisions of Article 362, subsection 8 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code have been applied.

The accounting principles for the company financial statements are the same as for the consolidated financial statement.

3. SUBSIDIARIES

Subsidiaries are valued at net asset value, Subsidiaries have the same accounting principles and reporting period as Nationale Borg-Maatschappij.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

NATIONALE BORG REINSURANCE NV

The following table provides the total value of transactions between Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and Nationale Borg Reinsurance for the financial year:

	2015	**2014**
Inward reinsurance (assumed)	–	346
Outward reinsurance (ceded)	**(4,688)**	(1,662)
Service level agreement on underwriting and supporting services	**1,944**	1,564
(Interest on) outstanding intercompany balances	**(756)**	(1,219)
Total	**(3,500)**	(971)

The net intercompany position with Nationale Borg Reinsurance was a receivable of EUR 5.4 million (2014: 3.2 million payable).
Inward reinsurance consists of the net effect of assumed reinsurance (premiums, claims, recoveries and commission). Outward reinsurance consists of the net effect of (retro-) ceded insurance (premiums, claims, recoveries and commission).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

As per January 1, 2011, Nationale Borg-Maatschappij transferred its entire reinsurance portfolio to Nationale Borg Reinsurance for as far as the cedants had agreed to this. This transfer of contracts was subject to the approval of each individual cedant.
With regard to the onward reinsurance (ceded) business, this relates to the indirect business of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij for all underwriting years. This portfolio has been reinsured at Nationale Borg Reinsurance at current arm's-length market conditions.
A service level agreement has been set-up between Nationale Borg Reinsurance and Nationale Borg-Maatschappij for the services Nationale Borg-Maatschappij provides to Nationale Borg Reinsurance. These services are related to Underwriting, IT, Finance, Actuary and Investment management. The remuneration to Nationale Borg-Maatschappij has been set at arm's-length conditions.
Interest is due on all outstanding intercompany balances including intercompany loans. During 2015 this was calculated on a monthly basis at an average rate of 5.75% (2014: 5.95%).

FOUNDATION 'STICHTING ENBEMIJ'

Stichting Enbemij is considered a related party, as 2 out of 4 members of the board are appointed by directors of Nationale Borg Group. In 2015 there were no transactions in relation to this foundation.

OTHER

- One director of subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance is the owner of Gilhol Management and Consulting NV (Gilhol). Nationale Borg-Maatschappij offers guarantees to customers located at the Antilles. Regarding these guarantees Gilhol serves as a local intermediary. The total receivable of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij at year end reduced to almost € 0;
- Three employees of Nationale Borg participate in the share based payment program (cash settled) of Nationale Borg Beheer;
- HAL Investments B.V. (shareholder in parent company Nationale Borg Beheer) provides Nationale Borg Group with assistance regarding the internal audit function by making one of their employees partially available at a limited charge;
- Nationale Borg-Maatschappij rents out parts of its property for own use for housing purposes. It concerns 6 apartments and one house. These apartments and the house are rented out on an 'at arms length' bases to (former) employees, a third party, and relatives of 2 Executive Board members of Nationale Borg. For 2015 the rent charged amounted to € 35 in total and was fully paid at year end;
- In 2015 Nationale Borg-Maatschappij paid transaction expenses related to the sale of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij on behalf of Nationale Borg Beheer. These costs were charged to Nationale Borg Beheer through the intercompany account;
- The director of subsidiary Nationale Waarborg holds 33% of the share capital of Flexfront BV. Both companies are located at the same address and therefore costs for housing and office facilities are shared. The costs charged by Flexfront BV amounted to € 104 in 2015 (2014: € 58);
- Nationale Borg Reinsurance participates (for 3%) in the General Reinsurance Agreement of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij;
- Nationale Borg-Maatschappij provides bonds and guarantees to companies related to Egeria and HAL Investments. The total exposure at year-end 2015 was € 88,250.

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and buildings	Recon-structions	Fixtures and fittings	IT hardware	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2015 *)	6,370	2,683	710	1,842	11,605
Additions/disposals	–	(18)	25	53	**60**
At cost as at 31 December 2015 *)	6,370	2,665	735	1,895	**11,665**
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 1 January 2015	1,156	(2,208)	(621)	(1,666)	**(3,339)**
Depreciation charge for the year through profit and loss	(188)	(225)	(29)	(83)	**(525)**
Revaluations through equity for the year	1,041	–	–	–	**1,041**
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 31 December 2015	2,009	(2,433)	(650)	(1,749)	**(2,823)**
Book value as at 1 January 2015	7,526	475	89	176	**8,266**
Book value as at 31 December 2015	**8,379**	**232**	**85**	**146**	**8,842**

	Land and buildings	Recon-structions	Fixtures and fittings	IT hardware	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2014 *)	6,370	2,557	706	1,757	11,390
Additions/disposals	–	126	(4)	85	215
At cost as at 31 December 2014 *)	6,370	2,683	710	1,842	11,605
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 1 January 2014	96	(1,961)	(590)	(1,593)	(4,048)
Depreciation charge for the year through profit and loss	(168)	(247)	(31)	(73)	(519)
Revaluations through equity for the year	1,228	–	–	–	1,228
Accumulated depreciation and impairments at 31 December 2014	1,156	(2,208)	(621)	(1,666)	(3,339)
Book value as at 1 January 2014	6,466	596	116	164	7,342
Book value as at 31 December 2014	7,526	475	89	176	8,266

*) For land and buildings this line item refers to the market value at the indicated date.

6. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The following table shows the changes in investments in associated companies valued at equity:

	2015	**2014**
Balance as at 1 January	**85,988**	69,909
Share of (loss)/profit	**10,481**	15,776
Dividend payments	–	–
Revaluations	**(796)**	303
Balance as at 31 December	**95,673**	85,988

2015	**Country of incorporation**	**Assets**	**Liabilities**	**Revenues**	**Shares of profit/(loss)**	**Interest held %**
Nationale Borg Reinsurance NV	Dutch Antilles, Curaçao	181,809	90,519	70,880	10,126	100.00
NV Belegging- en beheermaatschappij “Keizersgracht”	The Netherlands, The Amsterdam	3,735	–	–	–	100.00
Nationale Waarborg BV	The Netherlands, Nieuwegein	2,123	1,475	1,657	355	100.00
Total at the end of 2015		**187,667**	**91,994**	**72,537**	**10,481**	

2014	**Country of incorporation**	**Assets**	**Liabilities**	**Revenues**	**Shares of profit/(loss)**	**Interest held %**
Nationale Borg Reinsurance NV	Dutch Antilles, Curaçao	160,311	78,351	65,546	15,679	100.00
NV Belegging- en beheermaatschappij “Keizersgracht”	The Netherlands, The Amsterdam	3,735	–	–	–	100.00
Nationale Waarborg BV	The Netherlands, Nieuwegein	1,193	903	1,302	97	100.00
Total at the end of 2014		165,239	79,254	66,848	15,776	

7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets refer to the brand name of Nationale Waarborg, goodwill paid on acquisition on the acquisition of Nationale Waarborg and software:

	Brand name Nationale Waarborg	Goodwill	Software	Total
At cost as at 1 January 2015	1,456	2,809	1,418	**5,683**
Additions	_	_	186	**186**
At cost as at 31 December 2015	1,456	2,809	1,604	**5,869**
Accumulated impairments at 1 January 2015	(1,456)	(718)	_	**(2,174)**
Accumulated amortization at 1 January 2015	_	_	(793)	**(793)**
Amortization charge for the year	_	_	(227)	**(227)**
Accumulated amortization and impairments at 31 December 2015	(1,456)	(718)	(1,020)	**(3,194)**
Book value as at 1 January 2015	_	2,091	625	**2,716**
Book value as at 31 December 2015	_	**2,091**	**584**	**2,675**

At cost as at 1 January 2014	1,456	2,809	1,235	5,500
Additions	_	_	183	183
At cost as at 31 December 2014	1,456	2,809	1,418	5,683
Accumulated impairments at 1 January 2014	(1,456)	(718)	_	(2,174)
Accumulated amortization at 1 January 2014	_	_	(587)	(587)
Amortization charge for the year	_	_	(206)	(206)
Accumulated amortization and impairments at 31 December 2014	(1,456)	(718)	(792)	(2,967)
Book value as at 1 January 2014	_	2,091	648	2,739
Book value as at 31 December 2014	_	2,091	626	2,716

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets classified by type and nature:

2015	**Available for sale**	**Asset at Fair Value Through P&L**	**Total**
Shares and other variable yield securities	2,664	_	**2,664**
Bonds and other fixed income securities	_	_	_
	2,664	_	**2,664**

All financial assets are listed.

Financial assets classified by type and nature:

2014	**Available for sale**	**Asset at Fair Value Through P&L**	**Total**
Shares and other variable yield securities	3,627	_	3,627
Bonds and other fixed income securities	_	_	_
	3,627	_	3,627

All financial assets are listed.

Movements in financial assets available for sale:	**2015**	**2014**
Book value at 1 January	**3,627**	4,254
Disposals	**(1,121)**	(672)
Revaluations through equity	**119**	641
Revaluations income statement	**39**	(596)
Book value at 31 December	**2,664**	3,627

SHARES AND OTHER VARIABLE YIELD SECURITIES

	2015	**2014**
Investment funds	**2,664**	3,627

9. REINSURANCE CONTRACTS

	2015	**2014**
Deposits at insurers	**4,321**	4,689
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities:		
Provisions for unearned premiums	**8,105**	4,587
Claims and loss adjustment expenses	**15,339**	12,449
	27,765	21,725

Amounts due from reinsurers in respect of claims already paid by the company on the contracts that are reinsured are included in receivables. All assets related to reinsurance contracts are current and collectible within one year.

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2015	2014
Accounts receivable on insurance and reinsurance business:		
Amounts owed by policy holders and direct insurance operations	**5,556**	4,639
Receivables arising out of reinsurance	**1,063**	2,242
Profit commission receivables	**34**	–
Other accounts receivable	**216**	53
Total receivables	**6,869**	6,934

The outstanding receivables are substantially all current and consequently their fair values do not materially differ from its book value. All trade and other receivables are collectible within one year.

All receivables are considered on an individual basis for impairment testing.

Movements on the provision for impairment of receivables are as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**2,045**	1,703
Additions and (releases) during the year	**36**	342
Balance as at 31 December	**2,081**	2,045

The creation or release of provision for impaired receivables has been included in net operating expenses in the income statement. Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovering.

11. DEFERRED ACQUISITION COSTS

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**260**	142
Change in deferred acquisition costs	**373**	128
Impact of novation	**708**	(10)
Balance as at 31 December	**1,341**	260

The premiums are earned taking into account the duration of the risk period of the underlying insurance portfolios.
Other movements relate to the impact of the transfer of the reinsurance portfolio to Nationale Borg Reinsurance.

12. MISCELLANEOUS ASSETS AND ACCRUALS

	2015	2014
Accrued interest	**12**	11
Other	**425**	595
	437	606

The miscellaneous assets and accruals are substantially all current and consequently their fair values do no materially defer from their book value. Depending on their nature other assets are collectible or will be realized within a period of one year.

13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2015	2014
Cash at banks	**15,451**	7,219
Cash savings and deposits accounts	**8,091**	8,501
Cash received as collateral	**19,044**	13,348
Total cash and cash equivalents	**42,586**	29,068

The total carrying amount of the deposits that have been pledged as collateral for liabilities at 31 December 2015 was € 7,200 (2014: € 6,400). All other cash in investment accounts are available without restrictions.

14. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL

	2015	2014
Balance as at 31 December	**4,019**	4,019

The total authorized share capital is € 11,000 (2014: € 11,000).
The share capital of € 4,019 (2014: € 4,019) is divided into 803,760 (2014: 803,760) fully paid ordinary shares of € 5.- . The fully paid shares carry one vote per share and carry the rights to dividends.

CAPITAL RESERVE

	2015	2014
Balance as at 31 December	**824**	824

REVALUATION RESERVE

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**5,876**	5,280
Change in revaluation reserve – gross	**216**	903
Change in revaluation reserve – tax	**(270)**	(307)
Balance as at 31 December	**5,822**	5,876

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The revaluation reserve consists of € 5,822 (2014: € 5,080) for real estate and money market funds and nil (2014: (€796) for financial fixed assets (all net of tax).

REVENUE RESERVE

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**76,331**	72,216
Appropriations from Profit for the year	**8,305**	2,843
Other movements	**117**	1,272
Balance as at 31 December	**84,753**	76,331

PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	2015	2014
Balance as at 1 January	**8,305**	2,843
Appropriations to revenue reserve	**(8,305)**	(2,843)
Dividend distribution	_	(8,000)
Profit for the year	**16,274**	16,305
Balance as at 31 December	**16,274**	8,305

TOTAL EQUITY

	2015	2014
Subscribed capital	**4,019**	4,019
Capital reserve	**824**	824
Revaluation reserve	**5,822**	5,876
Revenue reserve	**84,753**	76,331
Profit for the year	**16,274**	8,305
Total equity	**111,693**	95,355

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The group's dividend distribution is based on the company financial statements. The company and its subsidiaries are subject to legal restrictions regarding the amount of dividends they can pay to their shareholders. The Dutch Civil Code contains the restriction that dividends can only be paid up to an amount equal to the excess of the company's shareholders' equity and reserves required by law. Additionally, certain subsidiaries are subject to restrictions on the amount of funds they may transfer in the form of dividends or otherwise to the company.

15. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

	2015	2014
Total		
Provision for claims	**17,552**	14,353
Claims incurred but not reported	**224**	225
Provision for unearned premium	**12,926**	8,230
Total underwriting provisions at 31 December	**30,702**	22,808
Guarantees		
Provision for claims	**4,508**	3,937
Claims incurred but not reported	–	–
Provision for unearned premium	**9,532**	7,923
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**14,040**	11,860
Money and Fraud Insurance*		
Provision for claims	**39**	121
Claims incurred but not reported	**224**	225
Provision for unearned premium	–	–
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**263**	346
Reinsurance		
Provision for claims	**13,005**	10,295
Claims incurred but not reported	–	–
Provision for unearned premium	**3,394**	307
Total technical provisions at 31 December	**16,399**	10,602

The movement schedule of technical provisions:

	Gross 2015	Reinsured 2015	Net 2015
Total			
Opening provision for claims	**14,578**	12,414	2,164
Change in provision	**2,860**	2,576	284
Effects of changes in foreign exchange	**338**	338	–
Ending provision for claims	**17,776**	15,328	2,448
Opening provision for unearned premium	**8,230**	4,595	3,635
Change in provision	**4,696**	3,677	1,019
Ending provision for unearned premium	**12,926**	8,272	4,654

Guarantees			
Opening provision for claims	**3,937**	2,039	1,898
Change in provision	**571**	247	324
Ending provision for claims	**4,508**	2,286	2,222
Opening provision for unearned premium	**7,923**	4,288	3,635
Change in provision	**1,609**	590	1,019
Ending provision for unearned premium	**9,532**	4,878	4,654
Money and Fraud Insurance			
Opening provision for claims	**346**	80	266
Change in provision	**(83)**	(43)	(40)
Ending provision for claims	**263**	37	226
Reinsurance			
Opening provision for claims	**10,295**	10,295	–
Change in provision	**2,372**	2,372	–
Change in exchange rate	**338**	338	–
Ending provision for claims	**13,005**	13,005	–
Opening provision for unearned premium	**307**	307	–
Change in provision	**3,087**	3,087	–
Ending provision for unearned premium	**3,394**	3,394	–

16. PAYABLES

	2015	**2014**
Accounts payable on insurance and reinsurance business		
Payables arising out of reinsurance operations	**(3)**	(7)
Amounts due to policy holders	**19,044**	13,348
	19,041	13,341
Trade and other accounts payable		
Accounts payable	**220**	163
Other accounts payables	**559**	8,297
	779	8,460
Balance as at 31 December	**19,820**	21,801

The payables are all current and consequently their fair value does not materially differ from their book value. The decrease in other accounts payable is explained by the intercompany with Nationale Borg Reinsurance. This intercompany changed from a payable in 2014 to a receivable in 2015.

17. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2015	2014
Deposits received from reinsurers	**16,398**	10,591
Profit commission payable	**61**	(178)
Miscellaneous liabilities and accruals	**5,709**	5,347
	22,168	15,760

In order to cover the provision for unearned premium and the provision for claims related to business retroceded to Nationale Borg Reinsurance, Nationale Borg-Maatschappij withholds a deposit amounting to: € 16,398 (2014: € 10,591) as per 31December.
All other liabilities are current liabilities and payable within one year, consequently their fair value does not materially differ from their book value.

Miscellaneous liabilities and accruals		
Payroll and other accruals	**941**	146
Sundry creditors	**4,767**	5,201
Balance as at 31 December	**5,708**	5,347

18. DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITES

	2015	**2014**
Deferred income tax assets	**(56)**	(56)
Deferred income tax liabilities	**3,478**	2,828
	3,422	2,772

The movement on the deferred income taxes is as follows:

	2015	**2014**
Balance as at 1 January	**2,772**	2,098
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	**300**	307
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	–	(44)
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	**350**	411
Balance as at 31 December	**3,422**	2,772

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year is as follows:

	Technical provisions	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2015	(56)	**(56)**
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	–	–
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	–	–
Balance as at 31 December 2015	(56)	**(56)**
Balance as at 1 January 2014	(56)	(56)
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	–	–
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	–	–
Balance as at 31 December 2014	(56)	(56)

Deferred tax liabilities	Unrealized appreciation of investment property	Unrealized appreciation of other investments	Equalization reserve	Deferred acquisition cost	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2015	1,772		994	62	**2,828**
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	270	30	–	–	**300**
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	–		77	273	**350**
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	–		–	–	–
Balance as at 31 December 2015	**2,042**	**30**	**1,071**	**335**	**3,478**

	Unrealized appreciation of investment property	Equalization reserve	Deferred acquisition cost	**Total**
Balance as at 1 January 2014	1,507	613	34	2,154
Charge/(credit) to equity for the year	307	_	_	307
Charge/(credit) to corporate tax payable for the year	(42)		(2)	(44)
Charge/(credit) to the income statement for the year	_	381	30	411
Balance as at 31 December 2014	1,772	994	62	2,828

The deferred income tax charged or credited to equity at the end of year is as follows:

	2015	2014
Reserves in shareholders' equity:		
Revaluation reserve	**300**	307

19. CURRENT INCOME TAXES

	2015	2014
Current income tax liabilities	**1,048**	697

The current income tax liabilities consist of income and other local income taxes payable.

20. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2015			2014		
	Gross	**Income tax**	**Net**	**Gross**	**Income tax**	**Net**
Share in other comprehensive income of subsidiaries	(796)	_	**(796)**	303	_	303
Net fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale financial investments	119	(30)	**89**	641	_	641
Net revaluation property for own use	1,041	(270)	**771**	1,230	(307)	923
	364	**(300)**	**63**	2,174	(307)	1,867

Share in other comprehensive income of subsidiaries

This part of the other comprehensive income relates to available-for-sale financial investments of subsidiary Nationale Borg Reinsurance. The government bonds that are part of the investment portfolio of this subsidiary were classified as available for sale assets. Unrealized fair value changes were taken into account in

the other comprehensive income. When the bonds were sold in July 2015 the fair value changes were reversed in the revaluation reserve and taken into account in the income statement.
The income tax charges of Nationale Borg Reinsurance are based on a percentage of the gross written premiums. Therefore the impact of income tax on these fair value changes is zero.

Net fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale financial investments
The financial investments of Nationale Borg-Maatschappij consists of fractions in one investment fund containing participations in other real estate investment funds and another investment in a money market fund. These investments are classified as available-for- sale. Fair value changes are taken into account in the other comprehensive income. At realisation through disposal of fractions, the fair value changes are reversed in the revaluation reserve and taken into account in the income statement.

Net revaluation property for own use
Fair value changes related to property for own use are taken into account in the other comprehensive income. The revaluation reserve is released in favor of the revenue reserve on a straight line basis over a 40 years period. Only at realisation through disposal of the property, the fair value changes will be reversed in the revaluation reserve and taken into account in the income statement.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amsterdam, 29 March 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The General Meeting of Shareholders and supervisory board of NV Nationale Borg-Maatschappij

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015

In our opinion:

- the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij as at 31 December 2015, and of its result and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU-IFRS) and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code;
- the company financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij as at 31 December 2015, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements 2015 of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij, based in Amsterdam. The financial statements include the consolidated financial statements and the company financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements comprise:

1. the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2015;
2. the following consolidated statements for the year then ended: the income statement, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows; and
3. the notes comprising a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The company financial statements comprise:

1. the company balance sheet as at 31 December 2015;
2. the company income statement for the year then ended; and
3. the notes comprising a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis for our opinion

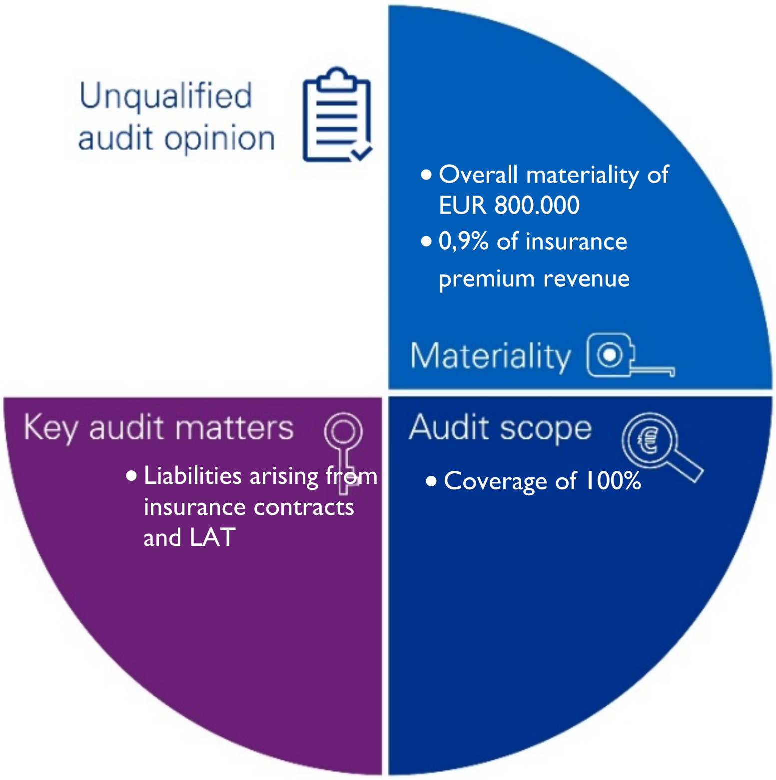
We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report.

We are independent of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij in accordance with the Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten (ViO) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants (VGBA).

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Audit approach

Summary



Materiality

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.
Based on our professional judgment we determined the materiality for the financial statements as a whole at EUR 800,000 (2014: EUR 930,000). The materiality is determined with reference to a benchmark of insurance premium revenue (approximately 2015: 0.9%; 2014 1%). Due to the nature of the insurance business we consider premium income as an important metric for N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij. We have also taken into account misstatements and/or possible misstatements that in our opinion are material for qualitative reasons for the users of the financial statements.
We agreed with the Supervisory Board that misstatements in excess of EUR 40,000, which are identified during the audit, would be reported to them, as well as smaller misstatements that in our view must be reported on qualitative grounds.

Scope of the group audit

N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij is head of a group of entities. The financial information of this group is included in the consolidated financial statements of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij.

Because we are ultimately responsible for the opinion, we are also responsible for directing, supervising and performing the group audit. In this respect we have determined the nature and extent of the audit procedures to be carried out for group entities.
We did not use the work of other auditors, all procedures were performed by the group engagement team. We have performed a full scope audit on the figures of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij and Nationale Borg Reinsurance N.V. For N.V. Beleggings- en Beheermaatschappij Keizersgracht we performed specific audit procedures on the intercompany reconciliations, this is an company without any activities.
By performing the procedures mentioned above at group entities, combined with analytical procedures on the figures of Nationale Waarborg B.V. we have covered all information included in the financial statements and have been able to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence about the group's financial information to provide an opinion about the consolidated financial statements.

Our key audit matter

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. We have communicated the key audit matter to the Supervisory Board. The key audit matter is not a comprehensive reflection of all matters discussed.
The matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

Liabilities arising from insurance contracts and liability adequacy test (LAT)

Description

The calculation of the liabilities arising from insurance contracts and the related liability Adequacy Test (LAT) is complex and highly judgmental and is based on assumptions which are affected by (future) economic conditions.
The assumptions require significant management's judgment. The company has comprehensive procedures and internal controls in place to determine the value of the liabilities arising from insurance contracts and the related LAT. Internal control procedures for the direct business relate to claims and loss adjustment expenses (including direct claim settlement costs arising from the risks the company has taken up to the balance sheet date). In the indirect business reserves are set up on the basis of the most recent outstanding loss information supplied by the ceding company with possible adjustments. There are additional internal controls regarding currect account statements received from the cedants.

Our response

We tested the internal controls regarding the determination of the liabilities arising from insurance contracts and the LAT. Furthermore we challenged the assumptions used for the liabilities arising from insurance contracts and the LAT, which consisted amongst others of an assessment of the individual claim files and assessment of manual adjustment to the claims provisions delivered by the cedants. We discussed the outcome of the internally prepared analysis with the internal actuaries and their advisors, making use of our own actuarial experts. Furthermore we checked the adequacy of disclosure of the liabilities arising from insurance contracts and the related risks and assumptions.

Our observation

We found that the assumptions used and related estimates resulted in a cautious valuation of liabilities arising from insurance contracts.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THE SUPERVISORY BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with EU-IFRS and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code and for the preparation of the Management Report in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to errors or fraud.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, management should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Management should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit assignment in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion. Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not have detected all errors and fraud. For a further description of our responsibilities in respect of an audit of financial statements, we refer to the website of the professional body for accountants in the Netherlands (NBA) www.nba.nl/standardtexts-auditorsreport.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT AND THE OTHER INFORMATION

Pursuant to legal requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code (concerning our obligation to report about the management board report and other information),:

- We have no deficiencies to report as a result of our examination whether the management board report, to the extent we can assess, has been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, and whether the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code has been annexed.
- We report that the management board report, to the extent we can assess, is consistent with the financial statements.

ENGAGEMENT

We were reappointed by the General Meeting as auditor of N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij on 16 April 2015, regarding the audit for year 2015 and have been auditor since 2007.

Utrecht, 29 March 2016

A.J.H. Reijns RA

OTHER INFORMATION

BRANCHES

The company has a branch in Belgium, located at Uitbreidingstraat 66 in Antwerpen-Berchem.

PROFIT APPROPRIATION

The profit is appropriated according to Article 21 of the articles of Association of NV Nationale Borg-Maatschappij, the relevant stipulations of which state:
"The profit may not be distributed until after adoption of the Annual Accounts showing that the shareholders' equity of the company exceeds the amount of the paid and called-up portion of the capital, plus the reserves which must be maintained pursuant to law."

PROPOSED PROFIT APPROPRIATION

Net profit	16,274
Interim dividend paid out	–
Transfer to reserves	16,274
Dividend to shareholders	–

With respect to the distribution of the result and retained earnings, the Supervisory Board agrees with the proposal of the Executive Board to the shareholders to retain all earnings and add them to the company's equity.

EVENTS AFTER BALANCE SHEET DATE

Solvency II is the new regulatory framework for insurance companies operating in the European Union. It became effective on 1 January 2016. Solvency I ratios are therefore no longer applicable. Under Solvency II, capital requirements depend directly on consistently-measured risk. It is based on economic principles for measuring assets and liabilities.

There have been no adjusting events after the balance sheet date.

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