# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the European Embedded Value (EEV) basis supplementary information

The directors have chosen to prepare supplementary information in accordance with the EEV Principles issued in May 2004 by the CFO Forum of European Insurance Companies and expanded by the Additional Guidance on European Embedded Value Disclosures issued in October 2005.

When compliance with the EEV Principles is stated, those principles require the directors to prepare supplementary information in accordance with the Embedded Value Methodology (EVM) contained in the EEV Principles and to disclose and explain any non-compliance with the EEV guidance included in the EEV Principles.

In preparing the EEV supplementary information, the directors have:

Prepared the supplementary information in accordance with the **EEV Principles**;

- identified and described the business covered by the EVM;
- applied the EVM consistently to the covered business;
- determined assumptions on a realistic basis, having regard to past, current and expected future experience and to any relevant external data, and then applied them consistently;
- made estimates that are reasonable and consistent; and
- described the basis on which business that is not covered business has been included in the supplementary information, including any material departures from the accounting framework applicable to the Group's financial statements.

## Independent auditor's report to Prudential plc on the European Embedded Value (EEV) basis supplementary information

We have audited the EEV basis supplementary information (the supplementary information) on pages 204 to 229 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2005. The supplementary information has been prepared in accordance with the EEV Principles issued in May 2004 by the CFO Forum as supplemented by the Additional Guidance on European Embedded Value Disclosures issued in October 2005 (together 'the EEV Principles') using the methodology and assumptions set out on pages 208 to 214. The EEV supplementary information should be read in conjunction with the Group's financial statements which are on pages 62 to 195.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company those matters we have been engaged to state in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on this page, the directors' responsibilities include preparing the supplementary information on the EEV basis in accordance with the EEV Principles. Our responsibilities, as independent auditor, in relation to the supplementary information are established in the UK by the Auditing Practices Board, by our profession's ethical guidance and the terms of our engagement.

Under the terms of engagement we are required to report to the Company our opinion as to whether the supplementary information has been properly prepared in accordance with the EEV Principles using the methodology and assumptions set out on pages 208 to 214. We also report if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for this audit.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit having regard to International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the supplementary information. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the supplementary information, and of whether the accounting policies applied in the preparation of the supplementary information are appropriate to the Group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the supplementary information is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the supplementary information.

In our opinion, the EEV basis supplementary information for the year ended 31 December 2005 has been properly prepared in accordance with the EEV Principles using the methodology and assumptions set out on pages 208 to 214.

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**KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants** London 15 March 2006