

SCOR Global Life

European Embedded Value 2009

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1. Introduction

This document contains details of the European Embedded Value (EEV) 2009 of SCOR Global Life, an analysis of movement of the EEV from 2008 to 2009, details of the methodology and assumptions, an analysis of sensitivities to certain key parameters and a reconciliation of the EEV to the IFRS equity. The EEV of the Life & Health segment of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America (formerly XL Re Life America Inc.) is included in the results as per 31 December 2009.

The EEV has been calculated in accordance with the European Embedded Value Principles published in May 2004 and October 2005 by the CFO Forum. The bottom-up market consistent valuation method which has been applied, on the basis of unadjusted swap rates as proxies for risk-free rates and implied volatilities as of the respective valuation date, is compliant with the guidance of the European Insurance CFO Forum Market Consistent Embedded Value Principles¹ on economic assumptions. A presentation of the EEV in line with the MCEV Principles is shown in Section 6.

Towers Watson has been engaged to review the EEV. The scope and conclusions of this review are stated at the end of this document.

This EEV disclosure should not be viewed as a substitute for SCOR SE's primary financial statements.

2. Covered Business

The EEV covers 100% of the Life and Health reinsurance business of SCOR, written by the following operating entities (including all their branches), which in the following are collectively referred to as SCOR Global Life:

- SCOR Global Life SE, Paris
- Prévoyance Ré, Paris
- Sweden Reinsurance Co. Ltd., member of the SCOR Global Life Group, Stockholm
- SCOR Global Life Rückversicherung Schweiz AG, Zurich
- SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Ireland Ltd., Dublin
- SCOR Financial Services Ltd., Dublin
- SCOR Global Life U.S. Re Insurance Company Inc., Dallas
- SCOR Global Life Re Insurance Company of Texas Inc., Dallas
- SCOR Global Life Reinsurance International (Barbados) Ltd., Bridgetown
- SCOR Reinsurance Asia-Pacific, branch for South Korea
- SCOR Rückversicherung (Deutschland) AG, Cologne
- SCOR Switzerland AG, Zurich

In addition, the EEV 2009 covers the Life reinsurance business of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America (formerly XL Re Life America Inc.), which has been acquired by SCOR during 2009.

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3. European Embedded Value Results

The following table contains the main components of the EEV 2008 and 2009 of SCOR Global Life.

	2008	2009
Adjusted Net Asset Value (ANAV)	873.7	907.4
Required capital	499.4	525.6
Free surplus	374.3	381.8
Present Value of In-Force (PVIF)	957.7	1,174.6
Cost of Capital (CoC)	-113.9	-137.7
Time Value of Financial Options and Guarantees (TVFOG)	-15.7	-10.0
European Embedded Value (EEV)	1,701.8	1,934.3

(After tax, in €m)

Table 1: EEV 2008 and 2009 of SCOR Global Life

The PVIF has increased significantly during 2009, mainly as a consequence of new business written and business acquired in the course of the year.

The 2008 and 2009 EEVs are reconciled in the following table.

	ANAV	PVIF ^{*)}	EEV
EEV 31 December 2008	873.7	828.1	1,701.8
EEV earnings	137.9	161.0	299.0
EEV operating profit	68.7	121.8	190.5
Economic variances	69.2	39.2	108.5
Exchange rate movements	-5.3	0.2	-5.1
Capital movements	-96.0	0.0	-96.0
Value of acquired business	-3.0	37.6	34.7
EEV 31 December 2009	907.4	1,026.9	1,934.3

(After tax, in €m; *) net of CoC and TVFOG)

Table 2: Analysis of change in EEV

The EEV earnings correspond to a return on the opening EEV of 17.6%.

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<u>Economic variances</u> have benefited from the recovery of the financial markets during 2009, in particular the narrowing of spreads on fixed income assets and market value gains of equities. The development of the run-off GMDB liability contributed about \in 20m to economic variances.

Exchange rate movements have been small because during 2009 the two main foreign currencies for the EEV, the US Dollar and the Pound Sterling, have only moved by small amounts and in the opposite direction.

The <u>value of acquired business</u> represents the EEV of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America, net of the total consideration paid for the transaction by SCOR.

	ANAV	PVIF ^{*)}	EEV
EEV operating profit	68.7	121.8	190.5
Value added by new business	-39.0	152.3	113.2
Expected return	170.1	-93.6	76.5
Experience variances	-61.9	81.1	19.3
Changes to operating assumptions and models	-0.5	-18.0	-18.5
Economic variances	69.2	39.2	108.5
Investment variances	74.0	8.8	82.8
Economic assumption changes	-4.8	30.4	25.6
EEV earnings	137.9	161.0	299.0

The EEV earnings are further broken down in the following table.

(After tax, in €m; *) net of CoC and TVFOG.)

Table 3: EEV earnings

The EEV operating profit corresponds to a rate of 11.2% on the opening EEV.

The <u>value added by new business</u> (VNB) 2009 increased by 136% compared to the VNB 2008 (\in 47.9m). This increase is due to an in-force block transaction on UK protection business which had previously been co-reinsured by SCOR Global Life, and the growth in the value of new business from the existing portfolio and new client relationships.

<u>Experience variances</u> are positive, mainly as a result of overall better than expected claims and lapse experience. They also include the effect of recapturing and transferring certain in-force treaties between different statutory regimes, which during 2009 led to a simultaneous reduction of the ANAV and an increase of the PVIF of approximately the same amount.

<u>Changes to operating assumptions and models</u> have been affected by improvements to the models for projected maintenance expenses.

The <u>new business margin</u>, i.e. the ratio of the VNB and the present value of the new business premiums including the new business premiums in 2009 (PVNBP), increased from 3.4% to 5.2%, mostly because of an increased weight of new business with high margins compared to 2008.

	2008	2009
VNB (€m)	47.9	113.2
PVNBP (€m)	1,400.6	2,184.6
New business margin	3.4%	5.2%

Table 4: VNB and new business margins

4. Methodology

a) Adjusted Net Asset Value

The Adjusted Net Asset Value (ANAV) of each SCOR Global Life entity is derived from the local statutory (regulatory) equity by making a number of adjustments. The most important adjustments are:

- adding the share of unrealised capital gains on invested assets attributable to shareholders
- removing intangible assets (to the extent they cannot be used to cover long-term liabilities); if intangible assets are included in the ANAV, then the amortisation is included in the present value of in-force
- adjusting the book value of outstanding debt to its market value
- replacing the statutory pension liabilities by their IFRS values, in cases where the latter are higher.

In addition, the ANAV 2009 contains capital allocated by SCOR SE to SCOR Global Life in the form of an internal loan amounting to \in 366m, allocated capital amounting to \in 50m in relation to the purchase of the business of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America, and capital allocated to L&H business booked in composite entities to cover statutory and internal solvency requirements amounting to \notin 54m.

All adjustments allow for the consequential impact on deferred tax.

It should be noted that the ANAV does not fully coincide with the definition of admissible assets under local solvency regulations.

b) Required Capital

The projected level of required capital is based on the higher of statutory requirements on a goingconcern basis (i.e. taking into account the necessity to hold a certain multiple of the local minimum solvency margin due to competitive pressures or guidance from the regulator) and internal requirements on a group level. The resulting aggregate required capital exceeds the capital required to meet SCOR's target rating.

c) Present Value of In-Force

The Present Value of In-Force (PVIF) has been calculated as the present value at the valuation date of projected statutory profits expected to emerge to shareholders from the business in-force, discounted at the risk discount rate, net of projected maintenance expenses and tax attributable to in-force business. Allowance has been made for the projected impact of tax losses carried forward.

The PVIF excludes any new treaties (expected to be) underwritten after the valuation date, and any new policies underwritten after the valuation date and reinsured under in-force treaties.

The value of expected renewals of treaties which are renewed on an annual basis without significant commercial effort has been included in the PVIF. Future renewals which require significant commercial effort have been excluded from the PVIF.

The future outgoing premium payments for some annually renewable external retrocession treaties that cover the portfolio of SCOR Global Life against catastrophic events have been projected over the full lifetime of the covered blocks of business. As a prudent assumption, no future claims recoveries to the benefit of SCOR Global Life under these treaties have been projected.

d) Cost of Capital

Assets backing required capital can be regarded as being locked-in and are projected to earn the risk-free rate of return, net of tax and of investment expenses, which is considerably lower than the risk discount rates used in the calculation of the PVIF.

The annual charge for the cost to shareholders of maintaining the required capital is the difference between the after-tax amount earned on assets net of investment expenses supporting required capital and the amount expected in accordance with the risk discount rate. The Cost of Capital (CoC) is the present value at the risk discount rate of these annual charges over the outstanding life of in-force policies.

e) Time Value of Financial Options and Guarantees

The Time Values of Financial Options and Guarantees (TVFOGs) embedded in re-insurance contracts have been valued on a market-consistent basis.

Various types of reinsured U.S. accumulation contracts contain Financial Options and Guarantees (FOGs) in the form of guaranteed interest rates, or guarantees linked to equity indices, guaranteed minimum death benefits, buy-back options and options to convert to annuities. The impact of these FOGs was projected for a large number of stochastically generated risk-neutral economic scenarios for the swap yield curve and the S&P 500 equity index. The TVFOGs were calculated as the difference between:

- the average present value of projected statutory profits, discounted at the respective risk-free rate, from all the stochastic economic scenarios, and
- the "certainty equivalent PVIF" calculated on the basis of the financial parameters at the valuation dates.

The TVFOGs for certain U.S. Universal Life products and Italian savings policies with interest rate guarantees were derived on the basis of internal benchmarks or benchmarks based on EEV results published by other insurers in the corresponding markets. For other businesses, the TVFOGs are not material.

The same methodologies have also been applied in valuing the TVFOGs for the value of new business.

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f) Consolidation

Embedded Values of legal entities have been consolidated by

- replacing book values of subsidiaries by their respective EEVs
- eliminating any differences between intra-group receivables and payables (net of applicable tax).

g) Change in Embedded Value

The <u>capital movements</u> are composed of changes to capital allocated by SCOR to SCOR Global Life, interest paid thereon in 2009 and profits transferred by SCOR Global Life to SCOR.

The allocated capital as per 31 December 2009 corresponds to a loan from SCOR SE to SCOR Global Life, capital allocated in relation to the acquisition of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America, and capital allocated to L&H business booked in composite entities to cover statutory and internal solvency requirements.

The <u>value added by new business</u> is the sum of the actual 2009 after tax statutory profit or loss arising from the new business written in 2009 (allowing for internal and external acquisition expenses) and the PVIF of this business at the end of 2009, net of CoC and the TVFOGs.

It has been calculated using 2009 closing assumptions. It includes the value of new treaties underwritten during 2009, the value of 2009 new business on treaties in force at 31 December 2008, and the actual renewals in 2009 of annually renewable treaties in those cases where the renewal required significant commercial effort.

The <u>expected return</u> corresponds to the unwinding of the risk discount rate for business in-force as at 31 December 2008 (including the release of required capital) and expected after tax investment income on the ANAV, in accordance with assumptions used as at 31 December 2008.

<u>Experience variances</u> include the differences between actual experience and projected results during the year 2009 with respect to mortality, morbidity, lapses, expenses etc. on business in force as at 31 December 2008.

<u>Changes to operating assumptions and models</u> reflect the impact of changes made in 2009 to projection models and non-economic parameters affecting the business in-force as at 31 December 2008.

<u>Investment variances</u> reflect differences between actual and expected returns on invested assets, including changes to unrealised capital gains and losses.

<u>Economic assumption changes</u> reflect the aggregate impact of changes to the economic environment during the reporting year, including changes to projected investment returns, letter of credit costs and the risk discount rates.

Exchange rate movements reflect movements of foreign exchange rates against the Euro from 2008 to 2009. EEV earnings and capital movements have been converted into Euros using 2008 exchange rates, with the exception of the value added by new business, which has been converted using 2009 exchange rates.

The <u>value of acquired business</u> corresponds to the business of SCOR Global Life Reinsurance Company of America, net of the total consideration paid for the transaction.

5. Assumptions

a) Operating Assumptions

<u>Actuarial assumptions</u> on mortality, morbidity, persistency etc. have been actively reviewed and are based on best estimate assumptions as at the projection dates, which are derived from a mixture of historic experience and industry data. Appropriate allowance has been made for trends.

Reinsurance companies generally have less policy and experience data available than primary insurers. This means that embedded value calculations require more assumptions and simplifications than is the case for primary insurance companies.

Future <u>maintenance expenses</u> expected to be incurred in relation to the administration of the in-force business have been projected and deducted from the present value of statutory profits.

The expense assumptions have been based on current expense levels and the expected run-off pattern of the in-force portfolio. Costs incurred in holding or service companies have been fully taken into account on a look-through basis.

b) Economic Assumptions

All assumptions relating to <u>investment returns</u> are market consistent, i.e. for all business without significant FOGs, the valuation is performed by a single deterministic calculation with projected pre-tax returns based on the appropriate risk-free interest rate curve at the valuation date (certainty equivalent approach).

Risk-free rates have been derived from swap rates at the valuation date. The zero coupon rates used for the main currencies are as follows:

Swap zero coupon rates	31 December 2008			
Term	EUR	USD	GBP	CAD
5 Years	3.27%	2.16%	3.21%	1.62%
10 Years	3.81%	2.66%	3.52%	2.58%
15 Years	4.01%	2.92%	3.79%	3.42%
20 Years	3.93%	2.91%	3.65%	3.64%
25 Years	3.64%	2.83%	3.43%	3.56%
30 Years	3.45%	2.80%	3.24%	3.51%
		31 Decer	nber 2009	
5 Years	2.85%	3.07%	3.48%	2.93%
10 Years	3.69%	4.17%	4.26%	4.04%
15 Years	4.13%	4.63%	4.59%	4.72%
20 Years	4.23%	4.74%	4.53%	4.86%
25 Years	4.13%	4.76%	4.38%	4.66%
30 Years	3.97%	4.80%	4.25%	4.46%

Table 5: Swap rates for main currencies by duration

For business containing FOGs, the valuation has been based on stochastic projections using marketconsistent, risk neutral economic scenarios, except where other approximations for a market–consistent valuation have been employed.

Volatility assumptions are based on observed market implied volatilities at the respective valuation date:

Equity implied volatilities		
Equity Index	S&P 500	
31 December 2008	35.2%	
31 December 2009	24.1%	

Table 6: At the money equity implied volatilities

Swaption implied volatilities	31 December 2008	31 December 2009
Term	USD	USD
1 Year	49.9%	30.4%
2 Years	41.7%	28.1%
3 Years	37.2%	25.5%
4 Years	33.6%	23.6%
5 Years	30.9%	22.0%
7 Years	27.4%	19.9%
10 Years	24.6%	17.3%

Table 7: Swaption implied volatilities for at-the-money swaptions with a 10-year tenor

The EEVs have been converted into Euros using the <u>exchanges rates</u> at the respective valuation dates. EEV earnings and capital movements have been converted using 2008 exchange rates, with the exception of the value added by new business and the value of acquired business, which have been converted using 2009 exchange rates. Changes in the EEV due to changes in foreign exchange rates are disclosed as exchange rate movements.

For the major foreign currencies, the following exchange rates have been used:

1 Euro =foreign currency	31 December 2008	31 December 2009
USD	1.4059	1.4541
GBP	0.9186	0.8960
SEK	10.8650	10.4635
CAD	1.7004	1.5459
CHF	1.5789	1.5123

Table 8: Exchange rates for main currencies

<u>Inflation assumptions</u> of between 2% and 3% p.a., depending on the country and currency, have been used to project future maintenance expenses.

c) Risk Discount Rates

Expected future shareholder profits or losses generated by the in-force business, including the expected release of required capital, have been discounted at a <u>risk discount rate</u> (RDR). The RDR has been calculated for each expected shareholder cash flow using a bottom-up approach.

For each cash flow, the RDR is equal to the sum of

- the risk-free rate for the respective currency and duration (i.e. the swap zero rate), and
- a risk margin to cover non-hedgeable risks, including insurance risks, operational risks, counterparty default risk and uncertainty.

For most reinsurance treaties, the risk margin is 3.2%. A risk margin of 1.2% has been assumed for US accumulation products and a limited number of reinsurance financing contracts, which have a low level of insurance risk. The average risk margin for the entire portfolio in 2009 is 3.0%.

d) Tax Assumptions

Expected future tax payments have been projected using the applicable tax basis (allowing for valuation differences between the statutory and the tax accounts) after allowing for tax losses carried forward. No allowance has been made for potential tax on remittances/dividends from subsidiaries.

Different tax treatments of treaties booked in branches (which file local tax statements) have also been reflected in the projections.

The following tax rates have been applied to projected future profits expected to emerge in the main tax jurisdictions:

Tax rate	EEV 2008	EEV 2009
France	34.4%	34.4%
Germany	31.6%	31.6%
USA	34.0%	34.0%
UK	28.0%	28.0%
Ireland	12.5%	12.5%

Table 9: Tax rates for main tax environments

6. Alternative Presentation

Below, we provide an alternative presentation of the EEV in line with the terminology used in the MCEV Principles. The components of value are:

- Adjusted Net Asset Value (ANAV)
- Certainty equivalent PVIF, i.e. the present value of future profits discounted at risk-free rates without a risk margin²
- Cost of double taxation and investment expenses³ incurred on projected investment income on required capital, calculated using risk-free rates without a risk margin
- Cost of non-hedgeable risks
- Time value of Financial Options and Guarantees (TVFOGs)

The overall cost of non-hedgeable risks in the CoC and the PVIF can be analysed by dividing

- the CoC into the cost of double taxation and investment expenses and the <u>cost of capital for non-hedgeable risks</u> (i.e. the effect of the risk margin on cost of capital), and
- the PVIF into the certainty equivalent PVIF and the effect of the risk margin on the PVIF.

The cost of non-hedgeable risks is the sum of the cost of capital for non-hedgeable risks and the effect of the risk margin on the PVIF.

	2008	2009
Adjusted Net Asset Value (ANAV)	873.7	907.4
Certainty equivalent PVIF	1,252.7	1,506.9
Cost of double taxation and investment expenses	-35.5	-49.2
Cost of non-hedgeable risks	-373.4	-420.8
Time value of Financial Options and Guarantees (TVFOG)	-15.7	-10.0
European Embedded Value (EEV)	1,701.8	1,934.3

(After tax, in €m)

Table 10: Alternative break-down of the EEV 2008 and 2009 of SCOR Global Life

² The term used in the MCEV Principles for this item is "Present value of future profits".

³ The term used in the MCEV Principles for this item is "Frictional cost of required capital".

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7. Sensitivity Analysis

a) Sensitivities of the EEV 2009

	EV (in €m)	Difference (in €m)	Change
Base case	1,934.3		
Mortality/Morbidity -5% (life insurance)	2,203.4	+ 269.1	13.9%
No mortality improvements (life insurance)	1,753.9	- 180.4	-9.3%
Mortality/Morbidity -5% (annuities)	1,934.9	+ 0.6	0.0%
Lapse rates -10%	1,962.7	+ 28.3	1.5%
Maintenance expenses -10%	1,959.2	+ 24.9	1.3%
Discount rate -100 bps	2,052.4	+ 118.1	6.1%
Interest rates -100 bps	1,954.6	+ 20.3	1.1%
Equity and property capital values -10%	1,921.5	- 12.8	-0.7%

Table 11: Sensitivities of the EEV 2009

The sensitivity "Discount rate -100 bps" reflects the effect of a change in the risk margin for insurance specific risks.

The sensitivity "Interest rates -100 bps" corresponds to a change in the entire interest environment (including a corresponding change in the risk discount rate and a revaluation of fixed interest assets) resulting from a parallel shift in the yield curve.

b) Sensitivities of the VNB 2009

	VNB (in €m)	Difference (in €m)	Change
Base case	113.2		
Mortality/Morbidity -5% (life insurance)	144.2	+ 31.0	27.4%
No mortality improvements (life insurance)	101.3	- 11.9	-10.5%
Mortality/Morbidity -5% (annuities)	113.4	+ 0.2	0.2%
Lapse rates -10%	122.9	+ 9.7	8.6%
Maintenance expenses -10%	116.1	+ 2.9	2.5%
Discount rate -100 bps	128.3	+ 15.1	13.3%
Interest rates -100 bps	106.9	- 6.3	-5.6%
Equity and property capital values -10%	113.2	+ 0.0	0.0%

Table 12: Sensitivities of the VNB 2009

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8. Reconciliation of the EEV to IFRS Equity

	31 December 2008	31 December 2009
IFRS net assets of SCOR Global Life	877.9	1,036.9
Allocated capital	568.9	469.9
Adjusted IFRS equity	1,446.8	1,506.7
EEV	1,701.8	1,934.3
Value not recognised in IFRS equity	255.0	427.6
(in fm)		

(in €m)

Table 13: Reconciliation of the EEV 2008 and 2009 to IFRS equity

The EEV as at 31 December 2009 exceeds the corresponding IFRS equity by \in 427.6m. The difference results mainly from different technical valuation principles for reinsurance contracts. The value not recognised in IFRS equity has increased by \in 172.6m compared to 2008, mainly because of new business which is only partially recognised under IFRS in the year it is written. It also benefited from positive exchange rate effects, the value of business acquired and the development of the GMDB liability.

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9. Glossary

Adjusted Net Asset Value (ANAV)	Capital not needed to back liabilities, also known as shareholders' equity, adjusted to allow for the share of unrealised capital gains on invested assets attributable to shareholders and differences between statutory and IFRS pension liabilities, and excluding intangible assets which cannot be used to cover statutory liabilities
Certainty equivalent PVIF	PVIF discounted using the risk-free yield curve without a risk margin
Cost of Capital (CoC)	Costs of holding required capital at risk-free investment returns
Economic assumptions	Assumptions on the future development of parameters which do not depend on the composition of the portfolio, e.g. regarding future interest or tax rates
(Time Value of) Financial Options and Guarantees (FOGs, TVFOGs)	(The cost of) options and guarantees in reinsurance treaties which can create asymmetric shareholder returns resulting from movements in financial variables
Going-concern basis	Assumption that the respective company will continue writing new business
New business	New treaties written during the reporting period, including renewals of treaties which require significant commercial effort, and new policies reinsured under existing treaties
New business margin	The ratio of the VNB and the PVNBP
Non-economic assumptions	Assumptions on the future development of parameters which are based on the current composition of the portfolio of treaties and policies insured, mainly biometrical assumptions like lapse, mortality and morbidity
Present Value of In-Force (PVIF)	Present value of projected statutory profits, calculated at the valuation date, expected to emerge to shareholders from the business in-force, discounted at the risk discount rate, net of tax and maintenance expenses
Present value of new business premiums (PVNBP)	Present value of future premiums for new business including the premium in the year the business has been written, discounted at the risk discount rate
Required Capital	Capital which is needed to back internal and statutory solvency requirements
Risk discount rate (RDR)	Sum of the risk-free rate for the respective currency and duration (i.e. the zero bond rate which is consistent with the risk-free yield), and a risk margin to cover non-hedgeable risks
Value added by new business (VNB)	Sum of the actual 2009 after tax statutory profit or loss arising from the new business written in 2009 (allowing for internal acquisition expenses) and the PVIF of this business at the end of 2009, net of CoC and the value of FOGs
Value of acquired business	EEV of L&H business of companies acquired during the reporting period, net of the total consideration paid by the covered business



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11. External Opinion

Towers Watson has reviewed the methodology and assumptions used to determine the 2009 embedded value results of SCOR and also reviewed the results of the calculations. The review covered the embedded value as at 31 December 2009, the value of 2009 new business, the analysis of movement in embedded value over 2009 and the sensitivities on the embedded value and new business value, determined by SCOR according to the European Embedded Value ("EEV") Principles as published by the CFO Forum on 5 May 2004 and 31 October 2005.

Towers Watson has concluded that the methodology and assumptions used by SCOR comply with the requirements of the EEV Principles and Guidance, and in particular that:

- the methodology makes allowance for the aggregate risks in the covered business through the inclusion of risk margins in the risk discount rates, the deduction of the cost of required capital, and a market-consistent allowance for the time value of financial options and guarantees, as set out in sections 4 and 5 of this disclosure document;
- the operating assumptions have been set with appropriate regard to past, current and expected future experience; and
- the economic assumptions used are internally consistent and consistent with observable market data at 31 December 2009.

Towers Watson has also performed limited high-level checks on the results of the calculations and has confirmed that any issues discovered do not have a material impact on the disclosed embedded value, new business value, analysis of movement and sensitivities. Towers Watson has not, however, performed detailed checks on the models and processes involved.

In arriving at these conclusions, Towers Watson has relied on data and information provided by SCOR SE and its subsidiaries. This opinion is made solely to SCOR SE in accordance with the terms of Towers Watson's engagement letter. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Towers Watson does not accept or assume any responsibility, duty of care or liability to anyone other than SCOR SE for or in connection with its review work, the opinions it has formed, or for any statement set forth in this opinion.

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