Kansas City Life Insurance Company 2008 First Quarter Report



Message from the President, CEO and Chairman of the Board

Kansas City Life Insurance Company recorded net income of \$3.6 million or \$0.31 per share for the first guarter ended March 31, 2008, a decrease from \$8.3 million or \$0.70 per share in the prior year. The reduced net income was primarily due to \$5.0 million less in realized investment gains from the first quarter 2007, along with lower net investment income and increased policyholder benefits and operating expenses. Partially offsetting the impact of these changes, insurance revenues increased 1%.

The Company continues to focus its resources on increasing sales of life insurance products. Recruiting and retention of general agents and agents, along with the continued introduction of new products and enhancements to existing products are key means by which the Company expects to grow life insurance sales.

New sales results for the Company were largely positive in the first quarter. New insurance premiums increased 33% compared with the prior year while new deposits increased 4% versus a year ago. The increase in new premiums primarily resulted from a \$2.0 million increase in sales of immediate annuities. In addition, new individual life premiums increased 6% and new group life insurance sales increased 64%. However, new deposits on universal life insurance declined \$0.4 million or 13% and variable universal life insurance declined \$0.4 million or 43%.

The decline in net investment income was due to a decrease in investment assets, but this was partially offset by a slight improvement in investment yields and reduced investment expenses from real estate activities. In addition, the decline in realized investment gains from the prior year was the result of reduced sales of real estate investments and the one-time sale of a bank subsidiary.

Policyholder benefits increased due to the discontinuance of a product in the Group Insurance segment, but the impact of the increase was largely offset by lower interest credited to policyholder account balances as a result of lower account

balances. Operating expenses increased for comparative first quarter periods due to increased compensation, employee benefits and the timing of other expenses.

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After beginning with weakening subprime residential mortgage performance in the second half of 2007, credit and liquidity problems in the financial markets worsened in the first quarter of 2008. The impact of the deteriorating home mortgage market has become broad-based and beset the overall economy. Reduced values on investment securities caused net unrealized losses on the Company's fixed maturity investments to increase during the quarter. However, the Company continues to maintain a sound and diversified portfolio of investments with approximately 1% of total investment assets in subprime mortgage securities. Overall, 95% of the Company's investment securities were rated investment grade at March 31, 2008 versus 94% at December 31, 2007. Further, 92% of those securities having unrealized losses at March 31, 2008 were rated investment grade.

On April 28, 2008, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share, payable on May 13, to stockholders of record on May 8, 2008.

The first quarter was a very difficult environment for financial services companies. However, Kansas City Life's financial strength and core values provide the ability for the Company to weather these cyclical events and pursue opportunities for growth at the same time. We are very excited about our plans and opportunities for 2008, including the delivery of new products and initiatives to further expand distribution through growth of the general agency system. And, we will continue to offer policyholders and investors the same commitment of Security Assured that we have for generations.

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Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(Thousands, except share data)

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	March 31			
	2008		2007	
Revenues				
Insurance revenues:				
Premiums	\$ 44,487	\$	42,768	
Contract charges	27,300		28,703	
Reinsurance ceded	(12,660)		(13,069)	
Total insurance revenues	 59,127		58,402	
Investment revenues:				
Net investment income	46,463		47,084	
Realized investment gains	120		5,124	
Other revenues	2,609		2,417	
Total revenues	 108,319		113,027	
Benefits and expenses				
Policyholder benefits	45,486		43,992	
Interest credited to policyholder				
account balances	21,703		22,773	
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs				
and value of business acquired	11,112		11,376	
Operating expenses	 24,396		22,710	
Total benefits and expenses	 102,697		100,851	
Income before income tax expense	5,622		12,176	
Income tax expense	 2,020		3,870	
Net income	\$ 3,602	\$	8,306	
Per common share:				
Net income, basic and diluted	\$ 0.31	\$	0.70	
Cash dividends	\$ 0.27	\$	2.27	

Consolidated **Balance Sheets**

Assets Investments: Fixed maturity securities available for sale, at fair value Equity securities available for sale, at fair value Mortgage loans	March 31 2008 (Unaudited) \$ 2,647,763 62,992 440,929	December 31 2007 \$ 2,631,073 59,149 450,148
Short-term investments Other investments	8,768 185,889	36,522 188,852
Total investments	3,346,341	3,365,744
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Cash	6,829	12,158
Deferred acquisition costs	215,601	217,512
Value of business acquired	72,472	73,517
Other assets	274,946	262,784
Separate account assets	376,728	420,393
Total assets	\$ 4,292,917	\$ 4,352,108
Liabilities Future policy benefits Policyholder account balances Notes payable Income taxes Other liabilities Separate account liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 851,574 2,063,476 41,886 25,549 269,579 376,728 3,628,792	\$ 851,277 2,087,965 10,400 40,300 257,372 420,393 3,667,707
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock	23,121	23,121
Additional paid in capital	30,970	30,244
Retained earnings	780,572	780,133
Accumulated other		
comprehensive loss	(34,552)	(19,811)
Treasury stock	(135,986)	(129,286)
Total stockholders' equity	664,125	684,401
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,292,917	\$ 4,352,108

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Q	Quarter ended		
	2008	March 31 2007		
Operating activities	<u>2008</u>	2007		
Net cash provided (used)	\$ (11,32	29) \$ 5,030		
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Investing activities				
Purchases of investments:				
Fixed maturity securities	(135,73	32) (85,920)		
Equity securities	(8,20	04) (771		
Mortgage loans	(1,65	50) (16,326)		
Real estate	(6,95	53) (857)		
Other investment assets		- (378)		
Sales of investments:				
Fixed maturity securities	13,45	51 9,126		
Equity securities	1,43	- 34		
Other investment assets	37,42	24 12,995		
Maturities and principal paydowns				
of investments	95,43	32 114,372		
Net (additions) dispositions to				
property and equipment	34	13 (507)		
Proceeds from sale of				
non insurance affiliate		- 10,104		
Net cash provided (used)	(4,45	55) 41,838		
Financing activities				
Net proceeds from borrowings	31,48			
Deposits on policyholder account				
balances	48,66	52,984		
Withdrawals from policyholder				
account balances	(67,12	27) (80,279)		
Net transfers from separate accounts	3,44	41 3,283		
Change in other deposits	3,13	30 13,747		
Cash dividends to stockholders	(3,16	,		
Net disposition (acquisition)	(0)-0	(
of treasury stock	(5,97	74) 260		
Net cash provided (used)	10,45			
(used)	10,10			
Increase (decrease) in cash	(5,32	29) 9,966		
Cash at beginning of year	12,15	,		
Cash at end of period	\$ 6.82	9 \$ 13,874		

Notes

- These interim financial statements are unaudited but, in management's opinion, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results and are included in the Company's Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Please refer to the Company's Form 10-Q and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K at www.kclife.com.
- Comprehensive income (loss) was (\$11.1) million and \$15.9 million for the first quarter of 2008 and 2007, respectively. This varies from net income largely due to unrealized gains or losses on investments.
- Net income per common share was based upon the weighted average number of shares outstanding of 11,710,608 and 11,856,385 for quarters ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- Cash dividends include a one-time special dividend of \$2.00 per share, paid on February 13, 2007.
- Certain immaterial amounts in prior years have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.