

Mediolanum Group

European Embedded Value June 30, 2006

Supplementary information

INTRODUCTION

In May 2004, the CFO Forum, a group then representing the Chief Financial Officers of 19 major European insurance groups published the European Embedded Value ("EEV") Principles with the aim of improving the transparency and consistency of embedded value reporting. Mediolanum adopted the EEV Principles with the publication of its full year 2005 results. This disclosure provides results as at June 30, 2006 and a comparison with values determined as at December 31, 2005, as well as with a restatement of values as at June 30, 2005.

An embedded value is an actuarially determined estimate of the value of a company, excluding any value attributable to future new business. Embedded value is defined as the sum of shareholders' net assets, valuing assets at market value, and the value of in-force business. The value of in-force life business is the present value of the stream of future after-tax statutory profits that are expected to be generated from all the existing policies at the valuation date, adjusted for the cost of maintaining a level of required capital. The value of in-force asset management (mutual funds, real estate funds and managed accounts) business is calculated in a similar way to the value of in-force life business.

In order to provide more complete information, the embedded values consolidate the value of life and asset management business distributed in Italy and Spain, together with the most significant parts of the Italian banking business, namely current account, deposit account and mortgage business.

Mediolanum has worked closely with consulting actuaries Tillinghast to develop appropriate methodology and Tillinghast has continued to calculate the embedded value of the Group at June 30, 2006.

Mediolanum has chosen to adopt an approach which maintains consistency with the embedded value reporting which has been a characteristic of the Group's transparent reporting since 1994. The value of in-force business continues to represent the discounted value of a stream of best estimate profits adjusted for the cost of holding a certain level of capital. The key differences between Traditional Embedded Value ("TEV") reporting used in prior reporting years and EEV reporting are in the determination of the level of required capital, and in the allowance for risk, which uses a framework based on market-consistent methodology, from which equivalent risk discount rates are derived.

In calculating the embedded value of the Group, numerous assumptions (some of which are shown below) are required concerning the Mediolanum Group's lines of business with respect to industry performance, business and economic conditions and other factors, many of which are outside the group's control. Although the assumptions used represent estimates that Tillinghast and the

Mediolanum Group believe are appropriate for the purpose of embedded value reporting, future operating conditions may differ, perhaps significantly, from those assumed in the calculation of the embedded value. Consequently, the inclusion of embedded value herein should not be regarded as a statement by the Mediolanum Group, Tillinghast or any other entity, that the stream of future after-tax profits discounted to produce the embedded value will be achieved.

EMBEDDED VALUE

The following table shows the embedded values as at June 30, 2006, December 31, 2005 and restated values as at June 30, 2005, all determined under the EEV Principles.

Embedded value

Euro millions

	June 30 2005	December 31 2005	June 30 2006
published shareholders' net assets	744	808	809
adjustments to net assets ¹	(174)	(160)	(151)
Adjusted shareholders' net assets	570	648	658
value of in-force life business	1,757	1,793	1,802
value of in-force asset management	397	410	394
value of in-force banking business	83	100	120
Value of in-force business	2,237	2,303	2,316
EMBEDDED VALUE	2,807	2,951	2,974

¹ including elimination of goodwill

Shareholders' net assets shown above are equal to the consolidated net assets of the Group, determined on an IFRS basis, before the distribution of dividends payable in the following year. Adjustments are required primarily to reflect the after-tax impact of (i) marking to market value any assets not considered on a market value under IFRS, (ii) the elimination of goodwill, primarily those related to the acquisitions of Fibanc, Gamax, B.A. Lenz and MILL in prior periods, (iii) the exclusion of the accounting items relating to unrealised gains in the life segregated funds, whose projected emergence over time is included in the value of the in-force life insurance business, (iv) the reversal of accounting items related to life insurance products classified under IAS 39 for which the value of in-force business is determined using the statutory profits, and (v) the impact of the taxation of life reserves.

The discount rates used under the EEV methodology vary between lines of business, since they reflect, using the methodology outlined later in this document, the risk profile of the underlying business. The average discount rates, weighted by value of in-force business are 6.62% as at June 30, 2006, 5.80% as at December 31, 2005 and 5.48% as at June 30, 2005.

Sensitivity to the risk discount rate

The discount rate appropriate for any shareholder or investor will depend on his or her specific requirements, tax position and perception of the risks associated with the realisation of future profits. To allow potential investors to analyse the

effect of using various discount rates to reflect differing views on risk, the embedded value for the Group as at June 30, 2006 was calculated at discount rates respectively 1% higher and lower than the central rates. All other assumptions, in particular inflation rates and investment returns, were kept unchanged when calculating the values at alternative discount rates.

Analysis of the sensitivity to the discount rate of embedded value at June 30, 2006

Euro millions

Discount rate	-1%	central	+1%
Adjusted shareholders' net assets	658	658	658
value of in-force life business	1,975	1,802	1,651
value of in-force asset management	413	394	377
value of in-force banking business	126	120	114
Value of in-force business	2,514	2,316	2,142
EMBEDDED VALUE	3,172	2,974	2,800

EMBEDDED VALUE EARNINGS

Embedded value earnings, which are defined as the change in embedded value for the year, adjusted for the payment of dividends and other capital movements, provide a measure of performance during the year. The following table shows the embedded value earnings of the Mediolanum Group in the first half of 2006, in the full year 2005 and in the first half of 2005.

Embedded value earnings

Euro millions

	1st half 2005	Full year 2005	1st half 2006
Change in embedded value for the period	314	458	23
Dividends paid or accrued	102	163	83
Other capital movements	(4)	(7)	(2)
EMBEDDED VALUE EARNINGS	412	614	104

Embedded value earnings for the period consist of the following components:

- The expected return on embedded value at the start of the year (“expected return”), equal to the after-tax investment return assumed at the start of the year on shareholders’ net assets less solvency capital, plus a return at the discount rate on the sum of in-force business and solvency capital at the start of the year.
- Variances during the period (“experience variances”), caused by differences between the actual experience of the period and the assumptions used to calculate the embedded value at the start of the year, before the impact of new sales during the period.
- The impact of changes in assumptions at the end of the period for operating experience, excluding economic or fiscal assumptions (“operating assumption changes”).
- Changes in assumptions regarding future experience used to calculate the value of in-force business at the end of the period relating to economic conditions (“economic assumption changes”), including the discount rate and investment returns.

- The “value added by new business”, including life business transformations in the first half of 2005, initially calculated at the moment of sale using the end of period assumptions, and then capitalised at the discount rate to the end of the period.

The following table shows the components of the embedded value earnings of the Mediolanum Group in the first half of 2006, in the full year 2005 and in the first half of 2005.

Components of embedded value earnings

Euro millions

	1 st half 2005	Full year 2005	1 st half 2006
Expected return	71	143	76
Experience variances	163	259	(94)
Operating assumption changes	(8)	(43)	-
Economic assumption changes	94	31	(29)
EARNINGS ON INITIAL EMBEDDED VALUE	320	390	(47)
New life business	77	162	110
New asset management business	11	52	32
New banking business	3	10	9
Life business transformation	1	-	-
VALUE ADDED BY NEW BUSINESS	92	224	151
EMBEDDED VALUE EARNINGS	412	614	104

Description of key embedded value elements for the first half of 2006

Experience variances gave rise to a decrease in the embedded value earnings for the year of 94 million Euro. The most important negative variances were 73 million Euro associated with the lower investment performance of unit-linked funds and asset management business compared to the assumptions used at the start of the year, as well as of the shareholding in Mediobanca, and lower persistency that expected on managed account and life business, (31 million Euro in total). These were partially counterbalanced by higher performance commissions than those assumed (16 million Euro). The remaining effects comprise a series of smaller positive and negative items.

There were no significant changes in operating assumptions as overall operating experience was broadly in line with expectations.

The negative impact of changes to economic assumptions (approximately 29 million Euro) is due to the combined effect of the increase in the discount rate and in the projected rates of investment return.

The value added by new life business in the period was 110 million Euro of which 8 million Euro related to business distributed by Fibanc in Spain.

The value added by new asset management business in the period of 32 million Euro was almost entirely related to Italian business.

New banking business added 9 million Euro, related mostly to current account business and proprietary mortgages.

VALUE OF NEW BUSINESS

New business comprises new life insurance policies sold during the period, excluding those resulting from the transformation or switch of existing policies, together with discretionary increases in the level of regular premiums on existing policies. New asset management business is defined as the sum of retail gross inflows net of internal switches within the mutual funds and managed accounts. New banking business comprises the new money collected in the period relating to current accounts and deposit accounts opened in the year and the volume of new mortgages issued.

The value of new business has been determined at the moment of sale using the end-year economic and operating assumptions. The following table shows the value added by new business in the first half of 2006, in the full year 2005 and in the first half of 2005.

Value of new business at moment of sale

Euro millions

	1 st half 2005	Full year 2005	1 st half 2006
Unit-linked life business	66	133	86
Index-linked life business	11	25	22
Asset management business	11	50	32
Banking business	3	10	9
VALUE OF NEW BUSINESS	91	218	149

The discount rates used under the EEV methodology vary between lines of business, since they reflect, using the methodology outlined later in this document, the risk profile of the underlying business. The average risk profile of the new business was similar to that of the in-force business and so the same discount rates were used, namely 6.50% for life business (5.65% in full year 2005 and 5.40% in the first half of 2005), 7.25% for asset management business (6.50% in full year 2005 and 5.90% in the first half of 2005) and 6.30% for banking business (5.60% in full year 2005 and 5.20% in the first half of 2005), giving an average, weighted by new business value of 6.65% in the first half of 2006.

In order to evaluate the effect of alternative discount rates on new business, the value of new business in the first half of 2006 was calculated using discount rates 1% lower and higher than the central rates. In calculating these values with alternative discount rates, all the other assumptions, including in particular those relating to inflation and return on investments, were kept unchanged.

Analysis of the sensitivity to the discount rate of the value added by new business in the first half of 2006

Euro millions

Discount rate	-1%	central	+1%
Unit-linked life business	96	86	77
Index-linked life business	23	22	21
Asset management business	34	32	30
New banking business	9	9	8
Total	162	149	136

New business margins

New business margins for the Italian life and asset management business in the first half of 2006, full year 2005 and the first half of 2005 are shown in the tables below. Profitability is expressed both in terms of a margin on APE (annual premium equivalent defined as annualised regular premiums plus 10% of single premiums) and as a percentage of PVNBP (present value of new business premiums) calculated using the expected lapse and other exit assumptions.

New business margins first half of 2006 – life and asset management

Euro millions

	Unit-linked	Index-linked	Asset mgmt
Value of new business at moment of sale	81	19	31
Regular premiums / pac	90		45
Single premiums / pic	243	612	828
APE	115	61	128
New business margin (% APE)	70.8%	30.9%	24.4%
PVNBP	962	612	1,091
New business margin (% PVNBP)	8.4%	3.1%	2.9%

New business margins full year 2005 – life and asset management

Euro millions

	Unit-linked	Index-linked	Asset mgmt
Value of new business at moment of sale	129	21	49
Regular premiums / pac	145		85
Single premiums / pic	311	835	1,408
APE	176	84	226
New business margin (% APE)	73.5%	25.1%	21.7%
PVNBP	1,551	835	1,891
New business margin (% PVNBP)	8.3%	2.5%	2.6%

New business margins first half of 2005 – life and asset management

Euro millions

	Unit-linked	Index-linked	Asset mgmt
Value of new business at moment of sale	63	10	11
Regular premiums /pac	62		23
Single premiums / pic	151	454	438
APE	77	45	67
New business margin (% APE)	82.5%	22.0%	16.8%
PVNBP	701	454	581
New business margin (% PVNBP)	9.0%	2.2%	1.9%

The margin on APE for new life business in Spain is approximately 75% in the first half of 2006.

The margin of new current accounts as a percentage of the money invested in current accounts opened in the first half of 2006 is 2.0% . The profitability of new mortgages sold in the first half of 2006 is 2.0%, which reflects a mix between mortgages intermediated for third parties and Mediolanum's proprietary mortgage book.

METHODOLOGY

The traditional embedded value calculations which Mediolanum has used in the past were based on detailed models of the in-force and new business developed in a deterministic environment, using a single set of best estimates for both economic and operating assumptions. In the traditional embedded value framework, risk was allowed for by the use of a single discount rate and an allowance for the cost of holding solvency capital equal to the minimum EU solvency margin. The cost of solvency capital was determined as the present value of the differences between the assumed after-tax return on the assets (mainly bonds) backing solvency capital and the discount rate applied to the projected solvency margin.

In adopting the EEV Principles, Mediolanum has chosen to adopt an approach which maintains consistency with the prior approach to embedded value reporting. The value of in-force business continues to represent the discounted value of a stream of best estimate profits adjusted for the cost of holding a certain level of capital. The key differences between the traditional reporting and EEV reporting are in the determination of the level of required capital, and in the allowance for risk, which uses a framework based on market-consistent methodology.

The embedded value has been determined using a market-consistent framework to value financial risks, an allowance for non-financial risks, and the deduction of a frictional cost of required capital. To maintain consistency with the previous approach used to report embedded values and embedded value earnings and allow like-for-like comparisons, equivalent risk discount rates have then been derived so as to produce the same results when input into the traditional deterministic models, which use best estimate assumptions, after the cost of solvency capital. This produces an average derived risk discount rate for homogeneous blocks of business.

In theory discount rates can vary between new business and in-force business, according to the respective risk profiles. In practice the derived risk discount rates for new business were very close to those calculated for in-force business, and so the same discount rates by line of business were used for both in-force and new business.

Allowance for risk

Appropriate allowance for risk in the projected profits is a key component of the EEV Principles and Guidance. Risk has been allowed for in three main ways:

Explicit risk margins in the discount rate, to allow for:

- a market-consistent approach to financial risk, which reflects the level of market risk in each cash flow;
- an allowance for non-financial risks which reflects the potential asymmetry of operational risks and the capital requirements for banking business;

Deduction of the cost of holding a level of required capital for life business;

- using EU minimum margins for unit-linked and traditional business
- using risk-based capital for counterparty risk on index-linked business
- assuming a frictional cost of double taxation on the required capital

Explicit deduction for the cost of financial options and guarantees:

- relevant for the traditional life business only

Covered business

The covered business includes all the life insurance and asset management business written in Italy and in Spain, together with the main retail banking business in Italy, consistent with these business segments under IFRS reporting. No value has been attributed to in-force or new business for the remaining lines of business, including in particular Gamax, B.A. Lenz and that part of the Irish operations MILL and MIF not related to Italy and Spain, nor to the other minor lines of business of the Mediolanum Group.

Values are reported on a look-through basis, considering all profits and losses emerging in the Group associated with the relevant line of business.

Required capital and cost of capital

In compliance with EEV Principle 5, Mediolanum has made an assessment of the amount of required capital to be attributed to the covered life business. The approach used varies by line of business. For all life business other than index-linked business, EU minimum solvency requirements have been considered appropriate. For index-linked life business, account has been taken of the counterparty risk, using a risk-based capital approach which considers the rating of the structured bonds underlying the index-linked guarantees. This gives rise to capital requirements of approximately 3.8% of reserves for business where Mediolanum bears the full investment risk and approximately 1.9% for business where investment risk is passed to policyholders.

Total required capital for the life business as at June 30, 2006 is 166 million Euro, which correspond to approximately 150% of the EU minimum margin.

For banking business, the minimum capital requirements based on risk weighted assets for mortgages and loans have been considered as part of the risk margin for non-financial risks, as have the requirements associated with the Basle II regulations regarding operational risk.

To determine the embedded value, the cost of required capital has been determined based on the frictional costs of holding this capital. Since financial risks are allowed for on a market-consistent basis, these costs are represented by the taxation incurred on locked-in shareholder assets.

As noted, the derived risk discount rates have been calculated so as to reproduce the value of in-force business after cost of capital using the traditional framework.

Risk discount rate – margin for financial risk

Mediolanum has adopted a bottom-up approach to allow for risk, which uses market-consistent methodology to calibrate the risk discount rate to allow for financial, or market-related risk. In principle, under a market-consistent approach each cash flow is valued in line with its specific profile in terms of financial risk, and thus in a consistent fashion with the market prices of similar cash flows which are traded in the open markets. In practice, Mediolanum has used the certainty-equivalent technique; this is an approach commonly used in the pricing of financial instruments and consists in adjusting the individual cash flows to remove the effects of financial risks, and which then allows for the resulting stream of risk-adjusted profits to be discounted at the risk-free rate. The relevant Euro swap curve was used as the appropriate risk-free rate at each valuation date.

Converting the aggregate impact of financial risks into a margin on the discount rate captures the increase in risk associated with the level of equity investments, but is also influenced by the level of underlying margins in the business, and the relative size of projected expenses compared to income.

Risk discount rate – margin for non-financial risk

In theory, an investor can diversify away the uncertainty around non-financial risks, and, according to modern finance theory, would not require an additional return for such diversifiable risk. Allowance for non-financial risk is made through the choice of best estimate assumptions, taking into account the impact that the potential variability of the assumptions has on the level and therefore cost of capital. Although Mediolanum considers that the best estimate assumptions are appropriate in this context, it is possible that the use of best estimate assumptions may fail to capture the full impact on future shareholder profits where there is the potential for asymmetry in the results, in other words where the adverse experience has a higher impact than favourable experience. Mediolanum has identified that such asymmetry may exist in the area of operational risks, including administrative expenses, management fees, and persistency.

Practice is evolving regarding the appropriate approach for considering non-financial risk, and Mediolanum is monitoring closely developments in this area, with particular regard also to the potential impacts of Solvency II on the levels of required capital.

In practice, the following approach has been taken for all lines of business. In the first instance, the amount of capital required to meet the Basle II criteria for operational risks has been determined. Secondly, using economic capital techniques, an amount of value of in-force business "at risk" has been determined by applying stress tests on the value of in-force business to the key parameters identified, namely administrative costs, management fees and persistency. The resulting amount of "economic risk capital" has been subjected to a frictional cost of capital charge equal to the impact of taxation.

In addition, the allowance for non-financial risk also incorporates the cost of holding regulatory minimum capital in respect of mortgages and loans in the banking business.

Derived risk discount rates

The following table shows the components of the derived risk discount rates used as at December 31, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

Derived discount rates

	Unit-linked		Asset management		Banking Business	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Average risk-free rate	3.60%	4.45%	3.40%	4.25%	3.45%	4.15%
Margin for financial risk	0.85%	0.65%	2.30%	2.05%	-	-
Margin for non-financial risks	1.20%	1.40%	0.80%	0.95%	2.15%	2.15%
Risk discount rate	5.65%	6.50%	6.50%	7.25%	5.60%	6.30%

The derived risk discount rates are those which reproduce the value of in-force business in the traditional deterministic framework, using best estimate assumptions, after cost of solvency capital. The average risk-free rate has been determined based on the term structure of the projected profits from the certainty equivalent projections, using the risk-free curve. The allowances for financial and non-financial risks as described above have been converted into an equivalent margin on the discount rate, to determine the final derived discount rate used in the models.

The increase in the average risk-free rates from December 31, 2005 to June 30, 2006 is due to the general increase in the forward yield curve at all durations. The reduction in the margins for financial risk is mostly associated with a reduction in the gap between average projected best estimate investment returns and the average risk-free rates. On the other hand, the margin for non-financial risks increases between December 31, 2005 and June 30, 2006, primarily as a result of the increase of the forward curve, which has the effect of increasing the cost of required capital because of the higher annual taxation charge on the projected locked-in economic capital.

Financial options and guarantees

The only material financial options and guarantees in Mediolanum's business relate to the traditional revaluable business linked to segregated funds, which have been closed to new business since 1998. The main risk to shareholders is that the return on the assets in the segregated fund is insufficient to meet the financial guarantees during the period to policy maturity, and, for deferred annuities, also during the annuity payout period.

Given the overall materiality to the group a simplified approach has been taken, by constructing a replicating portfolio comprising risk free assets for the market value of the segregated fund assets, and simulating the purchase of floors at market prices to cover the reinvestment risk, after allowing for the effects of the reinsurance treaties in force. It has been assumed that all the deferred annuity policyholders will exercise their annuity take-up options. The time value of financial options and guarantees has been defined as the difference between a certainty-equivalent valuation and the overall valuation. The time value of financial options and guarantees, which has been deducted from the overall embedded values is equal to approximately 36 million Euro as at June, 30 2006 (41 million Euro as at December 31, 2005 and 42 million Euro as at June 30, 2005). The decrease in the time value of options and guarantees during 2006 is primarily associated with the reduction in the volatility of swaption prices during the year.

Expenses and development costs

Expense assumptions are actively reviewed, and are based on the entire consolidated company costs, including all holding company and service company costs. There were no extraordinary items or development costs excluded from the expenses allocated to the lines of business in the first half of 2006.

Costs have been allocated to the separate lines of business and then fully allocated to acquisition, maintenance and investment activities.

Tax

Projected profits have been subjected to normal tax rates in the country of emergence. Account has been taken of the taxation treatment of profits projected to be remitted to Italy.

Participating business

For the Italian traditional revaluable business, policyholder profit participation has been assumed to continue to follows current company practice.

Residual assets

There are no projected residual assets.

Definition of new business

New life business relates to new policies issued during the year excluding those resulting from the transformation or switch of existing policies, together with discretionary increases in the level of regular premiums on existing policies. New life business volumes used to calculate the value of new business in the first half of 2006 in Italy were 90 million Euro of annualised regular premiums (of which 16 million Euro related to discretionary increases), 243 million Euro of unit-linked single premiums, and 612 million Euro of index-linked single premiums. Additional index-linked premiums of 83 million Euro have been excluded from the new business volumes as they arise from the contestual redemption of old-generation DiPiù policies.

New asset management business is defined as the sum of retail gross inflows net of internal switches within the mutual funds and managed accounts, and totals 45 million Euro for mutual fund instalment plans, 799 million Euro of lump-sum investments in mutual funds and 29 million Euro for managed accounts. Portfolio accounted for 148 million Euro of new lump-sum investments; in calculating the volume and value of new business, the switches of 100 million Euro from managed accounts to Portfolio in the first months of the year have been excluded.

New life business in Spain comprised 65 million Euro of single premium business, of which index-linked comprise 51 million Euro, and regular premium unit-linked business for 4.2 million Euro. New asset management business in the first half of 2006 comprised lump-sum investments of 124 million Euro in Spanish funds, and 35 million Euro in Irish mutual fund products.

New banking business comprises new current accounts and deposit accounts in the year, for 281 million Euro, and new mortgages issued for 128 million Euro, of which 75 million Euro proprietary mortgages.

ASSUMPTIONS

The following section sets out the main assumptions used in the embedded value calculations at June 30, 2006, December 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005.

Best-estimate economic assumptions

Best-estimate economic assumptions are actively reviewed and are based on the market yields on risk-free instruments at different durations at the respective valuation dates. The projected total returns on equities have been assumed to yield a 3% margin over the 10-year Euro AAA government bond yield. The return on other assets was set using benchmarks consistent with the base scenario. The following table shows the main economic assumptions.

Economic assumptions

	June 30 2005	December 31 2005	June 30 2006
Pre-tax investment returns:			
Benchmark 10-year BTP	3.40%	3.50%	4.30%
Liquidity	2.00%	2.40%	2.90%
Equity	6.15%	6.30%	7.10%
Inflation			
Consumer prices	2.00%	1.75%	1.75%
Expenses	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%
Taxation			
Italy	38.25%	38.25%	38.25%
Ireland	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Spain	35%	35%	35%
Average RDR (in-force business)	5.48%	5.80%	6.62%

Pre-tax rates of returns on assets backing technical reserves were set consistent with the above benchmark rates, taking into consideration the related asset mix, resulting in assumptions for the Italian segregated funds of 4.00% for the first half of 2006 valuation (3.70% for full year 2005, 4.00% in the first half of 2005). These rates of return already include the impact of unrealised capital gains/losses in segregated fund assets. Investment returns on unit-linked funds, and mutual funds and managed accounts business, were determined on the basis of the asset mix of each fund, with average results for the Italian business before costs and taxes, of 5.70% for unit-linked funds (5.00% for full year 2005, 4.62% in the first half of 2005) and of 5.95% for Asset management products (5.20% for full year 2005, 5.05% in the first half of 2005).

The consumer price inflation rate shown above is used to determine the projected automatic premium increases, generally equal to the growth in the consumer price index plus 3%, for products with this characteristic. Management expenses expressed as a per-policy amount are assumed to increase at the expense inflation rate.

Market-consistent economic assumptions

The risk-free rates used in the certainty-equivalent projections are calibrated to the Euro swap curve, and the implied swaption volatilities to market prices of swaptions for various tenors and option terms. The following table shows selected data.

Sample swap rates and implied volatilities

	Term to Maturity				
	1	5	10	15	20
Swap rates					
June 30, 2005	2,08%	2,63%	3,22%	3,52%	3,69%
December 31, 2005	2,88%	3,22%	3,45%	3,64%	3,73%
June 30, 2006	3,56%	4,04%	4,29%	4,44%	4,53%
15 year Swaption volatility					
June 30, 2005	17,0%	14,9%	13,2%	12,4%	12,5%
December 31, 2005	16,2%	15,9%	14,5%	13,7%	13,4%
June 30, 2006	13,1%	12,1%	11,0%	10,4%	9,9%

Source: Bloomberg

Other assumptions

Assumed future rates of mortality, lapse, failure to maintain recurrent premiums and other exits, including total and partial disinvestment rates for the asset management business, were derived from an analysis of the Mediolanum Group's recent operating results and, where appropriate, took into consideration the experience of the life, asset management and banking sectors.

The general and administrative costs incurred by the Group, including depreciation costs, were subdivided by business line, and within each line into the costs pertaining to investment, the acquisition of new business and the management of the in-force business.

Assumed levels of future commission and override payments to agents and sales-people were based on the Mediolanum Group's recent operating experience.

Participation rates and other charges on Life policies and management fees on funds were assumed to be maintained in the future at the prevailing levels on each valuation date. Likewise the charging structure on banking products was assumed to be maintained in the future.

It was assumed that no changes will be made in the principles and technical bases used to calculate technical reserves and surrender values.

For performance fees, a series of conservative rates, based on experience to date, were assumed. Experience variances, in the analysis of the components of embedded value earnings, have included positive contributions of 16 million Euro in the first half of 2006 and 102 million Euro in 2005, as a result of actual experience exceeding the assumptions used at the beginning of the year.

Allowance was made for reinsurance of in-force Life policies outside the Mediolanum Group, and mainly relates to various quota share financing treaties written in the years up to 1994. No new financing reinsurance arrangements have been made since 1995.

The cost of maintaining solvency capital in the traditional framework was determined on the assumption that assets (mainly bonds) backing solvency capital yielded an average annual pre-tax return of 4% in the first half of 2006 valuation and 3.7% in 2005. Based on these assumptions, the cost of solvency capital which was deducted from the discounted value of future after-tax statutory profits to determine the value of in-force Life business reported above, 30 million Euro as at June 30, 2006 and 32 million Euro as at December 31, 2005. The cost, which is already allowed for in the value added by Life new business in the first half of 2006, is approximately 1 million Euro.

Statement by Directors

The directors confirm that the embedded value as at June 30, 2006, and the embedded value earnings including the value added by new business in the first half of 2006 have been determined using methodology and assumptions which are compliant with the EEV Principles.

External opinion

Tillinghast, the global insurance and financial services consulting business of Towers Perrin has assisted the Mediolanum Group regarding the methodology and assumptions to be used, and has calculated the European Embedded Value of the Group as at June 30, 2006, together with the embedded value earnings in the first half of 2006. The estimates of value determined by Tillinghast are based on information provided by the Mediolanum Group which has been reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with industry knowledge, but Tillinghast has not undertaken independent checks of the data and other information supplied.

Tillinghast has reported that it considers that the methodology and assumptions used comply with the EEV Principles and Guidance as published by the CFO Forum, and in particular:

- that the methodology makes allowance for the aggregate risks in the covered business through:
 - (i) the incorporation of risk margins in the discount rate used to discount projected future profits determined using best estimate assumptions, using
 - a) a market-consistent valuation of financial risk,
 - b) an allowance for non-financial risk based on the frictional cost of an amount of capital that would be required to cover operational risk requirements under Basle II and the value at risk with respect to key operating variables such as persistency, costs and management fees,
 - (ii) the deduction of the cost of required capital based on minimum EU solvency margins for non-index-linked life business, and a risk-based capital allowance for index-linked business; and

(iii) the deduction of the time value of financial options and guarantees for traditional business;

- that the operating assumptions are reasonable in the context of recent available experience and the expected future operating environment;
- that the economic assumptions used are internally consistent and consistent with observable market data.
- for revaluable business, the assumed revaluation rates, and the retrocession rates, are consistent with the projection assumptions, established company practice and local market practice.

Tillinghast considers that the reported results for the embedded value, embedded value earnings and the value of new business are reasonable in the context of embedded value reporting under the EEV Principles.

APPENDIX 1 - SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The following tables show the value of in-force business as at June 30, 2006 and the value of new business in the first half of 2006, broken down by business segment.

Value of in-force business as at June 30, 2006 by segment

<i>Euro millions</i>	Italy	Spain	Total
Life insurance (excluding index-linked)	1,781	12	1,793
Index-linked life insurance	10	(1)	9
Asset management	381	13	394
Current and deposit accounts	110	n/a	110
Mortgages	10	n/a	10
Total	2,292	24	2,316

Value of new business in the first half of 2006 by segment

<i>Euro millions</i>	Italy	Spain	Total
Life insurance (excluding index-linked)	81	5	86
Index-linked life insurance	19	3	22
Asset management	31	1	32
Current and deposit accounts	6	n/a	6
Mortgages	3	n/a	3
Total	140	9	149