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# AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands)

#### (Unaudited)

	March 31, 2006		December 31, 2005		
Assets					
Investments:					
Fixed maturity securities:					
Available for sale, at market	\$	4,349,103	\$	4,188,683	
Held for investment, at amortized cost		4,946,296		4,711,427	
Equity securities, available for sale, at market		72,643		84,846	
Mortgage loans on real estate		1,419,291		1,321,637	
Derivative instruments		248,689		185,391	
Policy loans		379		362	
Total investments		11,036,401		10,492,346	
Cash and cash equivalents		43,274		112,395	
Coinsurance deposits—related party		1,934,051		1,959,663	
Accrued investment income		78,651		59,584	
Deferred policy acquisition costs		1,047,327		977,015	
Deferred sales inducements		358,815		315,848	
Deferred income tax asset		122,325		94,288	
Other assets		34,474		31,655	
Total assets	\$	14,655,318	\$	14,042,794	

# AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued) (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Policy benefit reserves	\$ 12,668,054	\$ 12,237,988
Other policy funds and contract claims	127,708	126,387
Other amounts due to related parties	26,480	27,677
Notes payable	308,644	281,043
Subordinated debentures	261,506	230,658
Amounts due under repurchase agreements	614,046	396,697
Other liabilities	159,696	222,986
Total liabilities	14,166,134	13,523,436
Stockholders' equity:		
Common Stock	55,609	55,527
Additional paid-in capital	379,778	379,107
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(62,206)	(27,306)
Retained earnings	116,003	112,030
Total stockholders' equity	489,184	519,358
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 14,655,318	\$ 14,042,794

### AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31,

		2006		2005
Revenues:				
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	3,524	\$	3,756
Annuity and single premium universal life product charges		7,600		6,262
Net investment income		162,385		124,834
Realized gains (losses) on investments		(42)		232
Change in fair value of derivatives		49,328		(35,990)
Total revenues		222,795		99,094
Benefits and expenses:				
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		2,398		2,606
Interest credited to account balances		92,546		62,508
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		62,764		(18,591)
Interest expense on notes payable		7,286		4,139
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		4,918		3,046
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements		5,799		1,428
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs		30,755		16,666
Other operating costs and expenses		10,180		8,145
Total benefits and expenses		216,646		79,947
Income before income taxes		6,149		19,147
Income tax expense		2,176		6,619
Net income	\$	3,973	\$	12,528
Earnings per common share	\$	0.07	\$	0.33
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution (a)	\$	0.07	\$	0.29
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Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): Earnings per common share		55,554		38,372
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution		60,799		43,665
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<sup>(</sup>a) The numerator for earnings per common share - assuming dilution is equal to net income plus the after tax cost of interest on convertible subordinated debentures issued to a subsidiary trust. The after tax cost of such interest was \$270 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and \$301 for the three months ended March 31, 2005, respectively.

#### **Operating Income**

Three months ended March 31, 2006

	As	Reported	Realized Gain Adjustments				I	
		(Dol	ollars in thousands, except per share data)					
Revenues:								
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	3,524	\$	_	\$	_	\$	3,524
Annuity and single premium universal life product charges		7,600		_		_		7,600
Net investment income		162,385		_		_		162,385
Realized gains (losses) on investments		(42)		42		_		_
Change in fair value of derivatives		49,328				(55,896)		(6,568)
Total revenues		222,795		42		(55,896)		166,941
Benefits and expenses:								
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		2,398		_		_		2,398
Interest credited to account balances		92,546		_		(3,095)		89,451
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		62,764		_		(62,764)		_
Interest expense on notes payable		7,286		_		(3,351)		3,935
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		4,918		_		_		4,918
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements		5,799		-		_		5,799
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs		30,755		-		(7,948)		22,807
Other operating costs and expenses		10,180						10,180
Total benefits and expenses		216,646		_		(77,158)		139,488
Income before income taxes		6,149		42		21,262		27,453
Income tax expense		2,176		15		7,524		9,715
Net income	\$	3,973	\$	27	\$	13,738	\$	17,738
Earnings per common share	\$	0.07					\$	0.32
Earnings per common share – assuming dilution	\$	0.07					\$	0.30

<sup>(</sup>a) In addition to net income, we have consistently utilized operating income, operating income per common share and operating income per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments and the impact of FAS 133, dealing with market value changes in derivatives. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income, provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.

#### Operating Income/Net Income Quarterly Summary – Most Recent 5 Quarters

Quarterly Summary - Wost Recent 5 Quarters	Q1 20	06	Q4 2	2005	Q	3 2005		22 2005	Q	1 2005
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)									
Revenues:										
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$ 3,5	524	\$ 3	,019	\$	3,539	\$	3,264	\$	3,756
Annuity and single premium universal life product charges	7,6	500	6	,296		6,105		7,023		6,262
Net investment income	162,3	385	153	,707	1	42,492		133,365		125,007
Change in fair value of derivatives	(6,5	668)	(12	,550)		10,722		(8,955)		(13,570)
Total revenues	166,9	941	150	,472	1	62,858		134,697		121,455
Benefits and expenses:										
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits	2,3	398	1	,619		2,401		1,963		2,606
Interest credited to account balances	89,4	<b>1</b> 51	83	,181		97,174		72,102		62,948
Interest expense on General Agency Commission										
and Servicing Agreement		-		_		778		874		989
Interest expense on notes payable	3,9	935	4	,053		3,554		3,446		3,546
Interest expense on subordinated debentures	4,9	918	4	,131		3,826		3,142		3,046
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements	5,7	799	4	,455		3,162		2,235		1,428
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	22,8	307	20	,734		20,764		19,955		18,487
Other operating costs and expenses	10,1	180	9	,370		8,554		9,474		8,121
Total benefits and expenses	139,4	188	127	,543	1	40,213		113,191		101,171
Operating income before income taxes	27,4	153	22	,929		22,645		21,506		20,284
Income tax expense	9,7	715	8	,290		7,567		7,396		7,008
Operating income (a)	17,7	738	14	,639		15,078		14,110		13,276
Realized gains (losses) on investments, net of offsets	(	(27)		(348)		(2,599)		143		151
Net effect of FIN 46 and state income tax contingency		_		(905)		(2,836)		(77)		120
Net effect of FAS 133	(13,7	738)	(2	,317)		(2,480)		(1,944)		(1,019)
Net income	\$ 3,9	973	\$ 11	.069	_\$_	7,163	\$	12,232	\$	12,528
Operating income per common share (a)	\$ 0	0.32	\$	0.35	\$	0.39	\$	0.37	\$	0.35
Operating income per common share – assuming dilution (a)		0.30		0.32	\$	0.35	\$	0.33	\$	0.31
Earnings per common share		0.07		0.26	\$	0.19	\$	0.32	\$	0.33
Earnings per common share – assuming dilution		0.07		0.24	\$	0.17	\$	0.29	\$	0.29
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):										
Earnings per common share	55	554	42	,053		38,497		38,379		38,372
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution	60,			,823		43,786		43,749		43,665

<sup>(</sup>a) In addition to net income, we have consistently utilized operating income, operating income per common share and operating income per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments, the impact of FIN 46, dealing with the consolidation of variable interest entities, the impact of the establishment of a state income tax contingency liability, and the impact of FAS 133, dealing with market value changes in derivatives. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income, provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.

#### Capitalization/ Book Value per Share

	March 31, 2006		December 31, 2005		
	(De	ollars in thousands	, except pe	r share data)	
Capitalization:					
Notes payable	\$	308,644	\$	281,043	
Subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts		261,506		230,658	
Total debt		570,150	·	511,701	
Total stockholders' equity		489,184		519,358	
Total capitalization		1,059,334		1,031,059	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL)		62,206		27,306	
Total capitalization excluding AOCL (a)	\$	1,121,540	\$	1,058,365	
Total stockholders' equity	\$	489,184	\$	519,358	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		62,206		27,306	
Total stockholders' equity excluding AOCL (a)	\$	551,390	\$	546,664	
Common shares outstanding		55,608,655	55,527,186		
Book Value per Share: (b)					
Book value per share including AOCL	\$	8.80	\$	9.35	
Book value per share excluding AOCL (a)	\$	9.92	\$	9.84	
Debt-to-Capital Ratios: (c)					
Senior debt / Total capitalization		24.8%		26.6%	
Adjusted debt / Total capitalization		34.2%		33.7%	

- (a) Total capitalization, total stockholders' equity and book value per share excluding AOCL, non-GAAP financial measures, are based on stockholders' equity excluding the effect of accumulated other comprehensive loss. Since AOCL fluctuates from quarter to quarter due to unrealized changes in the fair market value of available for sale investments caused principally by changes in market interest rates, we believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful supplemental information.
- (b) Book value per share including and excluding AOCL is calculated as total stockholders' equity and total stockholders' equity excluding AOCL divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.
- (c) Debt-to-capital ratios are computed using total capitalization excluding AOCL. Adjusted debt includes senior debt and the portion of the total subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts outstanding (qualifying trust preferred securities) that exceeds 15% of total capitalization including AOCL. The computations at March 31, 2006 also eliminate the impact of FAS 133, dealing with market value changes in derivatives, on the 5.25% contingent convertible senior notes payable, stockholders' equity and total capitalization.

#### **Annuity Deposits by Product Type**

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Year Ended December 31,		
Product Type		2006		2005		2005		
Index Annuities:								
Index Strategies	\$	362,438	\$	418,677	\$	1,780,092		
Fixed Strategy		177,306		201,585		908,868		
		539,744		620,262		2,688,960		
Fixed Rate Annuities:								
Single-Year Rate Guaranteed		23,568		52,116		193,288		
Multi-Year Rate Guaranteed		1,355		3,908		12,807		
		24,923		56,024		206,095		
Total before coinsurance ceded		564,667		676,286		2,895,055		
Coinsurance ceded		950		1,792		4,688		
Net after coinsurance ceded	_ \$	563,717	\$	674,494	\$	2,890,367		

#### Surrender Charge Protection and Fund Values by Product Type

Annuity Surrender Charges and Net (of coinsurance) Fund Values at March 31, 2006

		Surrender Charg	Net Fund Value		
Product Type	Avg. Years At Issue	Avg. Years Remaining	Avg. % Remaining	Dollars in Thousands	<u>%</u>
Index Annuities	13.6	11.4	14.7%	\$ 7,641,986	72.6%
Single-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities	10.6	6.5	9.7%	1,763,709	16.7%
Multi-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities	5.9	2.1	5.0%	1,128,540	10.7%
Total	12.2	9.6	12.8%	\$10,534,235	100.0%

#### **Annuity Liability Characteristics**

	Fixed Annuities Account Value	Index Annuities Account Value
SURRENDER CHARGE PERCENTAGES (1):		
No surrender charge	\$ 381,578	\$ 42,922
1.0% < 2.0%	15,152	5,911
2.0% < 3.0%	7,988	5,656
3.0% < 4.0%	20,677	3,916
4.0% < 5.0%	100,929	30,763
5.0% < 6.0%	395,759	41,442
6.0% < 7.0%	144,985	79,521
7.0% < 8.0%	205,505	241,124
8.0% < 9.0%	280,320	311,918
9.0% < 10.0%	320,200	750,057
10.0% or greater	1,019,156	6,128,756
	\$ 2,892,249	\$ 7,641,986
	Fixed and	Weighted
	Index	Average
	Annuities	Surrender
	Account Value	Charge
SURRENDER CHARGE EXPIRATION BY YEAR	424.255	0.000/
Out of Surrender Charge	\$ 424,255	0.00%
2006	396,519	5.18%
2007	138,388	4.91%
2008	149,720	6.26%
2009	429,790	8.09%
2010	496,934	7.81%
2011	466,483	8.27%
2012	689,280	8.99%
2013	727,036	9.79%
2014	630,149	11.23%
2015	547,993	13.32%
2016	783,533	14.17%
2017	976,821	14.72%
2018	563,669	15.52%
2019	260,442	15.72%
2020	627,999	16.46%
2021	644,248	18.02%
2022	1,250,699	19.82%
2023	\$ 10.534.225	20.00%
	\$ 10,534,235	13.28%

#### **Annuity Liability Characteristics**

	Fixed Annuities count Value	Index Annuities Account Value		
APPLICABLE GUARANTEE PERIOD:				
Annual reset (2)	\$ 2,118,388	\$	7,527,317	
Multi-year (3 - 5 years)	773,861		114,669	
	\$ 2,892,249	\$	7,641,986	
ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEE RATE (3):				
2.00%	_	\$	8,721	
2.20%	7,541		86,940	
2.25% (4)	260,946		2,797,077	
3.00%	2,511,416		3,350,138	
3.50% (5)	_		1,399,110	
4.00%	112,346		_	
	\$ 2,892,249	\$	7,641,986	
CREDITED RATE (INCLUDING BONUS INTEREST) VS. ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEED RATE DIFFERENTIAL (6) (7):				
No differential	\$ 103,196		_	
> 0.0% - 0.5%	1,716,287		908,336	
→ 0.5% - 1.0%	241,266		1,265,483	
→ 1.0% - 1.5%	156,593		102,884	
> 1.5% - 2.0%	18,735		267	
> 2.0% - 2.5%	114,215		1,387	
> 2.5% - 3.0%	312,235		7,105	
Greater than 3.0%	229,722		369	
Cumulative floor (3)	 _		5,356,155	
	\$ 2,892,249	\$	7,641,986	

- (1) In addition, \$1,535,315 (53%) of the Fixed Annuities Account Value have market value adjustment protection.
- (2) The contract features for substantially all of the Index Annuities Account Value provide for the annual reset of contractual features that effect the cost of money. The contract features for less than .5% of the Index Annuities Account Value are reset every two years.
- (3) Index Annuities provide guarantees based on a cumulative floor over the term of the product. Rates used to determine the cumulative floor may be applied to less than 100% of the annuity deposits received.
- (4) Products have a guarantee of 2.25% for the first 10 years, & 3.00% thereafter.
- (5) Rates applicable to the minimum guaranteed surrender value are 3.50% for the first 5 years, & 3.00% thereafter (applied to less than 100% of the annuity deposits received). Minimum guaranteed rates for amounts allocated to the fixed rate strategy are 2.25% for the first 10 years, and 3.00% thereafter.
- (6) Recent issues may contain bonus interest rates ranging from 1.0% to 3.0%.
- (7) Includes products with multi-year guarantees for which the credited rate cannot be decreased to the ultimate minimum guaranteed rate until the end of the multi-year period. The weighted average differential between the current credited rate and the ultimate minimum guaranteed rate on the multi-year guarantee fixed annuity account values was approximately 243 basis points.

#### Spread Results

	Q1	Q1	FY
	2006	2005	2005
Average yield on invested assets	6.13%	6.22%	6.18%
Cost of Money			
Aggregate	3.42%	3.70%	3.70%
Average net cost of money for index annuities	3.13%	3.32%	3.38%
Average crediting rate for fixed rate annuities:			
Annually adjustable	3.28%	3.34%	3.32%
Multi-year rate guaranteed	5.49%	5.49%	5.56%
Investment spread:			
Aggregate	2.71%	2.52%	2.48%
Index annuities	3.00%	2.90%	2.80%
Fixed rate annuities:			
Annually adjustable	2.85%	2.88%	2.86%
Multi-year rate guaranteed	0.64%	0.73%	0.62%

#### **Summary of Invested Assets**

	March 31, 2006				December 31, 2005		
		Carrying Amount	Percent		Carrying Amount	Percent	
			(Dollars in	thous	ands)		
Fixed maturity securities:							
United States Government full faith							
and credit	\$	2,685	_	\$	2,774	_	
United States Government sponsored							
agencies		7,772,838	70.4%		7,445,474	71.0%	
Public utilities		137,720	1.2%		133,346	1.3%	
Corporate securities		756,908	6.9%		674,230	6.4%	
Redeemable preferred stocks		55,385	0.5%		46,896	0.4%	
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:							
Government		192,587	1.7%		220,379	2.1%	
Non-Government		377,276	3.4%		377,011	3.6%	
Total fixed maturity securities		9,295,399	84.1%		8,900,110	84.8%	
Equity securities		72,643	0.7%		84,846	0.8%	
Mortgage loans on real estate		1,419,291	12.9%		1,321,637	12.6%	
Derivative instruments		248,689	2.3%		185,391	1.8%	
Policy loans		379	_		362	_	
Total investments	\$ 1	1,036,401	100.0%	\$	10,492,346	100.0%	

#### **Credit Quality of Fixed Maturity Securities**

		March 31, 2006		December 31, 2005				
NAIC Designation	Rating Agency Equivalent		Carrying Amount	Percent		Carrying Amount	Percent	
		(Dollars in t				housands)		
1	Aaa/Aa/A	\$	8,710,802	93.7%	\$	8,368,330	94.0%	
2	Baa		473,636	5.1%		416,614	4.7%	
3	Ba		95,765	0.9%		93,335	1.0%	
4	В		3,368	0.1%		3,396	0.1%	
5	Caa and lower		7,110	0.1%		11,719	0.1%	
6	In or near default		4,718	0.1%		6,716	0.1%	
	Total fixed maturity securities	\$	9,295,399	100.0%	\$	8,900,110	100.0%	

#### Watch List Securities - Aging of Gross Unrealized Losses - March 31, 2006

Issuer	An	nortized Cost	_	realized Losses		timated ir Value	Maturity Date	Months Below Amortized Cost
	(Dollars in thousands)							
Ford	\$	5,003	\$	(1,303)	\$	3,700	7/16/2031	7
	\$	5,003	\$	(1,303)	\$	3,700		

#### Mortgage Loans by Region and Property Type

	March 31, 2006		December 31, 2005			
		Carrying Amount	Percent		Carrying Amount	Percent
			(Dollars in thousands)			
Geographic distribution						
East	\$	307,871	21.7%	\$	283,085	21.4%
Middle Atlantic		99,489	7.0%		93,579	7.1%
Mountain		220,261	15.5%		198,476	15.0%
New England		44,231	3.1%		47,839	3.6%
Pacific		123,230	8.7%		117,977	8.9%
South Atlantic		230,890	16.3%		213,423	16.1%
West North Central		268,241	18.9%		258,181	19.5%
West South Central		125,078	8.8%		109,077	8.3%
Total mortgage loans	\$	1,419,291	100.0%	\$	31,321,637	100.0%
Property type distribution						
Office	\$	427,358	30.2%	\$	384,606	29.1%
Medical Office		80,169	5.6%		75,716	5.7%
Retail		299,034	21.1%		285,715	21.6%
Industrial/Warehouse		358,281	25.2%		346,461	26.2%
Hotel		61,373	4.3%		52,274	4.0%
Apartments		81,077	5.7%		68,795	5.2%
Mixed use/other	<u></u>	111,999	7.9%		108,070	8.2%
Total mortgage loans	\$	1.419.291	100.0%	\$	1.321.637	100.0%

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#### **Common Stock and Dividend Information:**

New York Stock Exchange symbol: "AEL"

2006	High	Low	Close	Dividend Declared
First Quarter	\$14.34	\$12.76	\$14.34	\$0.00
2005				
First Quarter	\$12.92	\$10.14	\$12.79	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$12.79	\$10.08	\$11.88	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$11.96	\$10.41	\$11.35	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$13.06	\$10.83	\$13.05	\$0.04
2004				
First Quarter	\$13.15	\$10.05	\$12.85	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$13.10	\$ 9.75	\$ 9.95	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$10.22	\$ 8.79	\$ 9.49	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$11.00	\$ 9.41	\$10.77	\$0.02

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