



Hampden Underwriting plc

Registered in England and Wales with registered no. 05892671

Annual General Meeting

Explanation of the business to be considered at the Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Boardroom, Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QH
on 17 June 2010 at 4.00pm

Information for shareholders attending the Annual General Meeting

This document is important and requires your immediate attention

If you are in any doubt as to what action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice from your stockbroker or other independent adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. If you have sold or transferred all of your shares in Hampden Underwriting plc, please forward this document, together with the accompanying documents, as soon as possible to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

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Letter from the Chairman

Hampden Underwriting plc

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(the "Company")

Directors (the "Board")

Sir James Michael Yorrick Oliver (Non-executive Chairman)
John Andrew Leslie (Non-executive Director)
Jeremy Richard Holt Evans (Non-executive Director)
Harold Michael Clunie Cunningham (Non-executive Director)

Registered office

Hampden House
Great Hampden
Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 9RD

25 May 2010

Dear Shareholder

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 June 2010 (the "Meeting")

I enclose details of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). I hope you will be able to join us on 17 June 2010.

The Notice of the Meeting and the proposed resolutions (the "Proposed Resolutions") are set out on page 2 of this notice.

There are three items of ordinary business which will be put to the shareholders at the Meeting. These are:

Ordinary business

Annual accounts and the reports of the Directors and Auditors ("Resolution 1")

To receive and adopt the enclosed annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009 (the "Accounts"), which include the Reports of the Company's Directors and Auditors.

Reappointment of Directors ("Resolution 2")

Pursuant to Article 68 of the Company's Articles of Association, at each AGM one third of the Directors (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest number to but not exceeding one third) will step down and can offer themselves for re-election. I, Sir James Michael Yorrick Oliver, am seeking re-election at the Meeting. Following a performance evaluation of the Board and its individual Directors, the Board is happy to recommend the reappointment of myself, Sir James Michael Yorrick Oliver.

Reappointment of Auditors and authority to fix their remuneration ("Resolution 3")

You will be asked to reappoint Littlejohn LLP ("Littlejohn") as Auditors of the Company until the next AGM and authorise the Company's Audit Committee to fix Littlejohn's remuneration.

Forms of proxy

You will find enclosed a form of proxy for the Meeting. It covers each of the Proposed Resolutions. If you do not intend to be present at the Meeting, please complete, sign and return the form of proxy as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions thereon.

Recommendation

The Board considers that all the Proposed Resolutions to be considered at the Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole and are most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole. The Board unanimously recommends that you vote in favour of all the Proposed Resolutions, as those Directors who hold shares intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings.

Sir Michael Oliver

Non-executive Chairman
25 May 2010

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Hampden Underwriting plc

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(the "Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company will be held at the Boardroom, Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QH on 17 June 2010 at 4.00pm (the "Meeting") for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, resolutions 1 to 3 (inclusive) as ordinary resolutions:

Ordinary resolutions

1. THAT the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009, which include the Reports of the Company's Directors and Auditors, be received and adopted.
2. THAT Sir James Michael Yorrick Oliver, who retires pursuant to Article 68 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director, be re-elected.
3. THAT Littlejohn LLP ("Littlejohn") be reappointed as Auditors of the Company until the next AGM and that the Company's Audit Committee be authorised to fix Littlejohn's remuneration.

By order of the Board

Hampden Legal Plc
Secretary
25 May 2010

Registered office

Hampden House
Great Hampden
Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 9RD

Notes to the resolutions

Entitlement to attend and vote

1. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, the Company specifies that only those members registered on the Company's register of members at:
 - 6.00pm on 15 June 2010; or,
 - if this Meeting is adjourned, at 6.00pm on the day two days prior to the adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting.Changes to the register of members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the Meeting.

Appointment of proxies

2. If you are a member of the Company at the time set out in note 1 above, you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting and you should have received a form of proxy with this Notice of the Meeting. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes and the notes to the form of proxy.
3. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting to represent you. Details of how to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting or another person as your proxy using the form of proxy are set out in the notes to the form of proxy. If you wish your proxy to speak on your behalf at the Meeting you will need to appoint your own choice of proxy (not the Chairman) and give your instructions directly to them.
4. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.
5. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. In the event of a conflict between a blank form of proxy and a form of proxy which states the number of shares to which it applies, the specific form of proxy shall be counted first, regardless of whether it was sent or received before or after the blank form of proxy, and any remaining shares in respect of which you are the registered holder will be apportioned to the blank form of proxy. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise rights attached to any one share. To appoint more than one proxy, you should contact Capita Registrars, PXS, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.
6. In the case of a member which is a company, your form of proxy must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by a duly authorised officer of the company or an attorney for the company.
7. If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.
8. Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.

Appointment of proxy using hard copy form of proxy

9. The notes to the form of proxy explain how to direct your proxy how to vote on each resolution or withhold their vote.

To appoint a proxy using the form of proxy, the form must be:

- completed and signed;
- sent or delivered to Capita Registrars at PXS, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU; and
- received by Capita Registrars no later than 48 hours before the time of this Meeting.

In the case of a member which is a company, the form of proxy must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company.

Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the form of proxy is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the form of proxy.

Notes to the resolutions

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Appointment of proxies through CREST

10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

In order for a proxy appointment made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a CREST Proxy Instruction) must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's ("EUI") specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID-RA10) by no later than 48 hours before the time of this Meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

Documents on display

11. Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Company on any weekday (Saturday and public holidays excluded) from 2 June 2010 until the time of the Meeting and for at least 15 minutes prior to the Meeting and during the Meeting:

- copies of the letters of appointment of the Directors of the Company.

Communication

12. You may not use any electronic address provided either:

- in this Notice of Annual General Meeting; or
- any related documents (including the Chairman's letter and form of proxy)

to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

Form of proxy

Hampden Underwriting plc

Annual General Meeting 17 June 2010

I/We

of

being (a) member(s) of Hampden Underwriting plc hereby appoint the Chairman of the Meeting or

(Note 3)

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held on 17 June 2010 and at every adjournment thereof.

The proxy will vote on the resolutions set out in the Notice convening the AGM as follows:

| Resolutions | For | Against | Withheld |
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| Ordinary resolutions | | | |
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| 2. THAT Sir James Michael Yorrick Oliver, who retires pursuant to Article 68 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director, be re-elected. | | | |
| 3. THAT Littlejohn LLP ("Littlejohn") be reappointed as auditors of the Company until the next AGM and that the Company's Audit Committee be authorised to fix Littlejohn's remuneration. | | | |

Please indicate how you wish your proxy to vote by placing a tick in the appropriate space. Unless otherwise indicated the proxy will vote, or abstain from voting, as thought fit.

Signed this day of 2010

Signature

Notes

- To be valid this form of proxy must reach Capita Registrars, by post or by hand to Capita Registrars PXS, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU not later than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting and must be accompanied by any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a notorially certified copy thereof.
- Where this form of proxy is executed by a corporation it must be either under its common seal or under the hand of a duly authorised officer.
- If you wish to appoint a proxy other than the Chairman, strike out the words "the Chairman of the Meeting" and insert in the space provided the name of your proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- In the case of joint holders, the signature of any one holder will be sufficient but the names of all the joint holders should be stated. The vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. Seniority will be determined by the order in which the names appear in the register of members in respect of the joint holding.

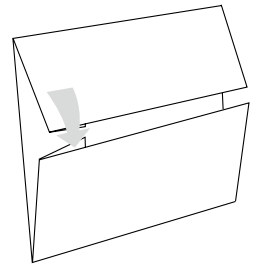


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