RAA ISSUES REPORT ON 2015 UNDERWRITING RESULTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) has released its Reinsurance Underwriting Review: 2015 Industry Results. The report, which can be used for historical benchmarking and identifying trends, includes industry aggregate data and summarizes underwriting experience, operating results, ceded reinsurance and recoverables, reserve development and leverage, and the invested assets of 26 companies. Read the Reinsurance Underwriting Review: 2015 Industry Results.

For 2015, the group reported net premiums written of $41.5 billion, premiums earned of $40.3 billion, loss and loss adjustment expenses of $26.5 billion, commission and broker expenses of $7.8 billion, and other underwriting expenses of $3.3 billion.

The figures indicate a weighted loss ratio of 65.7%, commission and broker ratio of 18.8%, other underwriting expense ratio of 7.8%, and a combined ratio of 92.3%. As a group, the reinsurance companies reported policyholders’ surplus of $136.1 billion. This same group of reinsurers reported a return on equity of 8.2%, an investment yield of 3.5%, net-net reinsurance exposure that was 7.1% of adjusted surplus and net leverage of 136.9%.

The RAA has reported the underwriting results of the nation’s major property-casualty reinsurers in its annual Reinsurance Underwriting Review since 1980. The objective is to provide the insurance industry, as well as the general public, with useful and timely information on the U. S. reinsurance market.

The Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) is the leading trade association of property and casualty reinsurers doing business in the United States. RAA membership includes reinsurance underwriters and intermediaries licensed in the U.S. and those that conduct business on a cross-border basis. The RAA represents its members before state, federal and international bodies.