

Net profits of KD 10.2 million with share profit of 55.67 per share and cash dividend of 30%

During the forum, the Group presented its results for the year 2013 and its 2014 outlook to shareholders and financial analysts

Farqad Al Sane'e: Gulf Insurance held its annual general meeting and extraordinary general assembly meeting along with the annual transparency forum

Kuwait City, 3 April 2014 – During its 50th annual general meeting and 17th extraordinary general assembly meeting, Gulf Insurance, Kuwait's and the Middle East's leading insurance service group, announced that it achieved net profits of KD 10.2 million (USD 36 million) equivalent to 55.67 fils per share for the financial year ending 31/12/2013 with a rise of 10 percent as compared to KD 9.27 million (USD 32.8 million) for the same period last year, and approved the distribution of cash dividends of 30% (30 fils per share).

The book value of the share jumped to 428.4 fils per share compared to 397.7 fils per share in the same period last year.

During the year, shareholders' equity increased by 7.6 percent or the equivalent of KD 5.6 million (USD 19.7 million) to reach KD 78.5 million (USD 277.4 million) as of 31 December 2013, compared to KD 72.9 million (USD 257.7 million) in 2012 after the distribution of dividends by 25 percent cash in respect of the financial year ending 31/12/2013.

The value of subscribed premiums increased by 8 percent in 2013 compared to the same period last year, reaching KD 157 million (USD 554.9 million) with a rise of KD 11.66 million (USD 41.2 million).

The net value of investments and cash was KD 169.5 million (USD 598.95 million) as at the end of 2013 with a rise of 15 percent amounting to KD 22.16 million (USD 78.3 million) as compared to 2012.

The investment profit and other income reached KD 8.4 million (USD 29.8 million) with a rise of 23.7% amounting to KD 1.6 million (USD 5.7 million) as compared to the last year.

The net technical reserves of the Company made a rise by KD 9.6 million by 10.9 percent to reach KD 97.85 million (USD 345.8 million) at the end of 2013 as compared to KD 88.2 million (USD 311.8 million) as of 31 December 2012 supporting the operating activities and protecting the rights of policy holders and, hence, enhancing the Group ability to bear the contingent risks that may arise in the future.

The total budget reached KD 320.4 million (USD 1.1 billion) as of 31 December 2013 with an increment of KD 22.1 million (USD 78 million) at 7.4 percent compared with the year ending 31 December 2012.

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Commenting on the Group aspirations for the year 2014, the Group CEO, Khaled Al Hassan said: "We expect generating more income and profits with doubled figures in the coming years".

Al Hassan also added, "Gulf Insurance will enhance its regional expansion through its access in the Algerian market by acquiring a share of 49% in Algerian Insurance, and will double the total subscribed premiums over the next five years to reach USD 1 billion."

"The financial solvency and credit rating reached higher levels. Gulf Insurance Group maintained the rating of (A-) with a stable outlook in Standard & Poor's ratings, being the highest in ratings among Kuwaiti insurance companies," Explained Al Hassan.

The Group and its affiliates maintained the credit rating granted by the global rating company, AM Best.

Al Hassan said, "The Group succeeded to increase the ownership in the Arab Orient Insurance Company (Jordan) to 88.907%."

"These results reflect the growth achieved by the Group to enhance its ability to protect its assets and its shareholders' rights, and is in line with our ongoing efforts to deliver the best insurance products to our customers across all markets we operate in. These achievements, supported by our strategy, are aimed at furthering our regional expansion to increase our local and regional market shares," added Al Hassan.

Al Hassan concluded, "Our results are attributed to the ongoing support of our valued customers and their trust in the Group's management and services. Moreover, we thank our shareholders, particularly, Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) and Fairfax Middle East Company for their continuous support, as well as the devotion and loyalty of the Group's staff to whom I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation."

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Notes to Editors:

Gulf Insurance Group is the largest insurance Group in Kuwait in terms of written and retained premiums, with operations in both life and non-life insurance. Gulf Insurance has become one of the largest insurance networks in the Middle East and North Africa, with companies in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Bahrain, Emirates and Kuwait. Its reported consolidated assets stand at US\$ 1.1 billion as at 31 December, 2013.

KIPCO – Kuwait Projects Company – is Gulf Insurance’s largest shareholder, followed by the Canadian-based Fairfax Financial Holding Ltd. Gulf Insurance holds a Financial Strength Rating of “A-” with Stable Outlook from Standard & Poor’s. A.M. Best Europe – Rating Services Limited has also assigned a financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) and issuer credit rating of “a-” to Gulf Insurance with a Stable Outlook.

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