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# **UNITED STATES**

	SECURITIES AND EXC	HANGE COMMISSION
	Washington,	D.C. 20549
	Form 2	10-Q
X	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION ACT OF 1934  For the Quarter Ended	N 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE September 30, 2006
	or	
	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION ACT OF 1934  For the transition period for the transition	
	MBIA	INC.
	(Exact name of registrant as	specified in its charter)
	Connecticut (State of Incorporation)	06-1185706 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	113 King Street, Armonk, New York (Address of principal executive offices)	10504 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (914) 273-4545

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

As of October 30, 2006, 134,810,616 shares of Common Stock, par value \$1 per share, were outstanding.

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### MBIA INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(In thousands except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2006	December 3 2005
Assets	2000	
nvestments:		
Fixed-maturity securities held as available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost \$26,786,671 and		
\$23,189,684)	\$ 27,209,053	\$ 23,747,20
Investments held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (fair value \$5,042,568 and \$5,734,335)	5,070,668	5,765,18
nvestment agreement portfolio pledged as collateral, at fair value (amortized cost \$822,230 and \$712,054)	821,417	729,07
Short-term investments, at amortized cost (which approximates fair value)	2,000,179	1,673,69
Other investments	200,963	234,92
Total investments	35,302,280	32,150,08
Cash and cash equivalents	341,330	230,90
Accrued investment income	497,668	396,04
Deferred acquisition costs	437,648	427,1
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	373,463	407,6
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	47,002	58,90
Goodwill	79,406	79,40
Property and equipment, at cost (less accumulated depreciation of \$125,598 and \$116,275)	106,015	107,9
Receivable for investments sold	127,136	74,7
Derivative assets	441,540	326,8
Other assets	186,096	301,6
Total assets	\$ 37,939,584	\$ 34,561,39
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Liabilities:	Φ 2.004.410	Ф 2 105 2
Deferred premium revenue	\$ 3,084,419	\$ 3,185,20
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	725,629	721,50
Investment agreements	11,811,231	10,806,2
Commercial paper	755,234	859,99
Medium-term notes	9,005,718	7,542,4
Variable interest entity floating rate notes	1,475,750	1,280,1
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	757,260	646,34 58,74
Short-term debt	40,898	) -
Long-term debt Current income taxes	1,216,403	1,210,40
	38,610	560.5
Deferred income taxes, net  Deferred fee revenue	510,843	569,53 20,3°
	16,891	,
Payable for investments purchased Derivative liabilities	426,522 390,435	83,36 384,6
Other liabilities	626,983	600,8
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Total liabilities	30,882,826	27,969,7

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Preferred stock, par value \$1 per share; authorized shares 10,000,000; issued and outstanding none

Common stock, par value \$1 per share; authorized shares 400,000,000; issued shares 157,812,430 and		
156,601,779	157,812	156,602
Additional paid-in capital	1,490,066	1,435,590
Retained earnings	6,260,164	5,747,171
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of deferred income tax of \$177,319 and \$238,881	323,692	399,381
Treasury stock, at cost 23,010,663 and 22,554,528 shares	(1,174,976)	(1,147,100)
Total shareholders equity	7,056,758	6,591,644
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 37,939,584	\$ 34,561,394

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

### MBIA INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

(In thousands except per share amounts)

	Three months ended				Nine months ended			
	September 30 2006 2005				Septen 2006	nber 30	2005	
Insurance	2000		2002		2000		2000	
Revenues:								
Gross premiums written	\$ 202,178	\$	220,970	\$	626,526	\$	752,554	
Ceded premiums	(26,461)		(34,608)		(77,532)		(98,356)	
Net premiums written	175,717		186,362		548,994		654,198	
Scheduled premiums earned	170,112		173,302		506,957		527,964	
Refunding premiums earned	42,215		30,770		128,005		100,338	
Premiums earned (net of ceded premiums of \$35,469,								
\$35,270, \$109,533 and \$114,175)	212,327		204,072		634,962		628,302	
Net investment income	164,418		129,848		448,820		379,411	
Fees and reimbursements	17,046		9,529		29,239		20,168	
Net realized gains (losses)	4,021		(7,526)		14,094		(6,319)	
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign								
exchange	(4,706)		2,485		1,356		415	
Total insurance revenues	393,106		338,408		1,128,471		1,021,977	
Expenses:								
Losses and loss adjustment	20,414		20,796		60,835		63,355	
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	16,774		16,121		50,162		49,636	
Operating	37,455		38,943		110,071		100,377	
Interest expense	22,225		8,363		53,929		19,867	
Total insurance expenses	96,868		84,223		274,997		233,235	
Insurance income	296,238		254,185		853,474		788,742	
Investment management services								
Revenues	308,473		225,671		860,978		618,449	
Net realized gains (losses)	361		1,284		5,594		3,000	
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange	5,415		41,607		8,723		41,633	
Total investment management services revenues	314,249		268,562		875,295		663,082	
Interest expense	263,804		184,397		730,472		500,979	
Expenses	19,062		18,341		55,113		51,808	
Total investment management services expenses	282,866		202,738		785,585		552,787	
Investment management services income	31,383		65,824		89,710		110,295	

### Corporate

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Net investment income		3,297		3,492		10,724		17,217
Net realized gains (losses)		866		226		2,333		(1,388)
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign								
exchange		268		65		446		200
Interest expense		20,270		22,148		60,709		66,379
Corporate expenses		5,260		81,414		11,144		92,350
Corporate loss		(21,099)		(99,779)		(58,350)		(142,700)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		306,522		220,230		884,834		756,337
Provision for income taxes		89,969		77,500		248,855		227,381
Income from continuing operations		216,553		142,730		635,979		528,956
Discontinued Operations (See Note 10)		210,000		1.2,700		000,575		220,700
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax		1,394		(946)		2,324		(691)
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Net income	\$	217,947	\$	141,784	\$	638,303	\$	528,265
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Income from continuing operations per common share:								
Basic	\$	1.63	\$	1.08	\$	4.79	\$	3.93
Diluted	\$	1.58	\$	1.05	\$	4.65	\$	3.84
N-4:								
Net income per common share:								
Basic	\$	1.64	\$	1.07	\$	4.81	\$	3.93
Basic Diluted	\$ \$	1.64 1.59	<b>\$</b> <b>\$</b>	1.07 1.04	\$ \$	4.81 4.67	<b>\$</b>	3.93 3.84
Basic								
Basic Diluted	\$		\$		\$		\$	
Basic Diluted Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:	<b>\$</b>	1.59	<b>\$</b>	1.04	<b>\$</b>	4.67	<b>\$</b>	3.84
Basic Diluted Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	<b>\$</b>	1.59 32,794,395 36,739,403	<b>\$</b>	1.04 32,622,848 35,822,330	<b>\$</b>	<b>4.67</b> 32,759,336 36,676,944	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.84</b> 34,589,606 37,722,142
Basic Diluted Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: Basic	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.59</b> 32,794,395	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.04</b> 32,622,848	<b>\$</b>	<b>4.67</b> 32,759,336	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.84</b> 34,589,606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

### MBIA INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (Unaudited)

### For the nine months ended September 30, 2006

(In thousands except per share amounts)

Agammulated

					Accı	ımulated			
	Comm	on Stock			(	Other	Treas	sury Stock	
			Additional						Total
					Comp	orehensive	;		
			Paid-in	Retained					Shareholders
					Iı	ncome			
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings		Loss)	Shares	Amount	Equity
Balance, January 1, 2006	156,602	\$ 156,602	\$ 1,435,590	\$ 5,747,171	\$ .	399,381	(22,555)	\$ (1,147,100)	\$ 6,591,644
Comprehensive income:									
Net income				638,303					638,303
Other comprehensive income (loss):									
Change in unrealized appreciation of									
investments net of change in deferred									
income taxes of \$(69,799)					(	111,679)			(111,679)
Change in fair value of									
derivative instruments net of change in									
deferred income taxes of \$8,435						15,666			15,666
Change in foreign currency translation net									
of change in deferred income taxes of									
\$(198)						20,324			20,324
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(75,689)
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Comprehensive income									562,614
Treasury shares acquired, net							(467)	(28,259)	(28,259)
Stock-based compensation	1,210	1,210	54,424				11	383	56,017
Variable interest entity equity			52						52
Dividends (declared per common share									
\$0.930, paid per common share \$0.900)				(125,310)	)				(125,310)
Balance, September 30, 2006	157,812	\$ 157,812	\$ 1,490,066	\$ 6,260,164	\$ 3	323,692	(23,011)	\$ (1,174,976)	\$ 7,056,758

	2006
Disclosure of reclassification amount:	
Change in unrealized appreciation of investments arising during the period, net of taxes	\$ (84,245)
Reclassification adjustment, net of taxes	(27,434)
Change in net unrealized appreciation, net of taxes	\$ (111,679)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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### MBIA INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

### $(In\ thousands)$

	Niı	otember 30 2005		
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	638,303	\$	528,265
Loss (income) from discontinued operations, net of tax		(2,324)		691
Net income from continuing operations		635,979		528,956
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations:				
Amortization of bond premium, net		24,094		43,875
Increase in accrued investment income		(101,620)		(66,687)
Increase in deferred acquisition costs		(10,537)		(24,975)
Decrease in prepaid reinsurance premiums		34,151		17,675
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses		11,963		(11,067)
Depreciation		9,323		8,776
Decrease in salvage and subrogation		47,530		28,481
Decrease in deferred premium revenue		(100,781)		(3,122)
Increase (decrease) in loss and loss adjustment expense reserves		4,127		(37,446)
Increase in accrued interest payable		120,837		80,495
Penalties and disgorgement		,		75,000
Decrease in accrued expenses		(25,984)		(10,099)
Amortization of medium-term notes and commercial paper premium, net		(13,869)		(15,092)
Net realized (gains) losses on sale of investments		(22,021)		4,756
Net gains on derivative instruments and foreign exchange		(10,525)		(42,248)
Current income tax provision		95,604		13,777
Deferred income tax provision		1,288		16,424
Stock option compensation		10,962		15,048
Other, net		(22)		(1,635)
Onler, nec		(22)		(1,033)
Total adjustments to net income		74,520		91,936
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations		710,499		620,892
Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations:				
Purchase of fixed-maturity securities, net of payable for investments purchased		4,999,014)	()	12,071,612)
Sale of fixed-maturity securities, net of receivable for investments sold	1.	1,018,044		8,795,126
Redemption of fixed-maturity securities, net of receivable for investments redeemed		318,912		404,234
Purchase of held-to-maturity investments		(459,956)		(283,863)
Redemptions of held-to-maturity investments		1,144,023		1,414,836
Purchase of short-term investments		(32,189)		(147,365)
Sale of other investments		29,397		20,288
Capital expenditures		(7,651)		(5,316)
Disposals of capital assets		614		1,402
Payments for derivatives		(24,077)		
Other, investing		3,011		
Net cash used by investing activities of continuing operations	(3	3,008,886)	(	(1,872,270)

Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations:

Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations:				
Proceeds from issuance of investment agreements		4,289,445		5,307,982
Payments for drawdowns of investment agreements		(3,406,739)		(3,908,350)
Net payments of commercial paper		(135,458)		(851,921)
Issuance of medium-term notes		3,647,592		2,018,408
Principal paydown of medium-term notes		(2,145,301)		(1,061,466)
Issuance of variable interest entity floating rate notes		300,000		200,000
Principal paydown of variable interest entity floating rate notes		(107,053)		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, net		110,917		(43,452)
Dividends paid		(121,064)		(109,708)
Capital issuance costs		(1,727)		(2,184)
Net repayment of short term debt		(17,847)		
Purchase of treasury stock		(28,259)		(363,410)
Exercise of stock options		22,243		18,132
Excess tax benefit on share-based payment		1,181		
Other, financing		(709)		(5,907)
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Net cash provided by financing activities of continuing operations		2,407,221		1,198,124
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Discontinued operations (Revised - See Note 1):				
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,542		943
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		6		(1,936)
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities		(17)		52
Net cash provided (used) by discontinued operations		1,531		(941)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		110,365		(54,195)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period		230,965		364,784
		,-		,
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$	341,330	\$	310,589
Cash and Cash equivalents - end of period	Φ	341,330	φ	310,369
Supplemental cash flow disclosures:				
Income taxes paid	\$	153,024	\$	195,327
Interest paid:		, .		/-
Investment agreements	\$	370,730	\$	251,493
Commercial paper	,	30,966		46,423
Medium-term notes		287,123		172,916
Variable interest entity floating rate notes		39,877		16,218
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		29,765		14,226
Other, financing		6,153		3,769
Long-term debt		52,418		54,661
Non cash items:		<i>52</i> ,710		5 1,001
Stock compensation	\$	10,962	\$	15,048
Dividends declared but not paid	Φ	41,788	ψ	37,537
Dividends declared but not paid		71,700		31,331

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MBIA Inc. and Subsidiaries

### NOTE 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and, accordingly, do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). These statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 for MBIA Inc. and Subsidiaries (MBIA or the Company). The accompanying consolidated financial statements have not been audited by an independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), but in the opinion of management such financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the Company s financial position and results of operations.

The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006. The December 31, 2005 balance sheet was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its wholly owned subsidiaries and other entities required by GAAP. All significant intercompany balances have been eliminated and business segment results are presented net of all material intersegment transactions. Certain amounts have been reclassified in prior years—financial statements to conform to the current presentation. This includes the reclassification of variable interest entity (VIE) interest expense from—Net investment income—to—Interest expense—the reclassification of unearned compensation—restricted stock—to—Additional paid-in capital—and the reclassification of amounts related to the Company—s municipal services segment, which had no effect on net income, total assets, total liabilities or shareholders—equity as previously reported. See—Note 6: Business Segments—for information on changes in the Company—s segment reporting. In addition, the Company revised its statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 to separately disclose the operating, investing and financing portions of cash flows attributable to discontinued operations. These amounts were previously reported on a combined basis.

### NOTE 2: Significant Accounting Policies

The Company has disclosed its significant accounting policies in Note 3: Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. The following significant accounting policy provides an update to that included under the same caption in the Company s Form 10-K.

### PREMIUM REVENUE RECOGNITION

Upfront premiums are earned in proportion to the expiration of the related principal balance of an insured obligation. Therefore, for transactions in which the premium is received upfront, premium earnings are greater in the earlier periods when there is a higher amount of principal outstanding. The upfront premiums are apportioned to individual sinking fund payments of a bond issue according to an amortization schedule. After the premiums are allocated to each scheduled sinking fund payment, they are earned on a straight-line basis over the period of that sinking fund payment. Accordingly, deferred premium revenue represents the portion of premiums written that is applicable to the unexpired risk of insured bonds and notes. When an MBIA-insured issue is retired early, is called by the issuer, or is in substance paid in advance through a refunding accomplished by placing U.S. Government securities in escrow, the remaining deferred premium revenue is earned at that time since there is no longer risk to the Company. Installment premiums are earned on a straight-line basis over each installment period, generally one year or less. As the outstanding principal of an installment-based policy is paid down by the issuer of an MBIA-insured obligation, less premium is collected and recognized by MBIA. Both upfront and installment premium recognition methods recognize premiums over the term of an insurance policy in proportion to the remaining outstanding principal balance of the insured obligation.

Premiums ceded to reinsurers reduce the amount of earned premium the Company will recognize from its insurance policies. For both upfront and installment policies, ceded premium expense is recognized in earnings in proportion to and at the same time as the related premium revenue is recognized. Ceding commission income is recognized in earnings at the time the related premium is recognized.

### NOTE 3: Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. (SAB) 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements. SAB 108 requires that a registrant use both a balance sheet approach and an income statement approach when quantifying and evaluating the materiality of a misstatement. In addition, SAB 108 provides permitted transition methods for correcting and disclosing errors that existed prior to the application of SAB 108

when such errors are determined to be material to a registrant s financial statements upon the application of SAB 108. SAB 108 is effective for the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006, with early adoption permitted in interim reports filed with the SEC. MBIA will initially apply the provisions of SAB 108 in connection with the preparation of its financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2006. The Company believes that the application of SAB 108 will not have a material effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. (SFAS) 157, Fair Value Measurements. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements under other accounting

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#### MBIA Inc. and Subsidiaries

pronouncements, but does not change the existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. SFAS 157 also clarifies that an issuer s credit standing should be considered when measuring liabilities at fair value. SFAS 157 requires companies to disclose the fair value of its financial instruments according to a fair value hierarchy (levels 1, 2 and 3 as defined). SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. MBIA is currently evaluating the provisions of SFAS 157 and their potential impact on the Company s financial statements.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109. FIN 48 requires that the Company determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. Once it is determined that a position meets this recognition threshold, the position is measured to determine the amount of benefit to be recognized in the financial statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on the derecognition, classification and disclosure of tax positions. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. MBIA is currently evaluating the provisions of FIN 48 and their potential impact on the Company s financial statements.

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments, which amends SFAS 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, and SFAS 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities. SFAS 155 permits an entity to measure at fair value any financial instrument that contains an embedded derivative that would otherwise require bifurcation. For the Company, SFAS 155 is effective for those financial instruments acquired or issued after January 1, 2007. MBIA is currently evaluating the provisions of SFAS 155 and their potential impact on the Company s financial statements.

### NOTE 4: Dividends Declared

Dividends declared by the Company during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were \$125.3 million.

### NOTE 5: Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share shows the dilutive effect of all stock options and other items outstanding during the period that could potentially result in the issuance of common stock. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 there were 1,699,934 and 1,742,823 stock options outstanding, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, there were 2,456,389 and 2,869,503 stock options outstanding, respectively, that were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because they were antidilutive.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

		3rd Q	uarter		Year-to-date			
In thousands except per share amounts	2006		2005		2006			2005
Income from continuing operations, net of tax	\$	216,553	\$	142,730	\$	635,979	\$	528,956
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax		1,394		(946)		2,324		(691)
Net income	\$	217,947	\$	141,784	\$	638,303	\$	528,265
Basic weighted average shares	13	32,794,395	1	32,622,848	13	32,759,336	13	34,589,606
Effect of common stock equivalents	3,945,008		3,199,482		3,917,608			3,132,536
Diluted weighted average shares	13	36,739,403	1	35,822,330	13	36,676,944	13	37,722,142

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Basic EPS:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.08	\$ 4.79	\$ 3.93
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.01	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)
Net income *	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.07	\$ 4.81	\$ 3.93
Diluted EPS:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.05	\$ 4.65	\$ 3.84
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.01	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)
Net income *	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.04	\$ 4.67	\$ 3.84

<sup>\*</sup> May not add due to rounding.

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#### **NOTE 6: Business Segments**

MBIA Inc., through its subsidiaries, is a leading provider of financial guarantee products and specialized financial services. MBIA provides innovative and cost-effective products and services that meet the credit enhancement, financial and investment needs of its public- and private-sector clients worldwide. MBIA manages its activities primarily through two principal business operations: insurance and investment management services. The Company s reportable segments within its business operations are determined based on the way management assesses the performance and resource requirements of such operations.

The insurance operations constitute a reportable segment and provide an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee of the payment of principal and interest on insured obligations when due. MBIA issues financial guarantees for municipal bonds, asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, investor-owned utility bonds, bonds backed by publicly or privately funded public-purpose projects, bonds issued by sovereign and sub-sovereign entities, obligations collateralized by diverse pools of corporate loans and credit default swaps and pools of corporate and asset-backed bonds, both in the new issue and secondary markets. This segment includes all activities related to global credit enhancement services provided principally by MBIA Insurance Corporation and its subsidiaries (MBIA Corp.).

The Company s investment management services operations provide an array of products and services to the public, not-for-profit and corporate sectors. Such products and services are provided primarily through wholly owned subsidiaries of MBIA Asset Management, LLC (MBIA-AML) and include cash management, discretionary asset management and fund administration services and investment agreement, medium-term note and commercial paper programs related to funding assets for third-party clients and for investment purposes. The investment management services operations reportable segments are comprised of: asset/liability products, which include investment agreements and medium-term notes (MTNs) not related to the conduit program; advisory services, which consist of third-party and related-party fee-based asset management; and conduits.

The asset/liability products segment is principally comprised of the activities of MBIA Investment Management Corp. (IMC), MBIA Global Funding, LLC (GFL) and Euro Asset Acquisition Limited (EAAL). IMC, along with MBIA Inc., provides customized investment agreements, guaranteed by MBIA Corp., for bond proceeds and other public funds for such purposes as construction, loan origination, escrow and debt service or other reserve fund requirements. It also provides customized products for funds that are invested as part of asset-backed or structured product issuances. GFL raises funds through the issuance of MTNs with varying maturities, which are in turn guaranteed by MBIA Corp. GFL lends the proceeds of these MTN issuances to MBIA Inc. (GFL Loans). MBIA Inc. invests the proceeds of investment agreements and GFL Loans in eligible investments, which consist of investment grade securities with a minimum average Double-A credit quality rating. MBIA Inc. primarily purchases domestic securities, which are pledged to MBIA Corp. as security for its guarantees on investment agreements and MTNs. Additionally, MBIA Inc. loans a portion of the proceeds from investment agreements and MTNs to EAAL. EAAL primarily purchases foreign assets as permitted under the Company s investment guidelines.

The advisory services segment is primarily comprised of the operations of MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation (MBIA-MISC), MBIA Capital Management Corp. (CMC) and MBIA Asset Management UK (AM-UK). MBIA-MISC provides investment management programs, including pooled investments products and customized asset management services. In addition, MBIA-MISC provides portfolio accounting and reporting for state and local governments, including school districts. MBIA-MISC is a SEC-registered investment adviser. CMC provides fee-based asset management services to the Company, its affiliates and third-party institutional clients. CMC is a SEC-registered investment advisor and National Association of Securities Dealers member firm. AM-UK provides fee-based asset management services to the Company s foreign insurance affiliates and EAAL, and to third-party institutional clients and investment structures. AM-UK is registered with the Financial Services Authority in the United Kingdom.

The Company s conduit segment administers three multi-seller conduit financing vehicles through MBIA Asset Finance, LLC. The conduits provide funding for multiple customers through special purpose vehicles that issue primarily commercial paper and medium-term notes.

Prior to the third quarter of 2006, the Company s municipal services segment included the operations of MBIA MuniServices Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. In the third quarter of 2006, MBIA finalized a plan to sell MBIA MuniServices Company and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries (MuniServices). In October 2006, MBIA signed a letter

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of intent to sell MuniServices to an investor group led by the management of MuniServices and expects the sale to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2006. The results of MuniServices have been reported as a discontinued operation for all periods presented herein and not as part of the Company s municipal services segment. The remainder of the municipal services segment, which consists of Capital Asset Holdings GP, Inc. and certain affiliated entities (Capital Asset), a servicer of delinquent tax liens, has been reported within the Company s corporate operations as it is immaterial to the financial condition and results of operations of the Company. See Note 10 for additional information related to the Company s discontinued operations.

The Company s corporate operations constitute a reportable segment and include revenues and expenses that arise from general corporate activities and from the operations of Capital Asset.

Reportable segment results are presented net of material intersegment transactions. Transactions between the Company s segments are executed at an arm s length basis, as established by management. The following tables summarize the Company s operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

		Thre	Ir	nths ended S evestment enagement	September 30	, 2006	i
In thousands	I	nsurance		Services	Corporate		Total
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	393,791	\$	308,473	\$ 3,297	\$	705,561
Net realized gains (losses)		4,021		361	866		5,248
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange		(4,706)		5,415	268		977
Total revenues		393,106		314,249	4,431		711,786
Interest expense		22,225		263,804	20,270		306,299
Operating expenses		74,643		19,062	5,260		98,965
Total expenses		96,868		282,866	25,530		405,264
Income (loss) before taxes	\$	296,238	\$	31,383	\$ (21,099)	\$	306,522
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Identifiable assets (b)	\$ 1	3,718,999	\$ 2	3,646,910	\$ 559,968	\$ 3	37,925,877

	Three months ended September 30, 2005							
	Investment							
			Man	agement				
In thousands	Ir	surance	Se	ervices	Co	rporate		Total
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	343,449	\$	225,671	\$	3,492	\$	572,612
Net realized gains (losses)		(7,526)		1,284		226		(6,016)
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange		2,485		41,607		65		44,157
Total revenues		338,408		268,562		3,783		610,753
Interest expense		8,363		184,397		22,148		214,908
Operating expenses		75,860		18,341		81,414		175,615
Total expenses		84,223		202,738	1	03,562		390,523

Income (loss) before taxes \$ 254,185 \$ 65,824 \$ (99,779) \$ 220,230

Identifiable assets (c) \$ 12,536,675 \$ 21,892,776 \$ 489,247 \$ 34,918,698

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<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the sum of net premiums earned, net investment income, insurance-related fees and reimbursements, investment management fees and other fees.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes \$13,707 related to discontinued operations.

<sup>(</sup>c) Excludes \$11,362 related to discontinued operations.

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Nine months ended September 30, 2006 Investment Management In thousands Insurance Services Corporate **Total** Revenues(a) \$ 1,113,021 860,978 \$ 10,724 \$ 1,984,723 Net realized gains (losses) 14,094 5,594 2,333 22,021 10,525 Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange 1,356 8,723 446 Total revenues 1,128,471 875,295 13,503 2,017,269 Interest expense 53,929 730,472 60,709 845,110 Operating expenses 221,068 55,113 11,144 287,325 Total expenses 274,997 785,585 71,853 1,132,435 Income (loss) before taxes 853,474 \$ 89,710 \$ (58,350) 884.834 Identifiable assets (b) \$ 37,925,877 \$13,718,999 \$ 23,646,910 \$ 559,968

Nine months ended September 30, 2005 Investment Management In thousands Insurance Services Corporate **Total** Revenues(a) \$ 1,027,881 \$ 1,663,547 618,449 \$ 17,217 Net realized gains (losses) 3,000 (4,707)(6,319)(1,388)Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange 415 41,633 200 42,248 1,021,977 16,029 Total revenues 663,082 1,701,088 Interest expense 19,867 500,979 66,379 587,225 Operating expenses 213,368 51,808 92,350 357,526 Total expenses 233,235 552,787 158,729 944,751 Income (loss) before taxes 788,742 110,295 \$ (142,700) 756,337 Identifiable assets (c) \$12,536,675 \$ 21,892,776 \$ 489,247 \$ 34,918,698

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The following tables summarize the segments within the investment management services operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

		Three mo	nths ended Septe	ember 30, 2006	
In thousands	Asset/ Liability Products	Advisory Services	Conduits	Eliminations	Total  Investment Management Services
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 247,866		\$ 51,297	\$ (7,492)	\$ 308,473
Net realized gains (losses)	354		\$ 31,297	φ (7,492)	361
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange	10,364		(4,947)		5,415
rect gams (108868) on derivative histianients and foreign exchange	10,504	(2)	(4,947)		3,413
Total revenues	258,584	16,807	46,350	(7,492)	314,249
Interest expense	218,978		47,238	(2,412)	263,804
Operating expenses	11,211	10,824	2,069	(5,042)	19,062
Total expenses	230,189	10,824	49,307	(7,454)	282,866
Income (loss) before taxes	\$ 28,395	\$ 5,983	\$ (2,957)	\$ (38)	\$ 31,383
Identifiable assets	\$ 19,948,556	\$ 140,650	\$ 3,811,748	\$ (254,044)	\$ 23,646,910
		Three mo	nths ended Septe	ember 30, 2005	
	Asset/ Liability	Advisory	·		Total  Investment  Management
In thousands	Liability Products	Advisory Services	Conduits	Eliminations	Investment Management Services
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413	·		Investment Management Services \$ 225,671
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses)	Liability Products \$ 161,605 1,283	Advisory Services \$ 14,413	Conduits \$ 53,521	Eliminations	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413	Conduits	Eliminations	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange	Liability Products \$ 161,605 1,283 32,214	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275	Eliminations \$ (3,868)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues	Liability Products \$ 161,605 1,283 32,214	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796	Eliminations	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues Interest expense	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796 46,482	Eliminations \$ (3,868)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607 268,562 184,397
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues	Liability Products \$ 161,605 1,283 32,214	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796	Eliminations \$ (3,868)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues Interest expense	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532 8,919	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796 46,482	Eliminations \$ (3,868)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607 268,562 184,397
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues Interest expense Operating expenses	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532 8,919	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796 46,482 3,892	Eliminations \$ (3,868) (3,868) (3,831)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607 268,562 184,397 18,341
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues Interest expense Operating expenses  Total expenses	Liability Products \$ 161,605 1,283 32,214 195,102 137,915 9,361	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532 8,919 8,919 \$ 5,613	Conduits \$ 53,521 9,275 62,796 46,482 3,892 50,374	Eliminations \$ (3,868) (3,868) (3,831)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671 1,284 41,607 268,562 184,397 18,341 202,738
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup> Net realized gains (losses) Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange  Total revenues Interest expense Operating expenses  Total expenses  Income (loss) before taxes	Liability Products \$ 161,605	Advisory Services \$ 14,413 1 118 14,532 8,919 8,919 \$ 5,613 \$ 63,017	Conduits \$ 53,521  9,275  62,796 46,482 3,892  50,374  \$ 12,422	Eliminations \$ (3,868)  (3,868)  (3,831)  (3,831)  \$ (37)  \$ (359,482)	Investment Management Services \$ 225,671

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	I	Products						nagement Services
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	680,726	\$ 47,585	\$	155,204	\$ (22,537)	\$	860,978
Net realized gains (losses)		5,587	7					5,594
Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange		12,252	(114)		(3,415)			8,723
Total revenues		698,565	47,478		151,789	(22,537)		875,295
Interest expense		598,250			140,044	(7,822)		730,472
Operating expenses		32,065	30,725		6,924	(14,601)		55,113
Total expenses		630,315	30,725		146,968	(22,423)		785,585
Income (loss) before taxes	\$	68,250	\$ 16,753	\$	4,821	\$ (114)	\$	89,710
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Identifiable assets	\$ 1	9,948,556	\$ 140,650	\$ :	3,811,748	\$ (254,044)	\$ 2	3,646,910

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the sum of interest income, investment management services fees and other fees.

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Nine months ended September 30, 2005 Total Asset/ Investment Liability Advisory Management In thousands **Products** Conduits Eliminations Services Services Revenues(a) 438,962 \$ 41,703 \$ 149,678 (11,894)618,449 Net realized gains (losses) 2,996 3,000 4 Net gains (losses) on derivative instruments and foreign exchange 22,111 54 19,468 41,633 464,069 41,761 169,146 663,082 Total revenues (11,894)Interest expense 371,651 267 129,061 500,979 Operating expenses 26,441 25,461 11,692 (11,786)51,808 Total expenses 398,092 25,728 140,753 (11,786)552,787 Income (loss) before taxes \$ 65,977 \$ 16,033 28,393 (108)110,295 Identifiable assets \$ 16,416,602 \$ 63,017 \$ 5,772,639 \$ (359,482) \$ 21,892,776

net premiums earned by geographic location of risk for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

	3rd q	uarter	Year-to-date		
In thousands	2006	2005	2006	2005	
Net premiums earned:					
United States	\$ 158,996	\$ 151,097	\$ 460,259	\$ 464,319	
Non-United States	53,331	52,975	174,703	163,983	
Total	\$ 212,327	\$ 204,072	\$ 634,962	\$ 628,302	

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<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the sum of interest income, investment management services fees and other fees.

A significant portion of premiums reported within the insurance segment is generated outside the United States. The following table summarizes

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### NOTE 7: Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves (LAE)

Loss and LAE reserves are established in an amount equal to the Company s estimate of unallocated losses, identified or case basis reserves and costs of settlement and other loss mitigation expenses on non-derivative obligations it has insured. A summary of the unallocated and case basis activity and the components of the liability for loss and LAE reserves for the first three quarters of 2006 are shown in the following table:

In thousands	3Q 2006	2Q 2006	1Q 2006
Case basis loss and LAE reserves:			
Beginning balance	\$ 451,745	\$ 512,467	\$ 512,888
Less: reinsurance recoverable	44,472	59,324	58,965
Net beginning balance	407,273	453,143	453,923
Case basis transfers from (to) unallocated loss reserve related to:			
Current year	5,448	266	
Prior years	11,822	(18,997)	10,650
Total	17,270	(18,731)	10,650
Paid related to:			
Current year	998	5,681	
Prior years	4,289	21,458	11,430
Total paid	5,287	27,139	11,430
Net ending balance	419,256	407,273	453,143
Plus: reinsurance recoverable	47,002	44,472	59,324
Case basis reserve ending balance	466,258	451,745	512,467
Unallocated loss reserve:		·	
Beginning balance	256,548	217,885	208,614
Losses and LAE incurred <sup>(1)</sup>	20,414	20,295	20,126
Channel Re elimination <sup>(2)</sup>	(321)	(363)	(205)
Transfers from (to) case basis and LAE reserves	(17,270)	18,731	(10,650)
Unallocated loss reserve ending balance	259,371	256,548	217,885
Total	\$ 725,629	\$ 708,293	\$ 730,352

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the Company s provision for losses calculated as 12% of scheduled net earned premium.

Represents the amount of losses and LAE incurred that have been eliminated in proportion to MBIA s ownership interest in Channel Reinsurance Ltd. (Channel Re), which is carried on an equity-method accounting basis.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, total net case basis activity transferred from the Company s unallocated loss reserve was \$9 million. Net case basis activity during 2006 consisted of loss reserves for insured obligations within the CDO, equipment lease pools and home

equity loan sectors, MBIA s guaranteed tax lien portfolio and insured obligations issued by Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation (AHERF). Largely offsetting these loss reserves were reversals of previously established case basis reserves within the aircraft enhanced equipment trust certificates (EETCs) and manufactured housing sectors. The unallocated loss reserve approximated \$259 million at September 30, 2006, which represents the Company s estimate of losses associated with credit deterioration that has occurred in the Company s insured portfolio but have not been specifically identified and is available for future case-specific activity. The Company recorded \$61 million in losses and loss adjustment expenses in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 based on 12% of scheduled net earned premium. See Note 3: Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 for a description of the Company s loss reserving policy.

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#### NOTE 8: Long-Term Incentive Plans

On May 5, 2005, the Company s shareholders approved the MBIA Inc. 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the Omnibus Plan). Under the Omnibus Plan a maximum of 6,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock can be used for any type of award, including stock options, performance shares, performance units, restricted stock, restricted stock units and dividend equivalents. Any shares issued under the Omnibus Plan in connection with stock options shall be counted against this limit as one share covered by such option. For all awards other than stock options, any shares issued shall be counted against this limit as two shares for every share issued.

The stock option component of the Omnibus Plan enables key employees of the Company and its subsidiaries to acquire shares of common stock of the Company or to benefit from appreciation in the price of the common stock of the Company. The stock option grants, which may be awarded every year, provide the right to purchase shares of common stock at the fair value of the stock on the date of the grant. Options granted will either be Incentive Stock Options (ISOs), where they qualify under Section 422(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or Non-Qualified Stock Options (NQSOs). ISOs and NQSOs are granted at a price not less than 100% of the fair value, defined as the closing price on the grant date, of the Company s common stock. Options are exercisable as specified at the time of grant depending on the level of the recipient (generally four or five years) and expire ten years from the date of grant (or shorter if specified or following termination of employment).

Under the restricted stock component of the Omnibus Plan, certain employees are granted restricted shares of the Company s common stock. These awards have a restriction period lasting three, four or five years depending on the type of award, after which time the awards fully vest. During the vesting period, these shares may not be sold. Restricted stock grants are typically granted from the vice president level up to and including the chief executive officer. Some of the awards made in the first nine months of 2006 and 2005 are linked to the growth in book value per share of the Company s common stock including certain adjustments (modified book value) over a three-year period following the grant date. Actual shares issued at the vesting date will be determined based on the growth in modified book value. If modified book value grows by 30% or more over the three-year period, then 100% of the award will vest. If the growth in modified book value over the three-year period is lower than 30%, then the amount of restricted shares issued will be adjusted downward in proportion to the amount by which actual growth in modified book value is below 30%.

Following the effective date of the Omnibus Plan, no new options or awards were granted under any of the prior plans authorized by the shareholders and all shares authorized but unissued were canceled. All options and awards granted under the prior plans and subsequently canceled or expired after the effective date of the Omnibus Plan become available for grant under the Omnibus Plan. In the first nine months of 2006, 37,500 options were granted and 194,060 options were canceled or expired. In the first nine months of 2006, 756,340 restricted shares were granted and 79,362 restricted shares were canceled. This restricted share activity affects the available share balance for future grants in the Omnibus Plan at a two-for-one ratio. Therefore, 4,836,363 shares are available for future grants under the Omnibus Plan as of September 30, 2006.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS 123(R), Share-Based Payment. SFAS 123(R) is a revision of SFAS 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. Effective January 1, 2006 the Company adopted the requirements of SFAS 123(R). SFAS 123(R) requires the Company to expense the fair value of employee stock options and other forms of stock-based compensation. Effective January 1, 2002, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 and the modified prospective method of adoption under SFAS 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Transition and Disclosure. In addition, SFAS 123(R) classifies share-based payment awards as either liability awards, which are remeasured at fair value at each balance sheet date, or equity awards, which are measured on the grant date and not subsequently remeasured. Generally, awards with cash-based settlement, repurchase features or that are settled at a fixed dollar amount are classified as liability awards, and changes in fair value will be reported in earnings. Awards with net-settlement features or that permit a cashless exercise with third-party brokers are classified as equity awards and changes in fair value are not reported in earnings. The Company s long-term incentive plans include features which would result in both liability and equity awards. For liability awards, the Company currently remeasures these awards at each balance sheet date. In addition, SFAS 123(R) requires the use of a forfeiture estimate. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), the Company accounted for forfeitures as they occurred as permitted under previous accounting standards. The cumulative effect of adopting the change in estimating forfeitures for both stock option awards and restricted stock awards was \$0.9 million, resulting in a reduction to expense during the first quarter of 2006. The Company uses historical employee termination information to estimate the forfeiture rate

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During the first nine months of 2006, the fair value of the restricted shares awarded (net of cancellations), determined on the grant date, was \$40.8 million. Restricted shares have been recorded as unearned compensation, which is a component of Additional paid-in capital within shareholders equity on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and have been included in Stock-based compensation on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders Equity. As of September 30, 2006, the unearned compensation balance for all restricted shares outstanding was \$63.1 million. This amount is expected to be recognized as expense over a weighted average period of 1.66 years. Unearned compensation is amortized to expense over the appropriate three- to five-year vesting period (except for a minor portion granted to members of the MBIA Inc. board of directors which is amortized over a ten-year period). Compensation expense related to the restricted shares, net of estimated forfeitures, was \$18.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The tax benefit and excess tax benefit related to the restricted share awards for the Company during the first nine months of 2006 was \$1.8 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

In May 2002, the MBIA Inc. board of directors approved the MBIA Inc. Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan). The Incentive Plan has been superseded by the Omnibus Plan. The Incentive Plan included a stock option component and a compensation component linked to the growth in modified book value over a three-year period following the grant date. Target levels for the Incentive Plan awards were established as a percentage of total salary and bonus, based upon the recipient s position. Awards under the Incentive Plan typically were granted from the vice president level up to and including the chief executive officer. Actual amounts to be paid are adjusted upward or downward depending on the growth of modified book value versus a baseline target, with a minimum growth of 8% necessary to receive any payment and an 18% growth necessary to receive the maximum payment. Awards under the Incentive Plan were divided equally between the two components, with approximately 50% of the award to be given in stock options and approximately 50% of the award to be paid in cash or shares of Company stock. Payments are made at the end of each three-year measurement period. During the first nine months of 2006, \$3.1 million was recorded as an expense related to modified book value awards. The tax benefit related to modified book value awards during the first nine months of 2006 was \$1.1 million.

The fair value for stock option awards is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes option pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. The number of options granted and the assumptions used for valuing such option grants during the first nine months of the year are shown in the following table:

	June 2006
Number of options granted	37,500
Exercise price	\$ 57.51
Dividend yield	2.405%
Expected volatility	.3107
Risk-free interest rate	5.050%
Expected option term (in years)	6.37

Employee stock option compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, totaled \$9.8 million. The tax benefit and excess tax benefit related to the stock option awards for the Company during the first nine months of 2006 was \$3.3 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2006, there was \$23.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options. This amount is expected to be recognized as expense over a weighted average period of 1.75 years.

A summary of the Company s stock option plan as of September 30, 2006 and changes during the first nine months of the year, are set fort