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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 0-11774

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State of incorporation)

56-1110199
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

121 North Columbia Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(919) 968-2200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

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Large accelerated filer__ Accelerated filer __ Non-accelerated filer
__ Smaller reporting company X
(do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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 19, 2011, there were 2,120,524 common shares of the registrant outstanding.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010
(Unaudited)

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments in securities: | | |
| Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost: 2011: \$77,394,287; 2010: \$81,784,262) | \$ 83,603,960 | \$ 86,033,557 |
| Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (cost: 2011: \$14,693,945; 2010: \$9,458,773) | 17,770,019 | 13,872,370 |
| Short-term investments | 21,723,492 | 27,203,550 |
| Other investments | 3,104,683 | 2,888,958 |
| Total investments | 126,202,154 | 129,998,435 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14,692,102 | 8,117,031 |
| Premium and fees receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts: 2011: \$1,306,000; 2010: \$1,421,000) | 6,606,031 | 7,253,786 |
| Accrued interest and dividends | 913,234 | 1,150,602 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 2,941,765 | 2,816,661 |
| Property, net | 3,635,006 | 3,672,317 |
| Current income taxes recoverable | 506,717 | - |
| Deferred income taxes, net | - | 476,534 |
| Total Assets | \$ 155,497,009 | \$ 153,485,366 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Reserves for claims | \$ 37,548,000 | \$ 38,198,700 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 13,141,854 | 10,301,495 |
| Current income taxes payable | - | 1,056,356 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 958,657 | - |
| Total liabilities | 51,648,511 | 49,556,551 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| | - | - |
| Stockholders' Equity: | | |
| Class A Junior Participating preferred stock (shares authorized 100,000; no shares issued) | - | - |
| Common stock - no par value (shares authorized 10,000,000; 2,121,630 and 2,282,596 shares issued and outstanding 2011 and 2010, respectively, excluding 291,676 shares | 1 | 1 |

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for 2011 and 2010, respectively, of common stock held by the Company's subsidiary)

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Retained earnings | 97,729,595 | 98,240,109 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 6,118,902 | 5,688,705 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 103,848,498 | 103,928,815 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 155,497,009 | \$ 153,485,366 |

See notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income
For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Net premiums written | \$ 23,986,592 | \$ 16,749,395 | \$ 63,303,202 | \$ 42,174,647 |
| Investment income - interest and dividends | 887,055 | 934,754 | 2,665,245 | 2,757,228 |
| Net realized (loss) gain on investments | (200,087) | (44,864) | (79,172) | 306,066 |
| Other | 1,443,310 | 1,522,399 | 3,968,828 | 3,839,920 |
| Total Revenues | 26,116,870 | 19,161,684 | 69,858,103 | 49,077,861 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Commissions to agents | 15,161,823 | 8,632,083 | 39,335,237 | 20,707,910 |
| Provision for claims | 349,672 | 1,819,522 | 2,301,259 | 3,244,341 |
| Salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes | 4,778,542 | 4,354,854 | 14,110,213 | 13,185,127 |
| Office occupancy and operations | 919,681 | 971,264 | 2,836,068 | 3,038,491 |
| Business development | 363,731 | 335,454 | 1,123,517 | 962,115 |
| Filing fees, franchise and local taxes | 79,638 | 241,774 | 411,897 | 534,473 |
| Premium and retaliatory taxes | 459,711 | 336,925 | 1,368,168 | 919,655 |
| Professional and contract labor fees | 412,227 | 334,973 | 1,132,308 | 1,038,845 |
| Other | 130,380 | 126,734 | 392,959 | 420,828 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 22,655,405 | 17,153,583 | 63,011,626 | 44,051,785 |
| Income before Income Taxes | 3,461,465 | 2,008,101 | 6,846,477 | 5,026,076 |
| Provision for Income Taxes | 1,021,000 | 559,000 | 1,792,000 | 1,022,000 |
| Net Income | \$ 2,440,465 | \$ 1,449,101 | \$ 5,054,477 | \$ 4,004,076 |
| Basic Earnings per Common Share | \$ 1.15 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.34 | \$ 1.75 |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Basic | 2,124,078 | 2,284,331 | 2,164,240 | 2,285,039 |
| Diluted Earnings per Common Share | \$ 1.14 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.32 | \$ 1.75 |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Diluted | 2,143,327 | 2,285,785 | 2,180,455 | 2,291,060 |

| | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cash Dividends Paid per Common Share | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.21 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|

See notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30 2011 | Three Months Ended September 30 2010 | Nine Months Ended September 30 2011 | Nine Months Ended September 30 2010 |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Net income | \$ 2,440,465 | \$ 1,449,101 | \$ 5,054,477 | \$ 4,004,076 |
| Other comprehensive income, before tax: | | | | |
| Amortization related to prior year service cost | (415) | 5,097 | 9,779 | 15,291 |
| Amortization of unrecognized (loss) gain | (1,525) | 645 | (239) | 1,929 |
| Unrealized (losses) gains on investments arising during the period | (1,217,304) | 2,786,823 | 543,683 | 2,898,570 |
| Reclassification adjustment for sale of securities included in net income | 49,979 | (1,477) | (179,309) | (437,301) |
| Reclassification adjustment for write-down of securities included in net income | 150,108 | 46,341 | 258,481 | 131,235 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax | (1,019,157) | 2,837,429 | 632,395 | 2,609,724 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense related to postretirement health benefits | (661) | 1,956 | 3,244 | 5,855 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense related to unrealized (losses) gains on investments arising during the year | (427,839) | 956,357 | 170,908 | 1,002,295 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) related to reclassification adjustment for sale of securities included in net income | 17,377 | (340) | (61,842) | (152,395) |
| Income tax expense related to reclassification adjustment for write-down of securities included in net income | 51,612 | 15,752 | 89,888 | 46,315 |
| Net income tax (benefit) expense on other comprehensive income | (359,511) | 973,725 | 202,198 | 902,070 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income | (659,646) | 1,863,704 | 430,197 | 1,707,654 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 1,780,819 | \$ 3,312,805 | \$ 5,484,674 | \$ 5,711,730 |

See notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010
(Unaudited)

| | Common Stock | | Retained | Accumulated | Total |
|--|--------------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Earnings | Comprehensive | Stockholders' |
| | | | | Income | Equity |
| Balance, January 1, 2010 | 2,285,289 | \$ 1 | \$ 92,528,818 | \$ 4,730,258 | \$ 97,259,077 |
| Net income | | | 4,004,076 | | 4,004,076 |
| Dividends (\$0.21 per share) | | | (479,861) | | (479,861) |
| Shares of common stock repurchased and retired | (10,592) | | (330,683) | | (330,683) |
| Stock options exercised | 9,345 | | 139,000 | | 139,000 |
| Share-based compensation expense | | | 163,739 | | 163,739 |
| Amortization related to postretirement health benefits | | | | 11,365 | 11,365 |
| Net unrealized gain on investments | | | | 1,696,289 | 1,696,289 |
| Balance, September 30, 2010 | 2,284,042 | \$ 1 | \$ 96,025,089 | \$ 6,437,912 | \$ 102,463,002 |
| Balance, January 1, 2011 | 2,282,596 | \$ 1 | \$ 98,240,109 | \$ 5,688,705 | \$ 103,928,815 |
| Net income | | | 5,054,477 | | 5,054,477 |
| Dividends (\$0.21 per share) | | | (450,822) | | (450,822) |
| Shares of common stock repurchased and retired | (168,516) | | (5,426,478) | | (5,426,478) |
| Stock options exercised | 7,550 | | 152,526 | | 152,526 |
| Share-based compensation expense | | | 159,783 | | 159,783 |
| Amortization related to postretirement health benefits | | | | 6,296 | 6,296 |
| Net unrealized gain on investments | | | | 423,901 | 423,901 |
| Balance, September 30, 2011 | 2,131,630 | \$ 1 | \$ 97,729,595 | \$ 6,118,902 | \$ 103,848,498 |

See notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
 For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010
 (Unaudited)

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 5,054,477 | \$ 4,004,076 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 360,820 | 384,601 |
| Amortization, net | 250,728 | 251,456 |
| Amortization related to postretirement benefits obligation | 9,540 | 17,220 |
| Share-based compensation expense related to stock options | 159,783 | 163,739 |
| Decrease in allowance for doubtful accounts on premiums receivable | (115,000) | (53,000) |
| Net gain on disposals of property | (26,528) | (2,870) |
| Net realized loss (gain) on investments | 79,172 | (306,066) |
| Net earnings from other investments | (396,487) | (506,448) |
| Provision for claims | 2,301,259 | 3,244,341 |
| Provision for deferred income taxes | 1,233,000 | 1,718,000 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Decrease (increase) in receivables | 762,755 | (1,419,857) |
| Decrease in other assets | 73,731 | 305,154 |
| Increase in current income taxes recoverable | (506,717) | (1,047,057) |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 2,840,359 | 434,167 |
| Decrease in current income taxes payable | (1,056,356) | (670,290) |
| Payments of claims, net of recoveries | (2,951,959) | (4,669,341) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 8,072,577 | 1,847,825 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities | (8,610,912) | (11,970,880) |
| Purchases of short-term securities | (4,592,762) | (9,695,660) |
| Purchases of other investments | (341,117) | (416,100) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities | 7,503,245 | 11,630,860 |
| Proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities | - | 2,000 |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term securities | 10,072,820 | 5,640,859 |
| Proceeds from sales and distributions of other investments | 492,975 | 512,903 |
| Purchases of property | (328,138) | (163,343) |
| Proceeds from disposals of property | 31,157 | 17,200 |
| Net cash provided by (used) in investing activities | 4,227,268 | (4,442,161) |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Repurchases of common stock | (5,426,478) | (330,683) |
| Exercise of options | 152,526 | 139,000 |
| Dividends paid | (450,822) | (479,861) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (5,724,774) | (671,544) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 6,575,071 | (3,265,880) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period | 8,117,031 | 8,733,221 |

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| | | | | |
|--|----|------------|----|-----------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period | \$ | 14,692,102 | \$ | 5,467,341 |
|--|----|------------|----|-----------|

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, continued

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Supplemental Disclosures: | | |
| Cash Paid During the Year for: | | |
| Income Taxes, payments, net | \$ 2,125,000 | \$ 1,075,000 |
| Non cash net unrealized gain on investments, net of deferred tax provision of \$(198,953) and \$(896,219) for 2011 and 2010, respectively | \$ (423,901) | \$ (1,696,289) |

See notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

September 30, 2011

(Unaudited)

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

Reference should be made to the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" of Investors Title Company's ("the Company") Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for a complete description of the Company's significant accounting policies.

Principles of Consolidation – The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts and operations of Investors Title Company and its subsidiaries (Investors Title Insurance Company, National Investors Title Insurance Company, Investors Title Exchange Corporation, Investors Title Accommodation Corporation, Investors Title Management Services, Inc., Investors Title Commercial Agency, LLC, Investors Capital Management Company, and Investors Trust Company), and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been included. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Operating results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2011.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions – The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions used.

Subsequent Events - The Company has evaluated and concluded that there were no material subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in its consolidated financial statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards – In January 2010, the FASB updated the requirements for fair value measurements and disclosures to provide for additional disclosures related to transfers in and out of fair value hierarchy Levels 1 and 2, and to require companies to present purchases, sales, issuances and settlements of Level 3 securities on a gross rather than net basis. Refer to Note 6 for a discussion of valuation hierarchy levels. The new disclosures are clarifications of existing disclosures and are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except that the disclosures requiring the presentation of Level 3 securities trading activity on a gross basis are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. This update did not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Pending Accounting Standards – In May 2011, the FASB updated requirements for measuring and disclosing fair value information, resulting in common principles and requirements in accordance with GAAP and IFRS. For public entities, this guidance becomes effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Early application by public entities is not permitted. Management does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“the FASB”) updated requirements relating to the presentation of comprehensive income. The objectives of this accounting update are to facilitate convergence of GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. The main provisions of the guidance require that all nonowner changes in stockholders’ equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. For public entities, this update becomes effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. Management does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

Change in Estimate. The Company's premium revenues from certain agency operations include accruals based on estimates using historical information, as well as other relevant trends and data. The accruals for premiums are necessary because of the lag between policy effective dates and the reporting of these transactions to the Company by the agents. In addition to accruing these earned but unreported agency premiums, the Company also accrues agent commission expenses, premium taxes and income taxes, and records a provision for claim losses at the prevailing provision rate as of the balance sheet date.

During the third quarter of 2011, the Company performed a study of certain agency transactions to more accurately gauge the lag time between policy effective dates and the reporting of these transactions to the Company by the agents. Based on the results of this study, the Company reevaluated and refined the estimate for this accrual, which resulted in an increase in accrued premiums receivable. The Company believes that this adjustment is properly reflected as a change in accounting estimate in the third quarter of 2011. The approximate impact of this change in estimate for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 were increases of \$3,004,000 in net premiums written, \$2,554,000 in commissions to agents, \$60,000 in premium taxes, \$90,000 in the provision for claims, \$102,000 in the provision for income taxes and \$198,000 in net income, or approximately \$0.09 per share, compared with the amounts that would have been recorded under the Company’s prior estimate. The net income and earnings per share effects exclude certain fixed expenses.

Note 2 - Reserves for Claims

Transactions in the reserves for claims for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 are summarized as follows:

| | September 30, | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 38,198,700 | \$ 39,490,000 |
| Provision, charged to operations | 2,301,259 | 4,435,066 |
| Payments of claims, net of recoveries | (2,951,959) | (5,726,366) |
| Ending balance | \$ 37,548,000 | \$ 38,198,700 |

The total reserve for all reported and unreported losses the Company incurred through September 30, 2011 is represented by the reserves for claims. The Company's reserves for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses are established using estimated amounts required to settle claims for which notice has been received (reported) and the amount estimated to be required to satisfy incurred claims of policyholders which may be reported in the future. Despite the variability of such estimates, management believes that the reserves are adequate to cover claim losses which might result from pending and future claims under policies issued through September 30, 2011. The Company continually reviews and adjusts its reserve estimates to reflect its loss experience and any new information that becomes available. Adjustments resulting from such reviews may be significant.

A summary of the Company's loss reserves, broken down into its components of known title claims and incurred but not reported claims ("IBNR"), follows:

| | September 30, 2011 | % | December 31, 2010 | % |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Known title claims | \$ 5,881,172 | 15.7 | \$ 6,121,941 | 16.0 |
| IBNR | 31,666,828 | 84.3 | 32,076,759 | 84.0 |
| Total loss reserves | \$ 37,548,000 | 100 | \$ 38,198,700 | 100 |

Claims and losses paid are charged to the reserves for claims. Although claims losses are typically paid in cash, occasionally claims are settled by purchasing the interest of the insured or the claimant in the real property. When this event occurs, the acquiring company carries assets at the lower of cost or estimated realizable value, net of any indebtedness on the property.

Note 3 - Earnings Per Common Share and Share Awards

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the combination of dilutive potential common stock, comprised of shares issuable under the Company's share-based compensation plans and the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Dilutive common share equivalents include the dilutive effect of in-the-money share-based awards, which are calculated based on the average share price for each period using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, when share-based awards are exercised, (a) the exercise price of a share-based award; (b), the amount of compensation cost, if any, for future service that the Company has not yet recognized; and (c) the amount of estimated tax benefits that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital, if any, are assumed to be used to repurchase shares in the current period. The incremental dilutive potential common shares, calculated using the treasury stock method, were 19,249 and 1,454 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 16,215 and 6,021 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine month periods ended September 30:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net income | \$ 2,440,465 | \$ 1,449,101 | \$ 5,054,477 | \$ 4,004,076 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding – Basic | 2,124,078 | 2,284,331 | 2,164,240 | 2,285,039 |
| Incremental shares outstanding assuming the exercise of dilutive stock options and SARs (share settled) | 19,249 | 1,454 | 16,215 | 6,021 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted | 2,143,327 | 2,285,785 | 2,180,455 | 2,291,060 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 1.15 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.34 | \$ 1.75 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 1.14 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.32 | \$ 1.75 |

There were 11,500 and 20,200 shares excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, because these shares were anti-dilutive. There were 11,500 and 13,500 shares excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, because these shares were anti-dilutive.

The Company has adopted employee stock award plans (the "Plans") under which restricted stock, and options or stock appreciation rights ("SARs") to acquire shares (not to exceed 500,000 shares) of the Company's stock may be granted to key employees or directors of the Company at a price not less than the market value on the date of grant. SARs and options (which have predominantly been incentive stock options) awarded under the Plans thus far are exercisable and vest immediately or within one year or at 10% to 20% per year beginning on the date of grant and generally expire in five to ten years. All SARs issued to date have been share settled only. There have not been any SARs exercised in 2011 or 2010.

A summary of share-based award transactions for all share-based award plans follows:

| | Number Of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding as of January 1, 2010 | 117,245 | \$ 27.54 | 5.10 | \$ 541,543 |
| SARs granted | 3,000 | 33.31 | | |
| Options exercised | (9,445) | 14.88 | | |
| Options/SARs cancelled/forfeited/expired | - | - | | |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2010 | 110,800 | \$ 28.77 | 4.51 | \$ 353,955 |
| SARs granted | 3,000 | 41.50 | | |
| Options exercised | (7,550) | 20.20 | | |
| Options/SARs cancelled/forfeited/expired | (4,500) | 28.61 | | |
| Outstanding as of September 30, 2011 | 101,750 | \$ 29.79 | 4.15 | \$ 657,189 |
| Exercisable as of September 30, 2011 | 94,644 | \$ 29.74 | 4.14 | \$ 613,968 |
| Unvested as of September 30, 2011 | 7,106 | \$ 30.52 | 4.41 | \$ 43,221 |

During the second quarters of 2011 and 2010, the Company issued 3,000 share-settled SARs to the directors of the Company. SARs give the holder the right to receive stock equal to the appreciation in the value of shares of stock from the grant date for a specified period of time, and as a result, are accounted for as equity instruments. As such, these were valued using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The fair value of each award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the weighted-average assumptions noted in the table shown below. Expected volatilities are based on both the implied and historical volatility of the Company's stock. The Company uses historical data to project SAR exercise and employee termination within the valuation model. The expected term of awards represents the period of time that SARs granted are expected to be outstanding. The interest rate for periods during the expected life of the award is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant.

The weighted-average fair values for the SARs issued during 2011 and 2010 were \$15.55 and \$12.30, respectively, and were estimated using the weighted-average assumptions shown in the table below.

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Expected Life in Years | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Volatility | 43.6 % | 42.4 % |
| Interest Rate | 1.9 % | 2.1 % |
| Yield Rate | 0.8 % | 0.8 % |

There was approximately \$160,000 and \$164,000 of compensation expense relating to SARs or options vesting on or before September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, included in salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes in the consolidated statements of income. As of September 30, 2011, there was approximately \$96,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Company's stock award plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 5 months.

There have been no stock options or SARs granted where the exercise price was less than the market price on the date of grant.

Note 4 – Segment Information

The Company has one reportable segment, title insurance services. The remaining immaterial segments have been combined into a group called “All Other.”

The title insurance segment primarily issues title insurance policies through approved attorneys from underwriting offices and through independent issuing agents. Title insurance policies insure titles to real estate.

Provided below is selected financial information about the Company's operations by segment for the periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

| Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 | Title Insurance | All Other | Intersegment Eliminations | Total |
|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 24,501,862 | \$ 1,128,526 | \$ (200,486) | \$ 25,429,902 |
| Investment income | 783,495 | 123,977 | (20,417) | 887,055 |
| Net realized loss on investments | (179,016) | (21,071) | - | (200,087) |
| Total revenues | \$ 25,106,341 | \$ 1,231,432 | \$ (220,903) | \$ 26,116,870 |
| Operating expenses | 21,620,657 | 1,235,234 | (200,486) | 22,655,405 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ 3,485,684 | \$ (3,802) | \$ (20,417) | \$ 3,461,465 |
| Total assets | \$ 118,905,284 | \$ 36,591,725 | \$ - | \$ 155,497,009 |

| Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 | Title Insurance | All Other | Intersegment Eliminations | Total |
|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 17,402,778 | \$ 1,066,743 | \$ (197,727) | \$ 18,271,794 |
| Investment income | 794,078 | 161,093 | (20,417) | 934,754 |
| Net realized loss on investments | (41,277) | (3,587) | - | (44,864) |
| Total revenues | \$ 18,155,579 | \$ 1,224,249 | \$ (218,144) | \$ 19,161,684 |
| Operating expenses | 15,987,300 | 1,364,010 | (197,727) | 17,153,583 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ 2,168,279 | \$ (139,761) | \$ (20,417) | \$ 2,008,101 |
| Total assets | \$ 109,070,835 | \$ 41,686,534 | \$ - | \$ 150,757,369 |

| Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 | Title Insurance | All Other | Intersegment Eliminations | Total |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 64,498,303 | \$ 3,383,112 | \$ (609,385) | \$ 67,272,030 |
| Investment income | 2,348,441 | 378,056 | (61,252) | 2,665,245 |
| Net realized loss on investments | (54,407) | (24,765) | - | (79,172) |
| Total revenues | \$ 66,792,337 | \$ 3,736,403 | \$ (670,637) | \$ 69,858,103 |
| Operating expenses | 59,758,416 | 3,862,595 | (609,385) | 63,011,626 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ 7,033,921 | \$ (126,192) | \$ (61,252) | \$ 6,846,477 |
| Total assets | \$ 118,905,284 | \$ 36,591,725 | \$ - | \$ 155,497,009 |

| Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 43,441,943 | \$ 3,163,721 | \$ (591,097) | \$ 46,014,567 |
| Investment income | 2,361,414 | 457,066 | (61,252) | 2,757,228 |
| Net realized gain on investments | 261,819 | 44,247 | - | 306,066 |
| Total revenues | \$ 46,065,176 | \$ 3,665,034 | \$ (652,349) | \$ 49,077,861 |
| Operating expenses | 40,996,122 | 3,646,760 | (591,097) | 44,051,785 |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 5,069,054 | \$ 18,274 | \$ (61,252) | \$ 5,026,076 |
| Total assets | \$ 109,070,835 | \$ 41,686,534 | \$ - | \$ 150,757,369 |

Note 5 – Retirement Agreements and Other Postretirement Benefits

On November 17, 2003, the Company's subsidiary, Investors Title Insurance Company, entered into employment agreements with key executives that provide for the continuation of certain employee benefits and other payments due under the agreements upon retirement totaling \$5,517,000 and \$5,134,000 as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The executive employee benefits include health insurance, dental, vision and life insurance and are unfunded. These amounts are classified as accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. The following sets forth the net periodic benefits cost for the executive benefits for the periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Service cost – benefits earned during the year | \$ 1,778 | \$ 6,425 | \$ 14,627 | \$ 19,274 |
| Interest cost on the projected benefit obligation | 3,077 | 7,688 | 18,455 | 23,066 |
| Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost | (415) | 5,097 | 9,779 | 15,291 |
| Amortization of unrecognized (gains) losses | (1,525) | 645 | (239) | 1,929 |
| Net periodic benefits costs | \$ 2,915 | \$ 19,855 | \$ 42,622 | \$ 59,560 |

Note 6 - Fair Value Measurement

Valuation Hierarchy. The FASB has established a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to valuation used to measure fair value of financial assets and liabilities, such as securities. This hierarchy categorizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows. Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on the Company's own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value.

Valuation Techniques. A financial instrument's classification within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement—consequently, if there are multiple significant valuation inputs that are categorized in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument's hierarchy level is the lowest level (with Level 3 being the lowest level) within which any significant input falls.

The Level 1 category includes equity securities that are measured at fair value using quoted active market prices.

The Level 2 category includes fixed maturity investments such as corporate bonds, U.S. government and agency bonds and municipal bonds. Their fair value is principally based on market values obtained from a third party pricing service. Factors that are used in determining their fair market value include benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. The Company receives one quote per security from the pricing service, although as discussed below, the Company does consult other pricing resources when confirming that the prices it obtains reflect the fair values of the instruments in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, Fair Value Measurements and

Disclosures. Generally, quotes obtained from the pricing service for instruments classified as Level 2 are not adjusted and are not binding. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company did not adjust any Level 2 fair values.

A number of the Company's investment grade corporate bonds are frequently traded in active markets, and trading prices are consequently available for these securities. However, these securities were classified as Level 2 because the third party pricing service from which the Company has obtained fair values for these instruments uses valuation models which use observable market inputs in addition to traded prices. Substantially all of the input assumptions used in the service's model are observable in the marketplace or can be derived or supported by observable market data.

The Level 3 category only includes the Company's investments in student loan auction rate securities ("ARS") because quoted prices were unavailable due to the failure of auctions. Some of the inputs to this model are unobservable in the market and are significant—therefore, the Company utilizes another third party pricing service to assist in the determination of fair market value of these securities. That service uses a proprietary valuation model that considers factors such as the following: the financial standing of the issuer; reported prices and the extent of public trading in similar financial instruments of the issuer or comparable companies; the ability of the issuer to obtain required financing; changes in the economic conditions affecting the issuer; pricing by other dealers in similar securities; time to maturity; and interest rates. The following table summarizes some key assumptions the service used to determine fair value as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

| | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Cumulative probability of earning maximum rate until maturity | 0.0-0.1 | % | 0.0-0.8 | % |
| Cumulative probability of principle returned prior to maturity | 95.4-98.7 | % | 85.3-98.6 | % |
| Cumulative probability of default at some future point | 1.3-4.6 | % | 1.4-14.7 | % |

Based upon these inputs and assumptions, the pricing service provides a range of values to the Company for its ARS. The Company records the fair value based on the midpoint of the range and believes that this valuation is the most reasonable estimate of fair value. In 2011 and 2010, the difference in the low and high values of the ranges was between approximately three and four percent of the carrying value of the Company's ARS.

The Company's ARS portfolio is comprised entirely of investment grade student loan ARS. The par value of the ARS bonds was \$5,000,000 and \$5,900,000 as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, with approximately 79.6% and 82.2% as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Education.

The following table presents, by level, the financial assets carried at fair value measured on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The table does not include cash on hand and also does not include assets which are measured at historical cost or any basis other than fair value.

| As of September 30, 2011 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Equity Securities | | | | |
| Common stock and nonredeemable preferred stock | \$ 17,770,019 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 17,770,019 |
| Fixed Maturities | | | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions* | - | 66,842,938 | 1,837,200 | 68,680,138 |
| Corporate Debt Securities* | - | 12,140,622 | 2,783,200 | 14,923,822 |
| Total | \$ 17,770,019 | \$ 78,983,560 | \$ 4,620,400 | \$ 101,373,979 |

| As of December 31, 2010 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Equity Securities | | | | |
| Common stock and nonredeemable preferred stock | \$ 13,872,370 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 13,872,370 |
| Fixed Maturities | | | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions* | - | 67,202,641 | 2,618,844 | 69,821,485 |
| Corporate Debt Securities* | - | 13,358,672 | 2,853,400 | 16,212,072 |
| Total | \$ 13,872,370 | \$ 80,561,313 | \$ 5,472,244 | \$ 99,905,927 |

*Denotes fair market value obtained from pricing services.

There were no transfers into or out of Levels 1 and 2 during the period. The following table presents a reconciliation of the Company's assets measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the period ended September 30, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010:

| Changes in fair value during the period ended: | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Beginning balance at January 1 | \$ 5,472,244 | \$ 10,097,795 |
| Redemptions and sales | (900,000) | (4,938,500) |
| Realized gain (loss)-included in realized (loss) gain on investments | 8,248 | (314,386) |
| Unrealized gain-included in other comprehensive income | 39,908 | 627,335 |
| Ending balance | \$ 4,620,400 | \$ 5,472,244 |

Certain investments and other assets are measured at estimated fair value on a non-recurring basis, such as investments that are impaired during the period and recorded at estimated fair value in the financial statements as of or during the periods ended September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The following table summarizes the corresponding estimated fair value hierarchy of such investments and other assets at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 and the related impairments recognized.

| September 30, 2011 | Valuation Method | Impaired | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total at Estimated Fair Value | Impairment Losses |
|--|------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cost method investment | Fair Value | Yes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 58,281 | \$58,281 | \$(28,904) |
| Other assets | Fair Value | Yes | - | - | 17,000 | 17,000 | (15,500) |
| Total cost method investments and other assets | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 75,281 | \$ 75,281 | \$ 44,404 |

| December 31, 2010 | Valuation Method | Impaired | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total at Estimated Fair Value | Impairment Losses |
|--|------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cost method investment | Fair Value | Yes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 52,625 | \$ 52,625 | \$(47,141) |
| Other assets | Fair Value | Yes | - | - | - | - | (47,550) |
| Total cost method investments and other assets | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 52,625 | \$ 52,625 | \$ (94,691) |

To help ensure that fair value determinations are consistent with ASC 820 fair value measurements, prices from our pricing services go through multiple review processes to ensure appropriate pricing. Pricing procedures and inputs used to price each security include, but are not limited to the following: unadjusted quoted market prices for identical securities such as stock market closing prices, non-binding quoted prices for identical securities in markets that are not active, interest rates, yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatility, prepayment speeds, loss severity, credit risks and default rates. The Company reviews the procedures and inputs used by its pricing services and verifies a sample of the services' quotes by comparing them to values obtained from other pricing resources. In the event the Company disagrees with a price provided by its pricing services, the service reevaluates the price to

corroborate the market information and then reviews inputs to the evaluation in light of potentially new market data. The Company believes that these processes and inputs result in appropriate classifications and fair values consistent with ASC 820.

Note 7 – Investments in Securities

The aggregate estimated fair value, gross unrealized holding gains, gross unrealized holding losses and cost or amortized cost for securities by major security type are as follows:

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| September 30, 2011 | | | | |
| Fixed Maturities- | | | | |
| Available-for-sale, at fair value: | | | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 61,632,682 | \$ 5,219,246 | \$ 8,990 | \$ 66,842,938 |
| Corporate debt securities | 11,144,741 | 1,149,633 | \$ 153,752 | 12,140,622 |
| Auction rate securities | 4,616,864 | 3,536 | - | 4,620,400 |
| Total | \$ 77,394,287 | \$ 6,372,415 | \$ 162,742 | \$ 83,603,960 |
| Equity Securities, available-for-sale at fair value- | | | | |
| Common stocks and nonredeemable preferred stocks | | | | |
| Total | \$ 14,693,945 | \$ 3,410,160 | \$ 334,086 | \$ 17,770,019 |
| Total | \$ 14,693,945 | \$ 3,410,160 | \$ 334,086 | \$ 17,770,019 |
| Short-term investments- | | | | |
| Certificates of deposit and other | \$ 21,723,492 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 21,723,492 |
| Total | \$ 21,723,492 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 21,723,492 |
| December 31, 2010 | | | | |
| Fixed Maturities- | | | | |
| Available-for-sale, at fair value: | | | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 64,120,509 | \$ 3,248,821 | \$ 166,690 | \$ 67,202,640 |
| Corporate debt securities | 12,258,359 | 1,123,051 | 22,737 | 13,358,673 |
| Auction rate securities | 5,405,394 | 66,850 | - | 5,472,244 |
| Total | \$ 81,784,262 | \$ 4,438,722 | \$ 189,427 | \$ 86,033,557 |
| Equity Securities, available-for-sale at fair value- | | | | |
| Common stocks and nonredeemable preferred stocks | | | | |
| Total | \$ 9,458,773 | \$ 4,430,175 | \$ 16,578 | \$ 13,872,370 |
| Total | \$ 9,458,773 | \$ 4,430,175 | \$ 16,578 | \$ 13,872,370 |
| Short-term investments- | | | | |
| Certificates of deposit and other | \$ 27,203,550 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 27,203,550 |
| Total | \$ 27,203,550 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 27,203,550 |

The scheduled maturities of fixed maturity securities at September 30, 2011 were as follows:

| | Available-for-Sale | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 6,219,802 | \$ 6,362,555 |
| Due after one year through five years | 29,804,598 | 31,883,803 |
| Due five years through ten years | 32,879,859 | 36,180,952 |

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|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Due after ten years | 8,490,028 | 9,176,650 |
| Total | \$ 77,394,287 | \$ 83,603,960 |

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Gross realized gains and losses on securities for the nine months ended September 30 are summarized as follows:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Gross realized gains: | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 20,845 | \$ 19,927 |
| Common stocks and nonredeemable preferred stocks | 138,290 | 440,797 |
| Auction rate securities | 43,200 | - |
| Total | \$ 202,335 | \$ 460,724 |
| Gross realized losses: | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ - | \$ - |
| Common stocks and nonredeemable preferred stocks | - | (19,024) |
| Other than temporary impairment of securities | (214,077) | (54,395) |
| Total | (214,077) | (73,419) |
| Net realized (loss) gain | \$(11,742) | \$387,305 |

Realized gains and losses are determined on the specific identification method. Also included in net realized gain on sales in the Consolidated Statements of Income are impairments of other investments and loss on sales of property acquired in the settlement of claims totaling \$(67,430) and \$(81,239) for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses on investment securities and the fair value of the related securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

| | Less than 12 Months | | 12 Months or Longer | | Fair Value | Total Unrealized Losses |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | | |
| September 30, 2011 | | | | | | |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 1,033,880 | \$ (8,990) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,033,880 | \$ (8,990) |
| Corporate debt securities | 1,969,100 | (153,752) | - | - | 1,969,100 | (153,752) |
| Total Fixed Income Securities | \$ 3,002,980 | \$ (162,742) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,002,980 | \$ (162,742) |
| Equity Securities | 4,501,592 | (334,086) | - | - | 4,501,592 | (334,086) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ 7,504,572 | \$ (496,828) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,504,572 | \$ (496,828) |

| | Less than 12 Months | | 12 Months or Longer | | Fair Value | Total Unrealized Losses |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | | |
| December 31, 2010 | | | | | | |

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|--|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 7,008,818 | \$ (166,690) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,008,818 | \$ (166,690) |
| Corporate debt securities | 1,077,263 | (22,737) | - | - | 1,077,263 | (22,737) |
| Total Fixed Income Securities | \$ 8,086,081 | \$ (189,427) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,086,081 | \$ (189,427) |
| Equity Securities | 746,388 | (7,710) | 220,635 | (8,868) | 967,023 | (16,578) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ 8,832,469 | \$ (197,137) | \$ 220,635 | \$ (8,868) | \$ 9,053,104 | \$ (206,005) |

As of September 30, 2011, the Company held \$3,002,980 in fixed maturity securities with unrealized losses of \$162,742. As of December 31, 2010, the Company held \$8,086,081 in fixed maturity securities with unrealized losses of \$189,427. The decline in fair value of the fixed maturity securities can be attributed primarily to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads over treasury securities. Because the Company does not have the intent to sell these securities and will likely not be compelled to sell them before it can recover its cost basis, the Company does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company held \$4,501,592 in equity securities with unrealized losses of \$334,086. As of December 31, 2010, the Company held \$967,023 in equity securities with unrealized losses of \$16,578. The unrealized losses related to holdings of equity securities were caused by market changes that the Company considers to be temporary. Since the Company has the intent and ability to hold these equity income securities until a recovery of fair value, the Company does not consider these investments other-than-temporarily impaired.

Factors considered in determining whether a loss is temporary include the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below cost, the financial condition and prospects of the issuer (including credit ratings and analyst reports) and macro-economic changes. A total of 26 securities had unrealized losses at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Reviews of the values of securities are inherently uncertain and the value of the investment may not fully recover, or may decline in future periods resulting in a realized loss. During 2011, the Company recorded other-than-temporary impairment charges in the amount of \$242,981 related to securities and other assets, of which \$34,952 was related to Level 3 auction rate securities that have had a history of being below cost and a change in the Company's intent not to sell these securities. During 2010, the Company recorded other-than-temporary impairment charges in the amount of \$382,692 related to securities and other assets, of which, \$281,156 was related to Level 3 auction rate securities. Other-than-temporary impairment charges are included in net realized gain on investments in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings. A class action lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia against several title insurance companies, including Investors Title Insurance Company, entitled *Backel v. Fidelity National Title Insurance et al.* (6:2008- CV-00181). The plaintiff in this case contends a lack of meaningful oversight by agencies with which title insurance rates are filed and approved. There are further allegations that the title insurance companies have conspired to fix title insurance rates. The plaintiffs seek monetary damages, including treble damages, as well as injunctive relief. Similar suits have been filed in other jurisdictions, several of which have already been dismissed. In West Virginia, the case has been placed on the inactive list pending the resolution of the bankruptcy of LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc. The Company believes that this case is without merit, and intends to vigorously defend against the allegations. At this stage in the litigation, the Company does not have the ability to make a reasonable range of estimates in regards to potential loss amounts, if any.

The Company and its subsidiaries are also involved in other legal proceedings that are incidental to their business. In the Company's opinion, based on the present status of these proceedings, any potential liability of the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to these legal proceedings, will not, in the aggregate, be material to the Company's consolidated financial condition or operations.

Regulation. The Company's title insurance and trust subsidiaries are regulated by various federal, state and local governmental agencies and are subject to various audits and inquiries. It is the opinion of management based on its present expectations that these audits and inquiries will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition or operations.

Escrow and Trust Deposits. As a service to its customers, the Company, through Investors Title Insurance Company ("ITIC"), administers escrow and trust deposits representing earnest money received under real estate contracts, undisbursed amounts received for settlement of mortgage loans and indemnities against specific title risks. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. However, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of these deposits.

Like-Kind Exchanges Proceeds. In administering tax-deferred property exchanges, the Company's subsidiary, Investors Title Exchange Corporation ("ITEC"), serves as a qualified intermediary for exchanges, holding the net sales proceeds from relinquished property to be used for purchase of replacement property. Another Company subsidiary, Investors Title Accommodation Corporation ("ITAC"), serves as exchange accommodation titleholder and, through limited liability companies ("LLCs") that are wholly owned subsidiaries of ITAC, holds property for exchangers in reverse exchange transactions. Like-kind exchange deposits and reverse exchange property totaled approximately \$12,938,000 and \$23,044,000 as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying consolidated balance sheets; however, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of the transfers of property, disbursements of proceeds and the return on the proceeds at the agreed upon rate. These like-kind exchange funds are primarily invested in money market and other short-term investments, including approximately \$1,000,000 of par value in an auction rate security, as of September 30, 2011. The Company does not believe the current illiquidity of the auction rate security will impact its operations, as it believes it has sufficient capital to provide continuous and immediate liquidity as necessary.

Note 9 – Related Party Transactions

The Company does business with, and has investments in, unconsolidated limited liability companies, primarily title insurance agencies. The Company utilizes the equity method to account for its investment in these limited liability companies. The following table sets forth the approximate values by year found within each financial statement classification:

| Financial Statement Classification, Consolidated Balance Sheets | As of September 30, 2011 | As of December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Other investments | \$ 1,824,000 | \$ 1,682,000 |
| Premiums and fees receivable | \$ 706,000 | \$ 739,000 |

| Financial Statement Classification, Consolidated Statements of Income | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net premiums written | \$ 3,165,000 | \$ 3,724,000 | \$ 7,845,000 | \$ 8,572,000 |
| Other income | \$ 362,000 | \$ 451,000 | \$ 820,000 | \$ 906,000 |

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The Company's 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K should be read in conjunction with the following discussion since it contains important information for evaluating the Company's operating results and financial condition.

Overview

Investors Title Company (the "Company") is a holding company that engages primarily in issuing title insurance through two subsidiaries, Investors Title Insurance Company ("ITIC") and National Investors Title Insurance Company ("NITIC"). Operating revenues from the title segment accounted for 95.9% of the Company's operating revenues in the first nine months of 2011. Through ITIC and NITIC, the Company underwrites land title insurance for owners and mortgagees as a primary insurer. Title insurance protects against loss or damage resulting from title defects that affect real property.

There are two basic types of title insurance policies - one for the mortgage lender and one for the real estate owner. A lender often requires property owners to purchase title insurance to protect its position as a holder of a mortgage loan, but the lender's title insurance policy does not protect the property owner. The property owner has to purchase a separate owner's title insurance policy to protect his investment. When real property is conveyed from one party to another, occasionally there is an undisclosed defect in the title or a mistake or omission in a prior deed, will or mortgage that may give a third party a legal claim against such property. If a claim is made against real property, title insurance provides indemnification against insured defects.

The Company issues title insurance policies through issuing agencies and also directly through home and branch offices. Issuing agents are typically real estate attorneys or subsidiaries of community and regional mortgage lending institutions, depending on local customs and regulations and the Company's marketing strategy in a particular territory. The ability to attract and retain issuing agents is a key determinant of the Company's growth in premiums written.

Revenues for this segment result from purchases of new and existing residential and commercial real estate, refinance activity and certain other types of mortgage lending such as home equity lines of credit.

Volume is a factor in the Company's profitability due to fixed operating costs which are incurred by the Company regardless of premium volume. The resulting operating leverage tends to amplify the impact of changes in volume on the Company's profitability. The Company's profitability also depends, in part, upon its ability to manage its investment portfolio to maximize investment returns and minimize risks such as interest rate changes, defaults and impairments of assets.

The Company's volume of title insurance premiums is affected by the overall level of residential and commercial real estate activity, which includes sales, mortgage financing and mortgage refinancing. In turn, real estate activity is affected by a number of factors, including the availability of mortgage credit, the cost of real estate, consumer confidence, employment and family income levels and general United States economic conditions. Interest rate volatility is also an important factor in the level of residential and commercial real estate activity.

The cyclical nature of the residential and commercial real estate markets - and consequently, the land title industry - has historically caused fluctuations in revenues and profitability, and it is expected to continue to do so in the future. Additionally, there are seasonal influences in real estate activity and accordingly in revenue levels for title insurers.

Services other than title insurance provided by operating divisions of the Company that are not required to be reported separately are reported in a category called "All Other." These other services include those offered by the Company and by its smaller wholly owned subsidiaries, Investors Title Exchange Corporation ("ITEC"), Investors Title Accommodation Corporation ("ITAC"), Investors Trust Company ("Investors Trust"), Investors Capital Management Company ("ICMC") and Investors Title Management Services, Inc. ("ITMS").

The Company's exchange services division, ITEC and ITAC, provides customer services in connection with tax-deferred real property exchanges. ITEC serves as a qualified intermediary in like-kind exchanges of real or personal property under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In its role as qualified intermediary, ITEC coordinates the exchange aspects of the real estate transaction, and its duties include drafting standard exchange documents, holding the exchange funds between the sale of the old property and the purchase of the new property, and accepting the formal identification of the replacement property within the required identification period. ITAC serves as exchange accommodation titleholder in reverse exchanges. An exchange accommodation offers a vehicle for accommodating a reverse exchange when the taxpayer must acquire replacement property before selling the relinquished property.

In conjunction with Investors Trust, ICMC provides investment management and trust services to individuals, companies, banks and trusts. ITMS offers various consulting services to provide clients with the technical expertise to start and successfully operate a title insurance agency.

Business Trends and Recent Conditions

By the mid 2000's, there had been a long-term trend of rising home values in the United States that resulted in inflated home values in many areas of the country. From 2001 to 2003, the Federal Reserve lowered short-term interest rates 13 times. Home sales reached record highs and simultaneously, lenders began to loosen their loan underwriting standards, particularly with non-traditional loan products. Lower underwriting standards and innovative loan products increased the supply of mortgage credit and resulted in more mortgage loans to high-risk borrowers. As a result, loan defaults and mortgage foreclosures increased. During September 2008, many financial firms failed or restructured, contributing to a widespread financial crisis in the United States. Lenders responded to the financial crisis by implementing stricter loan underwriting standards, which, combined with high unemployment and weakened consumer confidence, reduced the demand for homes. In an attempt to stabilize the struggling economy, the U.S. government took steps to provide economic stimulus during 2009 and 2010. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included an \$8,000 tax credit available for certain first time home buyers for the purchase of a principal residence on or after January 1, 2009. On November 6, 2009, the President signed a law which extended the first-time homebuyer credit to persons who signed a binding purchase contract by April 30, 2010 and closed on the purchase of their residence by September 30, 2010. A similar credit of \$6,500 was also extended to homebuyers who had owned their current home at least five of the prior eight years.

According to data published by Freddie Mac, the average 30-year fixed mortgage interest rate in the United States was 4.61% for the first nine months of 2011, compared with 4.78% for the first nine months of 2010. The Mortgage Bankers Association ("MBA") October 11, 2011 Mortgage Finance Forecast projects 2011 annual mortgage originations to be \$1.182 trillion, a decrease of approximately 24.8% compared with 2010. Refinancing activity is projected to decrease 28.8% and purchasing activity is projected to decrease 15.3% from 2010 levels.

In 2010, refinancing activity accounted for 69.9% of all mortgage originations. In 2011, refinancing transactions are projected by the October 11, 2011 MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast to account for 66.2% of mortgage originations. The projected decrease is attributable to the higher levels of refinance volume that occurred in prior years, as well as reduced available equity and more stringent requirements being imposed by lenders. Despite current mortgage rates falling to the lowest levels in decades, the Company believes that many homeowners would need rates to fall even further to justify the closing costs involved with subsequent refinance transactions. The Company believes that lender-imposed limits have factored into the decrease in refinance volume, and that many homebuyers have too little equity in their homes to meet loan requirements or do not have the necessary credit scores to qualify for prime mortgage rates.

Currently, the U.S. the economy is showing mixed signals with several federal programs in various stages. The Federal Reserve's program of purchasing U.S. Treasury Bonds to reduce long-term interest rates, Quantitative Easing 2, ended in the second quarter of 2011. In September 2011, the Federal Reserve announced "Operation Twist," which involves selling short-term Treasury bonds in exchange for the same amount of longer-term bonds. The intent is to push down yields on long-term bonds, noting that mortgage rates tend to track the yield on 10-year Treasury notes. The Federal Reserve had already promised during the third quarter of 2011 not to raise rates until mid-2013. Meanwhile, federal lawmakers have agreed to extend certain provisions of the Bush-era tax cuts and negotiations are in process concerning possible reforms of the U.S. mortgage financing system, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The MBA's October 11, 2011 Economic Forecast projects slight improvements in personal consumption expenditures and residential investment for the balance of 2011, but also projects decreases in business investments and gross domestic product. In general, the overall economy remains uncertain, which will likely result in a continuation of the sluggish real estate market for the balance of 2011.

Historically, activity in real estate markets has varied over the course of market cycles in response to evolving economic factors. Operating results can vary from year to year based on cyclical market conditions and do not necessarily indicate the Company's future operating results and cash flows.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of certain assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures surrounding contingencies and commitments. Actual results could differ from these estimates. During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Company made no material changes in its critical accounting policies as previously disclosed in Management's Discussion and Analysis in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company's premium revenues from certain agency operations include accruals based on estimates using historical information, as well as other relevant trends and data. The accruals for premiums are necessary because of the lag between policy effective dates and the reporting of these transactions to the Company by the agents. In addition to accruing these earned but unreported agency premiums, the Company also accrues agent commission expenses, premium taxes and income taxes, and records a provision for claim losses at the prevailing provision rate as of the balance sheet date.

During the third quarter of 2011, the Company performed a study of certain agency transactions to more accurately gauge the lag time between policy effective dates and the reporting of these transactions to the Company by the agents. Based on the results of this study, the Company reevaluated and refined the estimate for this accrual, which resulted in an increase in accrued premiums receivable. The Company believes that this adjustment is properly reflected as a change in accounting estimate in the third quarter of 2011. The approximate impact of this change in estimate for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 were increases of \$3,004,000 in net premiums written, \$2,554,000 in commissions to agents, \$60,000 in premium taxes, \$90,000 in the provision for claims, \$102,000 in the provision for income taxes and \$198,000 in net income, or approximately \$0.09 per share, compared with the amounts that would have been recorded under the Company's prior estimate. The net income and earnings per share effects exclude certain fixed expenses.

Results of Operations

For the quarter ended September 30, 2011, net premiums written increased 43.2% to \$23,986,592, investment income decreased 5.1% to \$887,055, total revenues increased 36.3% to \$26,116,870 and net income increased approximately 68.4% to \$2,440,465, all compared with the same quarter in 2010. Both net income per basic and diluted common share increased from \$0.63 in the third quarter of 2010 to \$1.15 and \$1.14, respectively, compared to the comparable quarter in 2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, net premiums written increased 50.1% to \$63,303,202, investment income decreased 3.3% to \$2,665,245, total revenues increased 42.3% to \$69,858,103 and net income increased 26.2% to \$5,054,477, all compared with the same nine month period in 2010. Both net income per basic and diluted common share increased from \$1.75 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to \$2.34 and \$2.32, respectively, for the comparable period in 2011.

Net operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 were primarily impacted by premium growth, which is mainly attributable to the Company's recent expansion into Texas. Agent commissions increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared with the same periods in 2010 as a result of growth in agency premiums and an increase in agent business from markets with higher premium rates, primarily Texas. The decrease in the provision for claims for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 was due to favorable loss development in prior policy years, as well as a decline in the relative share of North Carolina business relative to the total versus the prior year period. Since North Carolina's premium rates are less than half the national average, the resulting loss ratio for North Carolina business is higher than for our other markets.

Operating Revenues

Operating revenues include net premiums written plus other fee income, trust income, management services income, and exchange services income. Investment income and realized investment gains and losses are not included in operating revenues and are discussed separately under “Non-Operating Revenues” below.

Title Orders: The volume of title orders issued increased 6.3% in the first nine months of 2011 to 154,421 compared with 145,260 title orders in the same period in 2010. The Company's expansion into Texas was the primary reason for the increases in net premiums written and order counts. The increase in premium revenue exceeded the increase in volume of title orders issued, which is reflective of increased business from markets with higher premium rates, primarily Texas.

Title insurance companies typically issue title insurance policies directly through home and branch offices or through title agencies. Following is a breakdown of net premiums generated by home and branch offices and agency operations for the quarters and nine months ended September 30:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------|--------------|------|---------------------------------|------|--------------|------|
| | 2011 | % | 2010 | % | 2011 | % | 2010 | % |
| Home and Branch | \$4,387,971 | 18.3 | \$4,870,568 | 29.1 | \$12,061,485 | 19.1 | \$13,040,632 | 30.9 |
| Agency | 19,598,621 | 81.7 | 11,878,827 | 70.9 | 51,241,717 | 80.9 | 29,134,015 | 69.1 |
| Total | \$23,986,592 | 100 | \$16,749,395 | 100 | \$63,303,202 | 100 | \$42,174,647 | 100 |

Home and Branch Office Net Premiums: In the Company's home and branch operations, the Company issues the insurance policy and retains the entire premium, as no commissions are paid in connection with these policies. Net premiums written from home and branch operations decreased 9.9% and 7.5% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, as compared with the comparable prior year periods. The decrease in 2011 for home and branch operations primarily reflects stagnation in the real estate market and a decline in mortgage refinancing. All of the Company's home office operations and the majority of branch offices are located in North Carolina; as a result, the home and branch office net premiums written are primarily for North Carolina policies.

Agency Net Premiums: When a policy is written through a title agency, agents retain the majority of the title premium collected, with the balance remitted to the title underwriter for bearing the risk of loss in the event that a claim is made under the title insurance policy. The increase in the percentage of total premiums written by agencies in 2011 is primarily due to the Company's strategy of growth through expansion of its agency base and the influence of local geographic trends. Agency net premiums written increased 65.0% and 75.9% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with the prior year, primarily due to the Company's recent expansion into Texas.

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Following is a schedule of net premiums written for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 in select states in which the Company's two insurance subsidiaries ITIC and NITIC currently underwrite insurance:

| State | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Texas | \$ 9,511,966 | \$ 157,898 | \$ 23,377,875 | \$ 157,898 |
| North Carolina | 5,843,439 | 6,370,911 | 15,910,699 | 17,055,366 |
| Michigan | 859,889 | 837,384 | 3,508,465 | 2,820,240 |
| South Carolina | 1,635,568 | 1,727,802 | 4,772,162 | 4,474,207 |
| Virginia | 1,090,708 | 1,157,659 | 3,027,555 | 3,214,050 |
| Other States | 5,078,348 | 6,540,500 | 12,828,709 | 14,555,628 |
| Direct Premiums | 24,019,918 | 16,792,154 | 63,425,465 | 42,277,389 |
| Reinsurance Assumed | - | 9,900 | 10,496 | 19,834 |
| Reinsurance Ceded | (33,326) | (52,659) | (132,759) | (122,576) |
| Net Premiums | \$ 23,986,592 | \$ 16,749,395 | \$ 63,303,202 | \$ 42,174,647 |

Other Revenues: Other revenues primarily include other fee income, trust income, management services income, exchange services income, and income related to the Company's equity method investments. Other revenues were \$1,443,310 and \$3,968,828 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with \$1,522,399 and \$3,839,920 in the prior year periods. The decrease in other revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 is primarily related to decreases in equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates and ancillary fees, which include escrow, settlement and other title insurance fees service charges. The increase in other revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 is primarily due to increases in trust income, management service income and exchange service income. This year-to-date increase was partially offset by decreases in equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates and ancillary fees for the nine month period.

Non-Operating Revenues

Investment income and realized gains and losses from investments are included in nonoperating revenues.

Investment Income: The Company derives a substantial portion of its income from investments in municipal and corporate bonds and equity securities. The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are required by statute to maintain minimum levels of investments in order to protect the interests of policyholders.

In formulating its investment strategy, the Company has emphasized after-tax income. The Company's investments are primarily in bonds and, to a lesser extent, equity securities. The effective maturity of the majority of the bonds is within 10 years. The Company's invested assets are managed to fund its obligations and evaluated to ensure long term stability of capital accounts.

As the Company generates cash from operations, it is invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy and corporate goals. The Company's investment policy has been designed to balance multiple goals, including the assurance of a stable source of income from interest and dividends, the preservation of principle, and the provision of liquidity sufficient to meet insurance underwriting and other obligations as they become payable in the future. Securities purchased may include a combination of taxable bonds, tax-exempt bonds and equity securities. The Company strives to maintain a high quality investment portfolio. Interest and investment income levels are primarily a function of general market performance, interest rates and the amount of cash available for investment.

Investment income decreased 5.1% and 3.3% to \$887,055 and \$2,665,245 for the three and nine months ended September, 30, 2011, respectively, compared with \$934,754 and \$2,757,228 for the same periods in 2010. The decline in investment income in 2011 was due primarily to a lower investment balance and a slightly lower level of interest earned on short-term funds.

Net Realized Gain on Investments: Dispositions of equity securities at a realized gain or loss reflect such factors as industry sector allocation decisions, ongoing assessments of issuers' business prospects and tax planning considerations. Additionally, the amounts of net realized investment gains and losses are affected by assessments of securities' valuation for other-than-temporary impairment. As a result of the interaction of these factors and considerations, net realized investment gains or losses can vary significantly from period to period.

Net realized gain (loss) on investments was \$(200,087) and \$(79,172) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with \$(44,864) and \$306,066 for the same periods in 2010. The year-to-date 2011 net gain included impairment charges of \$258,481 on certain investments and other assets, including property acquired in the settlement of claims, that were deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, offset by net realized gains on the sales of investments and other assets of \$179,309. The year-to-date 2010 net realized gain included impairment charges of \$139,290 on certain investments and other assets, including property acquired in the settlement of claims, offset by net realized gains on the sales of investments and other assets of \$445,356. Management believes unrealized losses on remaining fixed income and equity securities at September 30, 2011 are temporary in nature.

The securities in the Company's portfolio are subject to economic conditions and market risks. The Company considers relevant facts and circumstances in evaluating whether a credit or interest-related impairment of a security is other-than-temporary. Relevant facts and circumstances include the extent and length of time the fair value of an investment has been below cost.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties inherent in the process of monitoring impairments and determining if an impairment is other-than-temporary. These risks and uncertainties include the risk that the economic outlook will be worse than expected or have more of an impact on the issuer than anticipated, the risk that the Company's assessment of an issuer's ability to meet all of its contractual obligations will change based on changes in the characteristics of that issuer, the risk that information obtained by the Company or changes in other facts and circumstances leads management to change its intent to hold the equity security until it recovers in value or its intent to sell the debt security, and the risk that management is making decisions based on misstated information in the financial statements provided by issuers.

Expenses

The Company's operating expenses consist primarily of commissions to agents, salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes, provision for claims and office occupancy and operations. Operating expenses increased 32.1% and 43.0% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with the same periods in 2010. The total year-to-date increase in operating expenses resulted primarily from increases in commissions, salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes.

Following is a summary of the Company's operating expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. Inter-segment eliminations have been netted; therefore, the individual segment amounts will not agree to Note 4 in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------|--------------|------|---------------------------------|------|--------------|------|
| | 2011 | % | 2010 | % | 2011 | % | 2010 | % |
| Title insurance | \$21,431,935 | 94.6 | \$15,802,179 | 92.1 | \$59,194,388 | 93.9 | \$40,445,497 | 91.8 |
| All other | 1,223,470 | 5.4 | 1,351,404 | 7.9 | 3,817,238 | 6.1 | 3,606,288 | 8.2 |
| Total | \$22,655,405 | 100 | \$17,153,583 | 100 | \$63,011,626 | 100 | \$44,051,785 | 100 |

On a combined basis, after-tax profit margins were 9.3% and 7.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, and 7.6% and 8.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

Commissions: Agent commissions represent the portion of premiums retained by agents pursuant to the terms of their respective agency contracts. Commissions to agents increased 75.6% and 90.0% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods. This increase was primarily due to increased premiums from agency operations in Texas in 2011. Commission expense as a percentage of net premiums written by agents was 77.4% and 76.8% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with 72.7% and 71.1% for the same periods in 2010, respectively. The increase in the average commission rate in 2011 compared with 2010 is related to an increase in agent business from markets with higher premium and commission rates, primarily Texas. Commission rates may vary due to geographic locations, different levels of premium rate structures and state regulations.

Provision for Claims: The provision for claims as a percentage of net premiums written was 1.5% and 3.6% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, versus 10.9% and 7.7% for the same periods in 2010. The lower loss provision rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 is primarily due to favorable loss development in prior policy years, as well as a decline in the relative share of North Carolina business relative to the total versus the prior year period. Since North Carolina's premium rates are less than half the national average, the resulting loss ratio for North Carolina business is higher than for our other markets.

The improvement in the loss provision rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 from the 2010 level resulted in approximately \$2,568,000 less in reserves than would have been recorded at the higher 2010 level. Loss provision ratios are subject to variability and are reviewed and adjusted as experience develops.

Title claims are typically reported and paid within the first several years of policy issuance. The provision for claims reflects actual payments of claims, net of recovery amounts, plus adjustments to the specific and incurred but not reported claims reserves, the latter of which are actuarially determined based on historical claims experience. Actual payments of claims, net of recoveries, were \$2,951,959 and \$4,669,341 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Reserves for Claims: At September 30, 2011, the total reserves for claims were approximately \$37,548,000. Of that total, approximately \$5,881,000 was reserved for specific claims, and approximately \$31,667,000 was reserved for claims for which the Company had no notice. Because of the uncertainty of future claims, changes in economic conditions and the fact that many claims do not materialize for several years, reserve estimates are subject to variability.

Changes from prior periods in the expected liability for claims reflect the uncertainty of the claims environment, as well as the limited predictive power of historical data. The Company continually updates and refines its reserve estimates as current experience develops and credible data emerges. Adjustments may be required as new information develops which often varies from past experience.

Movements in the reserves related to prior periods were primarily the result of changes to estimates to better reflect the latest reported loss data, rather than as a result of material changes to underlying key actuarial assumptions or methodologies. Such changes include payments on claims closed during the quarter, new details that emerge on still-open cases that cause claims adjusters to increase or decrease the case reserves and the impact that these types of changes have on the Company's total loss provision.

Salaries, Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes: Personnel costs include base salaries, benefits and payroll taxes, and bonuses paid to employees. Salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes were \$4,778,542 and \$14,110,213 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, as compared with \$4,354,854 and \$13,185,127 for the same periods in 2010. The increases for the three and nine month periods in 2011 compared with the same periods in 2010 were primarily due to increased levels of business and higher levels of profitability driving increases in levels of variable compensation. On a consolidated basis, salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes as a percentage of total revenues were 18.3% and 20.2% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, as compared with 22.7% and 26.9% for the same periods in 2010.

Office Occupancy and Operations: Overall office occupancy and operations expenses as a percentage of total revenues were 3.5% and 5.1% for the third quarter ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 4.1% and 6.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The decrease in office occupancy and operations expenses in 2011 compared with 2010 was primarily due to decreases in internet and communications, insurance, rent, postage and depreciation expenses as part of the Company's ongoing initiative to reduce operating expenses as a percentage of revenues

Business Development: Business development expenses for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 were \$363,731 and \$1,123,517, respectively, compared with \$335,454 and \$962,115 for the same periods ended in 2010. Business development expenses increased in 2011 compared with 2010 primarily due to increases in marketing expenses related to higher levels of marketing efforts associated with the Company's recent expansion into Texas.

Premium and Retaliatory Taxes: Title insurance companies are generally not subject to state income or franchise taxes. However, in most states they are subject to premium and retaliatory taxes, as defined by statute. Premium tax rates vary from state to state; accordingly, the total premium tax incurred is dependent upon the geographical mix of operating revenues. Premium and retaliatory taxes as a percentage of net premiums written were 1.9% and 2.2% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with 2.0 % and 2.2% for the same periods in 2010.

Professional and Contract Labor Fees: Professional and contract labor fees were \$412,227 and \$1,132,308 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with \$334,973 and \$1,038,845 for the same periods in 2010. The year-to-date increase in 2011 primarily relates to banking industry professional fees. The quarter-to-date increase in 2011 primarily relates to audit fees, which increased due to the timing of state insurance department examinations.

Other Expenses: Other operating expenses primarily include miscellaneous operating expenses of the trust division and other miscellaneous expenses of the title segment. These amounts typically fluctuate in relation with transaction volume of the title segment and the trust division.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes was \$1,021,000 and \$1,792,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with \$559,000 and \$1,022,000 for the same periods in 2010. Income tax expense as a percentage of earnings before income taxes was 29.5% and 26.2%, for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, compared with 27.8% and 20.3% for the same periods in 2010. The increase in the effective rate for 2011 from 2010 was primarily due to a higher proportion of taxable to tax-exempt income. The effective income tax rate for both 2011 and 2010 was below the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 34%, primarily due to the effect of tax exempt income. Tax-exempt income lowers the effective tax rate.

The Company believes it is more likely than not that the tax benefits associated with recognized impairment and unrecognized losses recorded through September 30, 2011 will be realized. However, this judgment could be impacted by further market fluctuations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity: Cash flows provided by operating activities increased from 2010 to 2011, primarily due to the pace of the collection of receivables relative to sales, lower claim payments, increases in pending investment trades, and deferral of accounts payable and accrued liability payments. Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2011 increased approximately \$9,225,000 from September 30, 2010, to \$14,692,102, due to cash provided by investing and operating activities in 2011.

Due to the Company's historical consistent ability to generate positive cash flows from its consolidated operations and investment income, management believes that funds generated from operations will enable the Company to adequately meet its current operating needs for the foreseeable future. However, there can be no assurance that future experience will be similar to historical experience, since it is influenced by such factors as the interest rate environment, the Company's claims-paying ability and its financial strength ratings. The Company is unaware of any trend that is likely to result in material adverse liquidity changes, but continually assesses its capital allocation strategy, including decisions relating to repurchasing the Company's stock and/or conserving cash. The Company's current cash requirements include general operating expenses, income taxes, capital expenditures, dividends on its common stock declared by the Board of Directors and share repurchases of its common stock.

In addition to operational liquidity, the Company maintains a high degree of liquidity within its investment portfolio in the form of short-term investments and other readily marketable securities.

The Company's investment portfolio is considered as available-for-sale. The Company reviews the status of each of its securities quarterly to determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred.

Cash Flows: Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$8,072,577 and \$1,847,825 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary uses of cash in operations are payments of claims and income taxes. Cash flows from operations have historically been the primary source of financing for expanding operations, additions to property and equipment, dividends to shareholders and operating requirements.

The principal non-operating use of cash and cash equivalents in 2011 and 2010 was purchases of securities to the investment portfolio. The net effect of all activities on total cash and cash equivalents was an increase of \$6,575,071 and a decrease of \$3,265,880 for the nine months ended 2011 and 2010, respectively. As of September 30, 2011, the Company held cash and cash equivalents of \$14,692,102, short-term investments of \$21,723,492, fixed maturity securities of \$83,603,960 and equity securities of \$17,770,019.

As noted previously, the Company's operating results and cash flows are heavily dependent on the real estate market. The Company's business has certain fixed costs such as personnel; therefore, changes in the real estate market are monitored closely and operating expenses such as staffing levels are managed and adjusted accordingly. The Company believes, however, that its significant working capital position and management of operating expenses will aid its ability to manage cash resources through fluctuations in the real estate market.

Receipt of Dividends from Subsidiaries: The Company believes that all anticipated cash requirements for current operations will be met from internally generated funds, through cash dividends and distributions from subsidiaries and cash generated by investment securities. The Company's significant sources of funds are dividends and distributions from its subsidiaries. The holding company receives cash from its subsidiaries in the form of dividends and as reimbursements for operating and other administrative expenses that it incurs. The reimbursements are executed within the guidelines of management agreements between the holding company and its subsidiaries.

The Company's ability to pay dividends and operating expenses is dependent on funds received from the insurance subsidiaries, which are subject to regulation in the states in which they do business. Each state of domicile regulates the extent to which the Company's title underwriters can pay dividends or make distributions. These regulations, among other things, require prior regulatory approval of the payment of dividends and other intercompany transfers. The Company believes that amounts available for transfer from the insurance and other subsidiaries are adequate to meet the Company's current operating needs.

The maximum dividend permitted by law is not necessarily indicative of an insurer's actual ability to pay dividends, which may be constrained by regulatory and business considerations, such as the impact of dividends on surplus, which could affect an insurer's ratings. Further, depending on regulatory and business conditions, the Company may in the future need to retain cash in its underwriting subsidiaries in order to maintain their ratings or their statutory capital position. Such requirements could be the result of adverse financial results, changes in statutory accounting requirements by regulators, reserve charges or investment losses.

Purchase of Company Stock: On November 10, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the purchase of an additional 394,582 shares pursuant to the Company's stock repurchase plan, such that there was authority remaining under the plan to purchase up to an aggregate of 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the plan immediately after the approval. Pursuant to this approval, the Company purchased 168,516 shares in the first nine months of 2011 and 10,592 for the same period in 2010 at an average per share price of \$32.20 and \$31.22, respectively.

Capital Expenditures: During 2011, the Company has plans for various capital improvement projects, including hardware purchases and software projects that are anticipated to be funded via cash flows from operations. All material anticipated capital expenditures are subject to periodic review and revision and may vary depending on a number of factors.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As a service to its customers, the Company, through ITIC, administers escrow and trust deposits representing earnest money received under real estate contracts, undisbursed amounts received for settlement of mortgage loans and indemnities against specific title risks. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. However, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of these deposits.

In addition, in administering tax-deferred property exchanges, ITEC serves as a qualified intermediary for exchanges, holding the net sales proceeds from relinquished property to be used for purchase of replacement property. ITAC serves as exchange accommodation titleholder and, through limited liability companies that are wholly owned subsidiaries of ITAC, holds property for exchangers in reverse exchange transactions. Like-kind exchange deposits are held at third-party financial institutions. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company for accounting purposes and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Exchange services revenues include earnings on these deposits; therefore, investment income is shown as exchange services revenue, rather than investment income. The Company remains contingently liable to customers for the transfers of property, disbursements of proceeds, and the return on the proceeds at the agreed upon rate.

External assets under management and administration by Investors Trust Company are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

It is not the general practice of the Company to enter into off-balance sheet arrangements, nor is it the policy of the Company to issue guarantees to third parties. The Company does not have any material source of liquidity or financing that involves off-balance sheet arrangements. Other than items noted above, off-balance sheet arrangements are generally limited to the future payments under noncancelable operating leases, payments due under various agreements with third party service providers and unaccrued obligations pursuant to certain executive employment agreements.

Recent Accounting Standards

For a description of recent accounting pronouncements, please refer to Note 1 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as information included in future filings by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission and information contained in written material, press releases and oral statements issued by or on behalf of the Company, contains, or may contain, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect management's current outlook for future periods. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "plan," "expect," "aim," "believe," "project," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "should," "could" and other expressions that indicate future events and trends. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future, including statements about the Company's strategy for growth, product and service development, market share position, claims, expenditures, financial results and cash requirements, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future events that are subject to risks and uncertainties.

Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or those projected in any such forward-looking statements depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- the level of real estate transactions, the level of mortgage origination volumes (including refinancing) and changes to the insurance requirements of the participants in the secondary mortgage market, and the effect of these factors on the demand for title insurance;
- changes in general economic, business and political conditions, including the performance of the financial and real estate markets;
- compliance with government regulation and significant changes to applicable regulations or in their application by regulators;
 - the possible inadequacy of provisions for claims to cover actual claim losses;
 - the incidence of fraud-related losses;
- heightened regulatory scrutiny and investigations of the title insurance industry;
- unanticipated adverse changes in securities markets, including interest rates, which could result in material losses on the Company's investments;
- the Company's dependence on key management personnel, the loss of whom could have a material adverse affect on the Company's business;
- the Company's ability to develop and offer products and services that meet changing industry standards in a timely and cost-effective manner;
- statutory requirements applicable to the Company's insurance subsidiaries which require them to maintain minimum levels of capital, surplus and reserves and restrict the amount of dividends that they may pay to the Company without prior regulatory approval;
 - significant competition that the Company's operating subsidiaries face;
 - the Company's business concentration in the states of North Carolina and Texas;
- weakness in the commercial real estate market and increases in the amount or severity of commercial real estate claims; and
 - other risks detailed elsewhere in this document and in the Company's other filings with the SEC.

These and other risks and uncertainties may be described from time to time in the Company's other reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For more details on factors that could affect expectations, see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Company is not under any obligation (and expressly disclaims any such obligation) and does not undertake to update or alter any forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. You should consider the possibility that actual results may differ materially from our forward-looking statements.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

No system of controls, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the system of controls are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that the system of controls has operated effectively in all cases. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures, however, are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2011 to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

(a) None

(b) None

(c) The following table provides information about purchases by the Company (and all affiliated purchasers) during the quarter ended September 30, 2011 of equity securities that are registered by the Company pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act:

| Period | Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities | | | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan | |
| Beginning of period | | | | 311,165 |
| 07/01/11– | | | | |
| 07/31/11 | - | \$ - | - | 311,165 |
| 08/01/11– | | | | |
| 08/31/11 | 4,866 | \$ 35.52 | 4,866 | 306,299 |
| 09/01/11– | | | | |
| 09/30/11 | 1,239 | \$ 34.53 | 1,239 | 305,060 |
| Total: | 6,105 | \$ 35.52 | 6,105 | 305,060 |

For the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Company purchased an aggregate of 6,105 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the purchase plan (the "Plan") that was publicly announced on June 5, 2000. On November 10, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the purchase of an additional 394,582 shares pursuant to the Plan, such that there was authority remaining under the Plan to purchase up to an aggregate of 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Plan immediately after this approval. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Board of Directors, the Plan will expire when all shares authorized for purchase under the Plan have been purchased. The Company anticipates making further purchases under this Plan from time to time in the future, depending on such factors as the prevailing market price of the Company's common stock, the Company's available cash and then existing alternative uses for such cash.

Item 6. Exhibits

31(i) Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

31(ii) Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

32 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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| 101.INS* | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101.CAL* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document |
| 101.PRE* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |

*In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY

By: /s/ James A. Fine, Jr.
James A. Fine, Jr.
President, Principal Financial Officer
and
Principal Accounting Officer

Dated: November 14, 2011