

# **Loews Corporation Reports Net Income for 2007**

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 11, 2008--Loews Corporation (NYSE:LTR;CG) today reported consolidated net income (including both the Loews Group and Carolina Group) for the 2007 fourth quarter of \$512 million, compared to \$746 million in the 2006 fourth quarter. Consolidated net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$2,489 million, compared to \$2,491 million in the prior year.

Net income and earnings per share information attributable to Loews common stock and Carolina Group stock is summarized in the table below:

	==	=====	Decembe	====== r 31,	=======	
(In millions, except per share data)				Year		
				2007 		
Net income attributable to Loews common stock:    Income before net investment gains (losses)    Net investment gains (losses)	\$	(53)	96	\$2,015 (67)	69	
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations, net		377	626	1,948 8	2,086	
Net income attributable to Loews common stock Net income attributable to Carolina Group stock				1,956 533		
Consolidated net income	-T			\$2,489		
Net income per share: Loews common stock: Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations, net			(0.03		(0.02)	
Net income	•		\$ 1.11	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.75	
Carolina Group stock	\$	1.18	\$ 1.26	\$ 4.91		
Book value per share of Loews common stock at: December 31, 2007 December 31, 2006	\$3 \$3	32.40 30.14			======	

Three Months Ended December 31, 2007 Compared with 2006

Net income attributable to Loews common stock for the fourth quarter of 2007 amounted to \$384 million, or \$0.72 per share, compared to \$609 million, or \$1.11 per share, in the comparable period of the prior year. The decrease in net income reflects reduced investment income and decreased results at the Company's 51% owned subsidiary, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., primarily due to additional tax expense as a result of the repatriation of foreign earnings. Net income in 2007 reflects the July 31, 2007 acquisition, by the Company's newly formed subsidiary HighMount Exploration & Production LLC, of certain natural gas exploration and production assets from Dominion Resources, Inc.

Net income attributable to Loews common stock includes net investment losses of \$53 million (after tax and minority interest) in the fourth quarter of

2007 compared to net investment gains of \$96 million (after tax and minority interest) in the prior year. The net investment losses in the fourth quarter of 2007 were primarily driven by \$167 million (after tax and minority interest) of other-than-temporary impairment losses at the Company's 89% owned subsidiary, CNA Financial Corporation.

Net income per share of Carolina Group stock for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$1.18 per share, compared to \$1.26 per share in the prior year. The decrease in net income is primarily due to a charge of \$46 million, after taxes, related to litigation, partially offset by a lower effective tax rate as compared to 2006.

Consolidated revenues in the fourth quarter of 2007 amounted to \$4.6 billion, compared to \$4.8 billion in the comparable period of the prior year.

Year Ended December 31, 2007 Compared with 2006

Net income attributable to Loews common stock in 2007 amounted to \$1,956 million, or \$3.65 per share, compared to \$2,075 million, or \$3.75 per share, in the prior year. The decrease in net income reflects reduced investment income, reduced results at CNA and a decrease in the share of Carolina Group earnings attributable to Loews common stock, due to the sale of Carolina Group stock in August and May of 2006, partially offset by higher results from Lorillard, Inc.

Net income attributable to Loews common stock includes net investment losses of \$67 million (after tax and minority interest) in 2007 compared to net investment gains of \$69 million (after tax and minority interest) in the prior year. The net investment losses in 2007 were primarily driven by \$428 million (after tax and minority interest) of other-than-temporary impairment losses at CNA which were partially offset by a gain of \$93 million (after tax) related to a reduction in the Company's ownership interest in Diamond Offshore from the conversion of Diamond Offshore's 1.5% convertible debt into Diamond Offshore common stock.

Net income per share of Carolina Group stock for 2007 was \$4.91 per share, compared to \$4.46 per share in the prior year. The increase in net income is primarily due to higher effective unit prices resulting from price increases in December 2006 and September 2007, lower sales promotion expenses and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by an increase in expenses for the State Settlement Agreements and a charge related to litigation.

Consolidated revenues in 2007 amounted to \$18.4 billion, compared to \$17.7 billion in the prior year.

At December 31, 2007, there were 529,683,628 shares of Loews common stock outstanding and 108,459,141 shares of Carolina Group stock outstanding. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company purchased 14,789,949 shares of Loews common stock at an aggregate cost of \$672 million. Depending on market conditions, the Company from time to time purchases shares of its, and its subsidiaries', outstanding common stock in the open market or otherwise.

The Company has two classes of common stock: (i) Carolina Group stock, a tracking stock intended to reflect the economic performance of a group of the Company's assets and liabilities, called the Carolina Group, principally consisting of the Company's subsidiary Lorillard; and (ii) Loews common stock, which represents the economic performance of the Company's remaining assets, including the interest in the Carolina Group not represented by Carolina Group stock. At December 31, 2007, the outstanding Carolina Group stock represented a 62.4% interest in the economic performance of the Carolina Group.

On December 17, 2007, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has approved a plan to spin-off its entire ownership interest in Lorillard to holders of Carolina Group stock and Loews common stock in a tax-free transaction, as a result of which the Carolina Group, and all of the Carolina Group stock, would be eliminated and Lorillard would become a separate publicly traded company.

The transaction would be accomplished by the Company through its (i) redemption of all outstanding Carolina Group stock in exchange for shares of Lorillard common stock, with holders of Carolina Group stock receiving one share of Lorillard common stock for each share of Carolina Group stock they own, and (ii) disposition of its remaining Lorillard common stock in an exchange offer for shares of outstanding Loews common stock, or as a pro rata dividend to the holders of Loews common stock.

Completion of the proposed transaction is subject to a number of conditions, as described in the Loews press release, dated December 17, 2007, a copy of which is posted on the Company's website.

## **CONFERENCE CALLS**

A conference call to discuss the fourth quarter results of Loews Corporation has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. EST, Monday, February 11, 2008. A live webcast of the call will be available online at the Loews Corporation website (www.loews.com). Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session of the conference call should dial (877) 692-2592, or for international callers, (973) 582-2757. The conference ID number is 31845147.

A conference call to discuss the fourth quarter results of CNA has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EST, Monday, February 11, 2008. A live webcast will be available online at http://investor.cna.com. Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial (888) 277-7138, or for international callers. (913) 981-5542.

A conference call to discuss the fourth quarter results of Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. EST, Monday, February 11, 2008. A live webcast of the call will be available online at the Boardwalk Pipeline website (www.boardwalkpipelines.com). Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial (866) 543-6411, or for international callers, (617) 213-8900. The PIN number to access the call is 47472032.

A conference call to discuss fourth quarter results of Diamond Offshore was held on Thursday, February 7, 2008. An online replay is available at the Diamond Offshore website (www.diamondoffshore.com).

## ABOUT LOEWS CORPORATION

Loews Corporation, a holding company, is one of the largest diversified corporations in the United States. Its principal subsidiaries are CNA Financial Corporation (NYSE: CNA); Lorillard, Inc.; Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE: DO); HighMount Exploration & Production LLC; Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (NYSE: BWP); and Loews Hotels.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this press release which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected by management of the Company, CNA, Diamond Offshore and Boardwalk Pipeline. A discussion of the important risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and readers of this release are urged to review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual events to differ from those described include, but are not limited to, satisfaction of the conditions to completion of the proposed spin-off transaction noted herein. Therefore, no assurance can be given that the spin-off will be consummated on the current terms or otherwise. Copies of these reports are available through the Company's website (www.loews.com). Given these risk factors, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Any such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries Financial Review

	December 31,					
		Months	Years E	lnded		
	2007	2006	2007			
			ions, exc			
Revenues:    Insurance premiums and net    investment income (a)    Manufactured products (b)    Other	957	937	\$10,241 3,969 4,170	3,755		
Total	4,567	4,811 	18,380 	17,702		
Expenses:    Insurance claims & policyholders benefits    Cost of manufactured products sold (b) (c)    Other  Total	1,513 535 1,572	522 1,350	6,009 2,307 5,489  13,805	2,160 5,047		
	947	1,338	4,575 	4,448		
Income tax expense Minority interest	311 131		1,481 613			
Total	442	575 	2,094	1,946		
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations, net		763 (17)	2,481 8	2,502 (11)		
Net income	•	•	\$ 2,489			

Net income attributable to:
Loews common stock:
Income from continuing

operations Discontinued operations, net		7		17)		8		2,086
Loews common stock Carolina Group stock (d)		384 128	6	09 37	1	,956 533		2,075 416
		512 \$ =====	74	6 5	\$ 2,	,489	\$ 2	2,491
<pre>Income per share of Loews common   stock:</pre>								
<pre>Income from continuing   operations Discontinued operations, net</pre>		0.01		.03)		0.0	1	3.77
Diluted net income	•		\$ 1.	11	\$	3.65	\$	3.75
Diluted net income per share of Carolina Group stock	\$		\$ 1. =====		•			4.46
Weighted diluted number of shares: Loews common stock Carolina Group stock								553.54 93.47

- (a) Includes investment gains (losses) of \$(91), \$155, \$(132) and \$101 for the respective periods. The year ended December 31, 2007 includes a gain of \$143 (\$93 after tax) related to a reduction in the Company's ownership interest in Diamond Offshore from the conversion of Diamond Offshore's 1.5% convertible debt into Diamond Offshore common stock.
- (b) Includes excise taxes of \$165, \$172, \$688 and \$699 paid on sales of manufactured products for the respective periods.
- (c) Includes charges of \$247, \$215, \$1,048 and \$911 (\$172, \$134, \$680 and \$560 after taxes) to accrue obligations at Lorillard under the State Settlement Agreements for the respective periods.
- (d) Represents 62.4%, 62.3%, 62.4% and 54.8% of the economic interest in the Carolina Group for the respective periods.

Loews Corporation and Subsidiaries Additional Financial Information

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	December 31,				
	Three M	Ionths	Years	Ended	
	2007	2007 2006		2006	
		(In mi	 llions)		
Revenues:					
CNA Financial	\$2,509	\$2,689	\$10,196	\$10,290	
Lorillard (a)	976	969	4,075	3,859	
Diamond Offshore	682	596	2,617	2,102	
HighMount	174		274		
Boardwalk Pipeline	181	176	671	618	
Loews Hotels	99	91	384	371	
Investment income, net	32	135	295	349	
Other and eliminations (b)	5			12	
	4,658	4,656	18,512	17,601	
Investment gains (losses):					
CNA Financial	(93)	154	(310)	92	
Corporate and other (c)	2	1	178	9	

		(91)	155	(132)	101
Total				\$18,380	\$17,702
Income Before Taxes:					
CNA Financial	\$	308	\$ 346	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,575
Lorillard (d)		120	157	560	667
Diamond Offshore		295	293	1,239	960
HighMount		62		92	
Boardwalk Pipeline			65		198
Loews Hotels		13	8	229 60	48
				295	
Investment income, net					
Other (b)		(48)	(41)	(132)	(127)
		855	963	3,887	3,670
<pre>Investment gains (losses):</pre>					
CNA Financial				(310)	
Corporate and other (c)		2 		176	9
		(91)	154	(134)	101
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Loews common stock Carolina Group stock (e)				822	
Total				\$ 4,575	
Iotai					=======
Net Income:					
CNA Financial	\$	201	\$ 224	\$ 950	\$ 979
Lorillard (d)		84	98	363	410
Diamond Offshore (f)				396	
HighMount		38		57	
Boardwalk Pipeline (g)		32	35		103
Loews Hotels		7		36	29
			-	194	
Investment income, net					
Other (b)		(30)	(28)	(87)	(84)
		430	530	2,015	2,017
Investment gains (losses):					
CNA Financial		(54)	96	(180)	63
Corporate and other (c)		1		113	6
		(53)	96 	(67)	69
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Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations, net			626 (17)		2,086 (11)
Loews common stock Carolina Group stock (e)		384 128	609 137	1,956 533	2,075 416
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Total	\$ ==	512 =====	\$ 746 ======	\$ 2,489 ======	\$ 2,491

<sup>(</sup>a)Includes excise taxes of \$165, \$172, \$688 and \$699 paid on sales of manufactured products for the respective periods.

<sup>(</sup>b)Consists primarily of corporate interest expense and other unallocated expenses.

<sup>(</sup>c)Includes a gain of \$143 (\$93 after tax), for the year ended December 31, 2007, related to a reduction in the Company's

- ownership interest in Diamond Offshore from the conversion of Diamond Offshore's 1.5% convertible debt into Diamond Offshore common stock.
- (d) The Loews Group's intergroup interest in the earnings of the Carolina Group declined from 46.3%, in 2006 to 37.6% in 2007 due to the sales of Carolina Group stock by Loews in August and May of 2006.
- (e)Represents 62.4%, 62.3%, 62.4% and 54.8% of the economic interest in the Carolina Group for the respective periods.
- (f)Includes additional tax expense of approximately \$30 million, after minority interest, related to the repatriation of foreign earnings.
- (g)Represents 72.1%, 83.2%, 75.2% and 84.9% ownership interest in Boardwalk Pipeline for the respective periods. Boardwalk Pipeline issued 6.9 million common units in the fourth quarter of 2006, 8.0 million common units in the first quarter of 2007 and 7.5 million common units in the fourth quarter of 2007.

## Carolina Group Reports Net Income for 2007

Loews Corporation (NYSE:LTR) today reported Carolina Group net income for the 2007 fourth quarter of \$206 million, compared to \$220 million in the 2006 fourth quarter. The decrease in net income is primarily due to a charge of \$46 million, after taxes, related to litigation, partially offset by a lower effective tax rate as compared to 2006 due primarily to the statutory increase in the tax benefit related to the manufacturer's deduction and resolution of certain state tax uncertainties.

Net income per share of Carolina Group stock (NYSE:CG) for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$1.18, compared to \$1.26 in the comparable period of the prior year. Carolina Group stock represented a 62.4% and 62.3% economic interest in the Carolina Group for the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Net sales for the Carolina Group were \$957 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, compared to \$937 million in the 2006 fourth quarter. Domestic unit volume decreased 4.3% in the 2007 fourth quarter compared to the 2006 fourth quarter. The fourth quarter of 2006 was favorably impacted by increased wholesale purchases in anticipation of an industry price increase.

Carolina Group net income for the year ended 2007 was \$855 million, compared to \$760 million for the year ended 2006. The increase in net income is primarily due to higher effective unit prices resulting from price increases in December 2006 and September 2007 and lower sales promotion expenses, and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by an increase in expenses for the State Settlement Agreements and the fourth quarter charge related to litigation. The effective tax rate was lower in 2007, as compared to 2006, due to the statutory increase in the tax benefit related to the manufacturer's deduction and resolution of certain state tax uncertainties.

Net income per share of Carolina Group stock for the year ended 2007 was \$4.91, compared to \$4.46 in the prior year. Carolina Group stock represented a 62.4% and 54.8% economic interest in the Carolina Group for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Net sales for the Carolina Group were \$3.969 billion in 2007, compared to \$3.755 billion in the prior year. Domestic unit volume decreased 0.8% in 2007 compared to 2006, whereas the industry declined by approximately 5%.

Results of operations of the Carolina Group include interest expense on notional intergroup debt of \$9 million, \$16 million, \$48 million and \$71 million, net of taxes, for the three months and years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. At December 31, 2007, \$424 million principal amount of notional intergroup debt was outstanding.

The Carolina Group stock, commonly called a tracking stock, is intended to reflect the economic performance of a defined group of the Company's assets and liabilities, referred to as the Carolina Group, principally consisting of the Company's subsidiary Lorillard, Inc. The Carolina Group, a notional group, is not a separate legal entity. The purpose of this financial information is to provide investors with additional information to use in analyzing the results of operations and financial condition of the Carolina Group, and this financial information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial information of Loews Corporation.

As of December 31, 2007 there were 108,459,141 shares of Carolina Group stock outstanding, representing a 62.4% economic interest. Depending on market conditions, the Company, for the account of the Carolina Group, from time to time may purchase shares of Carolina Group stock in the open market or otherwise.

On December 17, 2007, Loews announced that its Board of Directors has approved a plan to spin-off its entire ownership interest in Lorillard to holders of Carolina Group stock and Loews common stock in a tax-free transaction, as a result of which the Carolina Group, and all of the Carolina Group stock, would be eliminated and Lorillard would become a separate publicly traded company.

The transaction would be accomplished by Loews through its (i) redemption of all outstanding Carolina Group stock in exchange for shares of Lorillard common stock, with holders of Carolina Group stock receiving one share of Lorillard common stock for each share of Carolina Group stock they own, and (ii) disposition of its remaining Lorillard common stock in an exchange offer for shares of outstanding Loews common stock or as a pro rata dividend to the holders of Loews common stock.

Completion of the proposed transaction is subject to a number of conditions, as described in the Loews press release dated December 17, 2007, a copy of which is posted on Loews's website.

A separate press release reporting Loews Corporation's consolidated results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2007 is being issued contemporaneously with this report.

A conference call to discuss the fourth quarter results of Loews Corporation has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. EST, Monday, February 11, 2008. A live webcast of the call will be available online at the Loews Corporation website (www.loews.com). Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session of the conference call should dial (877) 692-2592, or for international callers, (973) 582-2757. The conference ID number is 31845147.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events to differ materially from those described. Important factors that could cause actual events to differ from those described include, but are not limited to, satisfaction of the conditions to completion of the proposed spin-off transaction noted herein. Therefore, no assurance can be given that the spin-off will be consummated on the currently proposed terms or otherwise. Loews expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

Carolina Group Financial Review

	December 31,					
			Year E			
			2007			
	(Amounts	in million share of	ons, excer data)	ot per		
Net sales (a)	\$ 957	\$ 937	\$ 3,969	\$3,755		
Cost of sales (a) (b) Selling, advertising and administrative (c)	535	522	2,307	2,160		
	142	69 	388	354		
Total operating costs and expenses	677	591	2,695	2,514		
Operating income Investment income and other (d) Interest expense	21	35	1,274 118 (74)	112		
Income before income taxes Income taxes			1,318 463			
Net income Earnings attributable to the Loews Group intergroup interest (e)			855 322			
Income attributable to Carolina Group shareholders (f)	•	•	\$ 533 =======	•		
Per share of Carolina Group stock			\$ 4.91			
Weighted diluted number of shares			108.57			
Notional, intergroup debt owed by the Loews Group December 31, 2007 December 31, 2006	the Carol \$ 424 1,230	ina Group	o to the			

- (a)Includes excise taxes of \$165, \$172, \$688 and \$699 for the respective periods.
- (b)Includes charges of \$247, \$215, \$1,048 and \$911 (\$172, \$134, \$680 and \$560 after taxes) to accrue obligations under the State Settlement Agreements for the respective periods.
- (c)Includes a \$66 charge for the three months and year ended December 31, 2007 related to litigation, and restructuring costs of \$4 and \$20 for the three months and year ended December 31, 2006 related to early retirement and curtailment charges for Lorillard's pension and other post-retirement benefit plans.
- (d)Includes income from limited partnership investments of \$3, \$9, \$34 and \$26 (\$2, \$6, \$22 and \$16 after taxes) for the respective periods.
- (e)The Loews Group's intergroup interest in the earnings of the Carolina Group reflected share equivalents amounting to 65.45 million shares of 173.90 million share and share equivalents outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and share equivalents amounting to 65.45 million shares of 173.77 million share and share equivalents outstanding as of December 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2007, there were 108.46 million shares of Carolina Group stock outstanding.
- (f)Represents 62.4%, 62.3%, 62.4% and 54.8% of the economic interest in the Carolina Group for the respective periods.

Carolina Group Supplemental Information

Possessions

The following information regarding unit volume shipped by Lorillard Tobacco Company to its direct buying customers by brand follows (all units in thousands):

units in thousands):							
	December 31,						
			Year End				
	2007	2006	2007	2006			
Full Price Brands							
Total Newport Total Kent Family Total True Total Max Total Satin	111,024 100,494	140,499 120,600 8,172	32,838,856 481,842 435,407 29,012 72	600,519 509,831 33,723			
Total Full Price Brands	7,935,020	8,418,729	33,785,189	34,254,382			
Price/Value Brands							
Total Old Gold Total Maverick			616,640 1,440,339				
Total Price/Value Brands			2,056,979				
Total Domestic Cigarettes	8,515,513	8,898,623	35,842,168	36,130,862			
Total Puerto Rico and U.S.							

201,882 224,196

794,676

813,576

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Grand Total

8,717,395 9,122,819 36,636,844 36,944,438

## Notes:

- 1. This information is not adjusted for returns.
- 2.Domestic unit volume includes units sold as well as promotional units, and excludes volumes for Puerto Rico and U.S. Possessions.
- 3.Unit volume for a quarter is not necessarily indicative of unit volume for any subsequent period.
- 4. Unit volume is not necessarily indicative of the level of revenues for any period.

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