

# The Actuary's Role in Life Insurance M&A May 12, 2015

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## Agenda



- I. Case Studies & Actuarial Resources Utilized
  - a. Financial Transactions
  - b. Strategic Transaction
- II. Perception and Feedback on Roles of Actuaries in M&A
- III. Key Deal Success Factors How Can Actuaries Help?



## **2014 Transaction Highlights**

	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
Purchase Price	\$237 million	\$197 million	C\$600 million
Initial Booked Loss	\$(303) million	\$(220) million	C\$(1.2) billion
Future ROE Enhancement	60-70 bps	Not disclosed	40 bps
Stock Price Increase*	4.1%	6.7%	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Day before announcement close compared to day after announcement close

- ✓ **Non-core Legacy Business:** Eliminated non-core legacy business which caused:
  - Drag on overall returns
  - o Distraction from the companies' core product and geographic strategies
- ✓ Recognize Loss: Willingness to recognize a loss that was already apparent to investors



## Case Study: Strategic Transaction – Operating Efficiencies

#### Issues

- ✓ Disparate, legacy systems
- √ High cost structure for in force management
- ✓ Lack of in-house expertise with managing large, transformational IT projects

#### **Benefits**

- √ Focus resources into more strategic priorities
- ✓ Increase value of business through realized expense savings from using variable cost platform
- ✓ Guaranteed cost of conversion and ongoing policyholder expenses
- ✓ Risk of BPO service failure or insolvency passed to Reinsurer
- ✓ Leverage expertise and resources to mitigate risks associated with the conversion process and maintain very high service standards



# Role of Actuaries – During Diligence Stage

Diligence Item	<b>Outside Perception</b>	Wilton Re View
Pricing Model	Actuaries own	Actuaries typically run everything goes through pricing
Liability Assumptions	Actuaries, of course	Multiple analyses on each assumption, validations are key
Project Management	Not historically a role for actuaries	Liability assumption diligence in itself is a project; Actuaries can also manage overall deal
Investments	Limited role	Subject matter experts analyze Actuary translates analysis for pricing
Expenses/Operations	Limited role	Subject matter experts analyze Actuary translates analysis for pricing; validation expertise also a big help
Legal Risks/Agreements	Limited role	Subject matter experts complete Actuary confirms consistency between pricing and legal agreements
Taxes	Limited role	Subject matter experts analyze Actuary should know rules and make sure SMEs are correct
Communicating Results	Limited role	All risks run through pricing Actuary needs to communicate results at both high and detailed levels

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# Role of Actuaries – Post Signing

Diligence Item	<b>Outside Perception</b>	Wilton Re View
Regulatory Filings	Limited role	Legal or Regulatory team completes Actuaries review detail
Operations (Transition/Conversion)	No role	If leader on deal, Actuary could play major role
Monitoring Results	Depends on Company (Accountant or Actuary)	Actuary plays major role; Finance actuary monitors closely through EV/Actual to Plan; Deal actuary reviews results
Investments	Limited role for actuaries	Review results, especially initially – Pricing actuary knows what is supposed to happen
Settlements	Key role	Actuaries sign off on initial settlements, initial balance sheets

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## Deal Success Factors – How Can Actuaries Help?

#### **Deal Success Factors**

- ✓ Have flexible, tailored solutions
- ✓ Responsive, involved senior management team
- ✓ Clear, concise view of risks; sensitivities
- ✓ Be clear on what you can and will do

### **Deal Success Factors: Post-Signing**

- ✓ Don't forget the deal isn't done
- ✓ Deal with employees and distribution fairly
- √ Regulatory relationships are important
- ✓ Be clear on what you can and will do