

American National Announces Second Quarter 2010 Results



GALVESTON, Texas, Jul 26, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- American National Insurance Company (ANAT 81.18, -2.15, -2.58%) announced second quarter 2010 net income of \$26,622,000 (\$1.00 per diluted share) compared to a net loss of \$4,355,000 (\$0.16 per diluted share) for the same period in 2009.

Second quarter after tax operating earnings, which exclude net realized investment gains and losses, were \$14,763,000 (\$0.55 per diluted share), a \$13,432,000 increase over the \$1,331,000 (\$0.05 per diluted share) in earnings for the same period in 2009. The after tax realized investment gains of \$11,859,000 (\$0.45 per diluted share) for the second quarter of 2010 compare with net realized losses of \$5,686,000 (\$0.21 per diluted share) for the second quarter of 2009.

Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2010 increased to \$61,400,000 (\$2.30 per diluted share) from a net loss of \$52,050,000 (\$1.96 per diluted share) for the first half of 2009.

After tax operating earnings for the first six months of 2010, which exclude net realized investment gains and losses, were \$38,818,000 (\$1.46 per diluted share) compared with \$1,386,000 (\$0.05 per diluted share) for the same period in 2009. After tax net realized investment gains totaled \$22,582,000 (\$0.84 per diluted share) for the first six months of 2010 compared with a net realized loss of \$53,436,000 (\$2.01 per diluted share) for the same period of 2009. The 2009 realized losses were primarily the result of \$47,871,000 (after-tax) in other-than-temporary impairments of investments in marketable securities.

Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2010 were up 8.9% from the same period in 2009, which was significantly impacted by other-than-temporary impairments. Investment income increased by over 5%.

Total operating earnings for the first half of 2010 improved as a result of increases in the life and annuity segments. Earnings from the property and casualty segment were once again impacted by catastrophe losses. Total catastrophe losses increased by \$20.2 million (after tax) in the first six months of 2010 compared with the same period in 2009. Excluding the catastrophe losses, earnings in the property and casualty segment increased due to a significant improvement in the auto loss ratios.

Total assets as of June 30, 2010 grew to \$20.7 billion, a 2.7% increase from the end of 2009. Stockholders' Equity as of June 30, 2010 was \$3.5 billion, up slightly from the end of 2009. Book value per basic share was \$130.98 at June 30, 2010 as compared to \$130.29 per share at December 31, 2009.

American National Insurance Company

COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled on a GAAP basis (Preliminary & Unaudited)*

	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
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Revenues	\$ 750,569,000	\$ 727,790,000	\$ 1,502,855,000	\$ 1,379,787,000
After-tax earnings (losses):				
Operating earnings **	\$ 14,763,000	\$ 1,331,000	\$ 38,818,000	\$ 1,386,000
Net realized investment gains				
(losses)	\$ 11,859,000	\$ (5,686,000)	\$ 22,582,000	\$ (53,436,000)
Net income (loss)	\$ 26,622,000	\$ (4,355,000)	\$ 61,400,000	\$ (52,050,000)
Per share earnings (losses):				
Operating earnings -- Diluted **	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.05	\$ 1.46	\$ 0.05
Net realized investment losses --				
Diluted	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.84	\$ (2.01)
Net income (loss) -- Diluted	\$ 1.00	\$ (0.16)	\$ 2.30	\$ (1.96)
Weighted average number of shares				
upon which computations are based:				
Diluted **	26,669,828	26,498,832	26,669,828	26,498,832
Basic	26,558,832	26,498,832	26,558,832	26,498,832

	As of	

	June 30,	December
	2010	31, 2009
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Book value per basic share	\$ 130.98	\$ 130.29

* Results are preliminary and unaudited. American National expects to timely file its second quarter 2010 Form 10-Q in August

** Operating earnings exclude after-tax realized investment gains and losses. The sum of Operating earnings (losses) and Net realized investment gains (losses) is equal to Net income (loss).

American National Insurance Company (American National), headquartered in Galveston, Texas was founded in 1905 and is licensed to conduct the business of insurance in all states except New York. American National has been evaluated and assigned the following ratings by nationally recognized rating agencies: A (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, third highest of 13 active company ratings noted as "An excellent ability to meet their ongoing insurance obligations" and AA- (Very Strong) by Standard & Poor's, fourth highest of 20 active company ratings noted as "Very strong financial security characteristics, differing only slightly from those rated higher."

American National is a family of companies that has, on a consolidated GAAP basis, \$20.7 billion in assets, \$17.2 billion in liabilities and \$3.5 billion in stockholders' equity. The American National family of companies offers a broad line of products and services, which include life insurance, annuities, health insurance, credit insurance, pension products and property and casualty insurance for personal lines, agribusiness, and targeted commercial exposures. American National's major insurance subsidiaries include American National Life Insurance Company of Texas, Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, Garden State Life Insurance Company, American National Life Insurance Company of New York, American National Property and Casualty Company, Farm Family Life Insurance Company, Farm Family Casualty Insurance Company and United Farm Family Insurance Company.

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