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#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2010

or

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

to

For the transition period from

Commission File Number: 001-33067

# SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

40 Wantage Avenue Branchville, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 22-2168890 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 07890 (Zip Code)

> > Yesx

(973) 948-3000 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 report), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yesx No "

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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 definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12	2b-2 of the Exchange A	ct).
	Yes "	No x

As of September 30, 2010, there were 53,512,025 shares of common stock, par value \$2.00 per share, outstanding.

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.	Unaudited	
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS	September 30,	December 31,
(\$ in thousands, except share amounts)	2010	2009
ASSETS	2010	2009
ASSETS Investments:		
Fixed maturity securities, held-to-maturity – at carry value		
(fair value: $\$1,440,143 - 2010; \$1,740,211 - 2009)$	\$ 1,372,698	1,710,403
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale – at fair value	\$ 1,372,098	1,710,403
(amortized cost: $$2,006,685 - 2010; $1,616,456 - 2009)$	2,115,049	1,635,869
Equity securities, available-for-sale – at fair value	2,113,049	1,055,809
(cost of: $$55,051 - 2010; $64,390 - 2009)$	63,116	80,264
Short-term investments (at cost which approximates fair value)	265,043	213,848
Other investments	154,728	140,667
Total investments	3,970,634	3,781,051
Cash	3,970,034	5,781,031
Interest and dividends due or accrued	36,283	34,651
Premiums receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible	50,285	54,051
	460,394	446,577
accounts of: \$4,856 - 2010; \$5,880 - 2009	307,105	
Reinsurance recoverables, net Prepaid reinsurance premiums	115,745	276,018 105,522
Current federal income tax	24,760	,
Deferred federal income tax	79,799	17,662
Property and equipment – at cost, net of accumulated	19,199	111,038
	41 922	16 207
depreciation and amortization of: \$149,255 – 2010; \$141,251 – 2009	41,832 218,590	46,287
Deferred policy acquisition costs Goodwill	7,849	218,601
Other assets	71,108	7,849 68,760
Total assets	\$ 5,334,521	5,114,827
	\$ 5,554,521	3,114,027
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Reserve for losses and loss expenses	\$ 2,809,797	2,745,799
Unearned premiums	880,698	844,847
Notes payable	262,326	274,606
Accrued salaries and benefits	101,464	103,802
Other liabilities	187,920	143,398
Total liabilities	\$ 4,242,205	4,112,452
	¢ 1,212,200	1,112,102
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock of \$0 par value per share:		
Authorized shares 5,000,000; no shares issued or outstanding	\$ -	_
Common stock of \$2 par value per share	Ŧ	
Authorized shares 360,000,000		
Issued: 96,189,223 – 2010; 95,822,959 – 2009	192,378	191,646
Additional paid-in capital	241,472	231,933
Retained earnings	1,159,496	1,138,978
	1,109,190	1,120,270

48,220	(12,460)
(549,250)	(547,722)
1,092,316	1,002,375
5,334,521	5,114,827
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME		Quarter ended September 30,		Nine Months ended September 30,	
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)		2010	2009	2010	2009
Revenues:					
Net premiums earned	\$ .	354,709	355,906	1,063,101	1,078,090
Net investment income earned		32,986	36,585	104,237	78,670
Net realized gains (losses):					
Net realized investment gains (losses)		2,864	(741)	13,960	3,515
Other-than-temporary impairments		(4,091)	(5,833)	(16,326)	(45,467)
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities					
recognized in other comprehensive income		1,284	1,591	(905)	1,650
Total net realized gains (losses)		57	(4,983)	(3,271)	(40,302)
Other income		1,950	2,667	6,465	7,758
Total revenues		389,702	390,175	1,170,532	1,124,216
Expenses:					
Losses and loss expenses incurred		245,019	242,032	739,142	733,275
Policy acquisition costs		114,042	114,520	346,143	342,148
Interest expense		4,559	4,751	14,056	14,618
Other expenses		4,022	7,045	18,636	21,083
Total expenses		367,642	368,348	1,117,977	1,111,124
Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax		22,060	21,827	52,555	13,092
Federal income tax expense (benefit):					
Current		(1,691)	(426)	8,475	3,818
Deferred		4,920	1,647	(1,435)	(13,740)
Total federal income tax expense (benefit)		3,229	1,221	7,040	(9,922)
Net income from continuing operations		18,831	20,606	45,515	23,014
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax of $(4,147)$ for Third					
Quarter 2009 and \$(4,106) for Nine Months 2009		-	(7,599)	-	(7,196)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax of \$(880) for					
Third Quarter 2010 and \$(2,019) for Nine Months 2010		(1,634)	-	(3,749)	-
Total discontinued operations, net of tax		(1,634)	(7,599)	(3,749)	(7,196)
Net income	\$	17,197	13,007	41,766	15,818
Earnings per share:					
Basic net income from continuing operations		0.35	0.39	0.85	0.44
Basic net loss from disposal of discontinued operations		(0.03)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.14)
Basic net income	\$	0.32	0.25	0.78	0.30
Diluted net income from continuing operations		0.35	0.38	0.84	0.43

Diluted net loss from disposal of discontinued operations	(0.03)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.13)
Diluted net income	\$ 0.32	0.24	0.77	0.30
Dividends to stockholders	\$ 0.13	0.13	0.39	0.39

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#### SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) Common stock:

Beginning of year

Nine Months ended September 30, 2010 2009