

BEFORE THE DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re:	:	Pursuant to Sections 1401, 1402,
	:	and 1403 of the Insurance
Application of INA Holdings	:	Holding Companies Act, Article
Corporation in Support of the Request	:	XIV of the Insurance Company
for Approval to Merge ACE Insurance	:	Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921,
Company of Texas with and into ACE	:	P.L. 682, <u>as amended</u> , 40 P.S.
American Insurance Company with ACE	:	§§991.1401, 991.1402, and
American Insurance Company Being the	:	991.1403; Sections 1921 through
Survivor in a Transaction Exempt from	:	1929 of the 1988 Business
the Requirements of 40 P.S. §991.1402	:	Corporation Law, Act of
	:	December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No.
	:	177, <u>as amended</u> , 15 Pa. C.S.
	:	§§1921-1929; Sections 205 and 207
	:	of the GAA Amendments Act of
	:	1990, Act of December 19, 1990,
	:	P.L. 834, No. 198, <u>as amended</u> , 15
	:	P.S. §§21205 and 21207.
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	:	Order No. ID-RC-05-07

DECISION AND ORDER

AND NOW, on this 17th day of August, 2005, Stephen J. Johnson, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Deputy Commissioner”), hereby makes the following Decision and Order:

Pursuant to the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the 1988 Business Corporation Law and the GAA Amendments Act of 1990, and in consideration of the documents, presentations and reports received, as well as other inquiries and studies as permitted by law, the Deputy Commissioner hereby makes the following findings of fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Identity of Entities

1. ACE Insurance Company of Texas (“ACE of Texas”) is an unauthorized foreign stock insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Texas.
2. Pacific Employers Insurance Company (“Pacific Employers”) is a domestic stock casualty insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. ACE of Texas is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pacific Employers.
3. ACE American Insurance Company (“AAIC”) is a domestic stock casualty insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pacific Employers is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AAIC.
4. INA Holdings Corporation (“INA Holdings”) is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Wilmington, Delaware. AAIC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of INA Holdings.
5. ACE Limited is a business corporation organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands with its principal place of business in Hamilton, Bermuda. INA Holdings is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ACE Limited.

Filing of the Application

6. The Insurance Holding Companies Act, Article XIV of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 682, as amended, 40 P.S. §§991.1401 et seq. (“Insurance Holding Companies Act”), provides that all mergers or other acquisitions of control of domestic insurers must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.
7. Section 1402 (g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act provides for exemption from the requirements of Section 1402:
 - a) if the merger does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer, or
 - b) if the transaction is otherwise not comprehended within the purposes of Section 1402.
8. The 1988 Business Corporation Law, Act of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, as amended, Sections 1921 through 1929, 15 Pa.C.S. §§1921 through 1929 (“1988 BCL”), and the GAA Amendments Act of 1990, P.L. 834, No. 198, as amended,

15 P.S. §§21205 and 21207 (“GAA Amendments Act”), provide that all plans of merger of domestic insurers must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.

9. On June 30, 2005, the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Department”) received an initial application (which together with all material received subsequently is collectively referenced as “Application”) from INA Holdings requesting approval to merge ACE of Texas with and into AAIC with AAIC being the survivor.
10. The Application was filed with the Department pursuant to Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act and Section 205 of the GAA Amendments Act.

Notice and Filing of Comments

11. On July 16, 2005, the Department published notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin that the Application had been submitted by INA Holdings and such notice invited interested persons to submit comments to the Department regarding the Application for a 30-day period, ending August 15, 2005.
12. During the 30-day public comment period, the Department received no comments regarding the Application.

The Transaction

13. AAIC and ACE of Texas executed an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of June 27, 2005 (“Merger Agreement”), which provides for ACE of Texas to merge with and into AAIC, with AAIC being the surviving corporation.
14. As described in the Application, the Merger Agreement was adopted by written consent of the sole shareholder of AAIC on February 8, 2005 and by the sole shareholder of ACE of Texas on June 20, 2005.
15. As described in the Application, the Merger Agreement was adopted by unanimous consent of the board of directors of AAIC and ACE of Texas on January 27, 2005.
16. As described in the Application, AAIC shall acquire all of the assets of ACE of Texas and assume all of the debts and other liabilities of ACE of Texas.
17. As described in the Application, the members of the board of directors and the officers of AAIC prior to the merger shall be the members of the board of directors and the officers of AAIC after the merger.

18. As described in the Application, each share of ACE of Texas common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger shall be automatically cancelled and extinguished.
19. As described in the Application, ACE Limited will remain the ultimate controlling person of AAIC after the merger described above.
20. If any of the above Findings of Fact are determined to be Conclusions of Law, they shall be incorporated in the Conclusions of Law as if fully set forth therein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Under Section 1402 of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Department has jurisdiction to review and approve the merger of AAIC and ACE of Texas.
2. Under Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Department shall exempt a merger from the requirements of Section 1402 if the merger does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer.
3. Pursuant to Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Deputy Commissioner concludes that the proposed merger does not change the ultimate controlling person of AAIC and, therefore, is exempt from the requirements of the Insurance Holding Companies Act.
4. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the preparation of the Merger Agreement, pertaining to the terms and conditions, satisfies the requirements of Section 1922 of the 1988 BCL.
5. Pursuant to Section 1924 of the 1988 BCL, the Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Merger Agreement has been adopted and consented to by the sole shareholders of AAIC and ACE of Texas, and by the Board of Directors of AAIC and ACE of Texas.
6. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Merger Agreement satisfies the requirements of Section 1925 of the 1988 BCL because the Merger Agreement is subject to the approval of the insurance department of the state of domicile of ACE of Texas.
7. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the execution and contents of the Articles of Merger will satisfy the requirements of Section 1926 of the 1988 BCL.
8. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Merger Agreement will be effective on or after proper filing of Articles of Merger with the Department of State, pursuant to Sections 1927 and 1928 of the 1988 BCL.

9. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that, if the proposed merger is consummated, all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and purposes of ACE of Texas will be conveyed to the surviving entity, as a matter of law, pursuant to Section 1929 of the 1988 BCL.
10. Pursuant to Section 205(b) of the GAA Amendments Act, the Deputy Commissioner concludes that the proposed merger is in accordance with law and not injurious to the interests of policyholders and creditors of AAIC and ACE of Texas.
11. The Application satisfies the requirements of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the 1988 BCL and the GAA Amendments Act.
12. If any of the above Conclusions of Law are determined to be Findings of Fact, they shall be incorporated in the Findings of Fact as if fully set forth therein.

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Deputy Commissioner”) hereby approves the Application of INA Holdings Corporation in Support of the Request for Approval to merge ACE Insurance Company of Texas with and into ACE American Insurance Company with ACE American Insurance Company being the survivor in a transaction exempt from the requirements of 40 P.S. §991.1402 subject to the following conditions:

A copy of the Articles of Merger shall be filed with the Deputy Commissioner not later than ten (10) days after their filing with the Pennsylvania Department of State.

This Order is effective immediately.

STEPHEN J. JOHNSON
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania