REPORT ON EXAMINATION AS TO THE CONDITION OF CUMBERLAND INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. BRIDGETON, NEW JERSEY 08302

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Honorable Marlene Caride Commissioner of Banking and Insurance State of New Jersey 20 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Commissioner:

In accordance with the authority vested in you by the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, an examination has been made of the assets and liabilities, method of conducting business and other affairs of the:

Cumberland Insurance Company, Inc. 633 Shiloh Pike Bridgeton, NJ 08302 NAIC Company Code 10448 NAIC Group Code 0054 Examination Warrant P&C 8

a domestic insurance company authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey, and hereafter referred to in this report as "Cumberland," "CIC" or "Company."

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

This comprehensive financial condition examination was called by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (hereafter "the Commissioner," "NJDOBI" or "Department") pursuant to the authority granted by Section 17:23-22 of the New Jersey Annotated Revised Statutes.

The examination was conducted using a risk-focused examination approach and covered the five-year period from December 31, 2016, the date of the last examination, to December 31, 2021, including material transactions and/or significant events occurring after the examination date. The examination followed procedures formulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") as permitted by the Department. During this five-year exam period, the Company's assets increased \$23,629,713 from \$103,666,534 to \$127,296,247; liabilities increased \$1,679,072 from \$49,534,776 to \$51,213,848 and policyholder surplus increased \$21,950,641 from \$54,131,758 to \$76,082,399.

The examination of the Company was conducted concurrently with the examination of **Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company** ("**CMFIC**"), the Company's ultimate parent. Both companies together comprise and are hereafter referred to as "the Cumberland Group" or "Group." No other state participated in the coordinated exam.

The scope of this examination was framed around specific key risk areas as determined by a risk assessment analysis, which attempted to measure the impact of these risks upon the Company's financial condition and future viability. This entailed an evaluation of the Company's management, corporate governance, information systems, accounting methods, system of internal control, and the annual audit work performed by **EisnerAmper LLP** ("**EA"**), the Company's independent certified public accountants. Examiners leveraged off the audit work prepared by EA, where appropriate. Test procedures encompassed the following objectives:

- Identification of significant deviations from New Jersey insurance laws, regulations and directives.
- Compliance with the guidelines outlined in the 2021 edition of the NAIC Financial Condition Examiners Handbook ("NAIC Handbook"), NAIC Annual Statement Instructions, NAIC accreditation/codification standards, Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles ("SSAP"), and NJDOBI policies and procedures.
- Assessment of the Company's surplus and that it is not materially misstated.
- Provision of a foundation for a profile of the Company's operations, risks and results to be utilized by regulatory authorities.

Only significant findings of fact, statutory deviations and general information about the Company and its financial condition are included in this examination report. There may be other items identified during the examination that, due to their nature (e.g., subjective conclusions, proprietary information), are not included but which were separately communicated internally to other regulators and/or the Company.

COMPANY HISTORY

The Company was incorporated on August 16, 1982, under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey. The Certificate of Incorporation was approved by the Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey on September 14, 1982 and filed with the Department on November 12, 1982. The Certificate of Incorporation authorized the issuance of 200,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$10.00 per share, for total common capital stock of \$2,000,000. The Company commenced business on September 1, 1983 and was authorized to transact the kinds of insurance specified in paragraphs "a," "b," "d," "e," "f," "g," "j," "k," "l," and "o-1" of N.J.S.A. 17:17-1.

An Amended Certificate of Authority was issued by the Commissioner on September 12, 1984, which authorized the Company to transact the business of writing insurance against the various risks and perils named in said Certificate, being the kinds of insurance specified in paragraphs "a," "b," "d," "e," "f," "g," "j," "k," "l," and "o-1" of N.J.S.A. 17:17-1 et seq., except that authority granted under paragraph "d" shall not include authority to write policies of individual or group health insurance as defined in the Life and Health Insurance Code N.J.S.A. 17B:17-1 et seq.

An Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Department on July 19, 1989. This amendment was filed to update the second paragraph to read as follows: "The location of the principal office is 633 Shiloh Pike, township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey."

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company operates as a for profit stock insurance company licensed in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Ohio. However, the Company has not written business in Ohio. The Company has gradually expanded its product lines and territories. In 2002, Cumberland acquired a technology team in Mansfield, Ohio to develop new technological systems to deliver products, services and information to meet the needs of the consumer.

The Company markets its products predominately through a network of 521 independent agents. Cumberland utilizes agency agreements and has no MGA relationships. The Company filed producer-controlled reports for each of the five years of the examination period in compliance with N.J.A.C. 11:2-37.4 where it was determined that it is not producer controlled. The Company utilizes the services of Guy Carpenter as its reinsurance intermediary for placing reinsurance

contracts. Guy Carpenter is licensed as a reinsurance intermediary in compliance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 17:22E-2a and the intermediary contract was reviewed and verified without exception.

The Company has various agreements in effect with several service providers, via its ultimate parent, CMFIC, that offer assistance to Cumberland in the conduct of its business, such as investment management and custody of assets. The following is a partial listing of some of the vendors:

- Conning
- PMA Management Corp.
- General Re-New England Asset Management, Inc.

Cumberland maintains an in-house claims department which handles the notification, processing, adjusting and payment of claims for New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The Department is divided into two separate entities: property claims department and casualty claims department. The New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania workers compensation claims are handled by PMA Management Corp., as a provider of third-party administrative services.

Effective April 1, 2007, the Cumberland Group withdrew from the **Garden State Reinsurance Association** ("**GSRA**") Claims Service Center. The Cumberland Group continues to have certain services performed by GSRA including but not limited to reinsurance costs as pertaining to the GSRA business and allocating of costs through the GSRA intermediary.

The Company has no employees. The Company conducts its everyday business operations from its statutory home and main administrative office located at Bridgeton, New Jersey, which is staffed by employees of CMFIC. This location handles administrative functions for the entire company as well as the personal and commercial lines underwriting, claims and marketing for New Jersey. The Company also maintains a branch office in Mansfield, Ohio which serves as an information technology and a disaster recovery location. The registered agent upon whom process may be served is Paul John Ritter III, Cumberland's CEO and President, having an address at the Company's main office.

Policy Forms and Underwriting Practices

The Company submitted rates, rules, and forms filings with the Department for various of its product lines, which were inspected and verified for the period under examination and determined to be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-1 et seq. in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:13-2.1 and N.J.A.C. 11:1-2 et seq.

Advertising and Sales Material

The Company advertises as "The Cumberland Insurance Group." A review and sampling of advertisement materials submitted by the Company, which includes a website, determined CIC to be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:18-10, which requires a company that is advertising its assets to also advertise liabilities in an equally conspicuous manner. Examiners also concluded that there were no material inconsistencies between the Company's sales material and its policies.

Treatment of Policyholders

The NAIC Closed Complaint Trend Report revealed that the Company registered 37 complaints during the examination period. The review of the Company's complaint log indicated that it was in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29B-4(10), which requires the maintenance of a complete record of all written grievances.

Statutory Deposit

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had on deposit with the State of New Jersey, its domiciliary state, cash and securities with a total par value of \$200,000, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:20-1c. The Company also had a deposit with a book value of \$118,080 with the State of Delaware. These deposits are held for the benefit and security of the Company's policyholders.

HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM

Affiliated Parties

The Company is a member of a holding company system as defined by N.J.S.A. 17:27A-1. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of **Cohanzick Holding, Inc.** ("**Cohanzick**"), a New Jersey domiciled insurance holding company, which is in turn owned 100% by CMFIC.

CMFIC has filed holding company registration statements with the Department on behalf of CIC in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:27A-3. The chart below illustrates the interrelationship of the companies within the holding company system as of December 31, 2021:



Inter-Company Agreements

The Company is a party to the following affiliated agreements in force at December 31, 2021:

Tax Allocation Agreement

Effective January 1, 1992, this agreement was made between and executed by CMFIC, Cohanzick, and Cumberland, collectively referred to as the "Companies". The Companies are members of an

affiliated group ("Affiliated Group") as defined in section 1540 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that the tax liability of the respective members of the Affiliated Group will be apportioned pursuant to Regulation 1.1552-1(a)(2) of the Code, in accordance with the total separate tax liability attributable to each member of the Affiliated Group. All settlement shall be made 30 days after the filing of the consolidated return.

Expense Sharing Agreement

This agreement is effective as of June 16, 2008 and was entered into by CMFIC and Cumberland. Under the terms of this agreement, each member shall pay all direct expenses of that member. Such expenses include but are not limited to: commissions, state and local insurance taxes, insurance department licenses and fees, loss adjustment, reinsurance and investment expenses. Allocable expenses shall be allocated among the members based on a percentage of premium volume. Such expenses include but are not limited to: payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, advertising, insurance, director fees, travel, equipment, legal, audit, real estate expenses and taxes, data processing, rent and donations. The apportioned pro rata share of incurring expenses is in accordance with **SSAP No. 70** Allocation of Expenses. Payments are due no later than 60 days after each quarter.

Reinsurance Expense/Recovery Allocation Agreement

Effective May 21, 2013, CMFIC and CIC agreed to follow the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Each of the affiliated companies agree to honor the terms set forth in each respective reinsurance contract as if such contract was a separate agreement between such company and the applicable reinsurer.
- 2. Losses and loss adjustment expenses recoveries, premium expenses (including but not limited to initial premium deposits, minimum or maximum premiums, and/or reinstatement premium expenses) commissions and/or profit-sharing allocations in regard to each applicable reinsurance contract now existing or entered into by the companies. shall be allocated as set forth in the agreement.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Board of Directors

The by-laws, as amended in 2020, specify that all the affairs, property and business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors ("the Board") consisting of not more than 10 nor less than 5 directors, the exact number to be fixed from time to time by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board. Each such person must be a member of CMFIC. Nominations of persons for election to the Board may be made at the annual meeting of the shareholders either at the direction of the Executive Committee or by any shareholder of the Company who is a shareholder of record at the time of giving of notice as provided for in the bylaws.

A listing of board members serving the Company as of December 31, 2021, is as follows:

Name and Address
Lawrence A. Pepper, Jr. (Chair)

Principal Occupation
Attorney, Partner

Vineland, NJ

Paul Ritter CEO & President, CIG

Bridgeton, NJ

Robert L. Davis Retired, Henry D. Young, Inc.

Pennsville, NJ

Bruce R. Hankins & Bros.

Bridgeton, NJ

Gregory J. Facemyer Certified Public Accountant

Bridgeton, NJ

Dr. Michelle Bear Physician, Family Practice

Bridgeton, NJ

Clair H. Miller, Jr. Retired, University Professor

Bridgeton, NJ

David J. Hemple CEO, Century Savings Bank

Bridgeton, NJ

In accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 17:27A-4d(3), the Company is required to have a Board composition of no less than one-third outside directors. The Company was determined to be in compliance with the provisions of this statute, as all Board members are considered outside directors, with the exception of Paul Ritter, who is Cumberland's most senior officer.

Committees

The Company's by-laws provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee comprised solely of directors who are not officers or employees of the Company, nor have served as officers or employees of the Company within the previous two years. Membership in this committee shall consist of not less than three or more than four directors. One member shall be elected Chairperson of the committee by the Board. The Executive Committee is charged with, among other powers and functions: (a) corporate governance oversight; (b) nomination of directors; (c) making, altering, or repealing any by-laws; (d) electing or appointing any director, or removing any senior officer or director; (e) submitting to members any action that requires members' approval; and (f) amendment or repeal of any resolution theretofore adopted by the Board.

The by-laws also allow for other committees to be appointed by the Executive Committee or Chairman of the Board, which committees shall have the powers conferred by the appointment and not prohibited by the by-laws.

The following committees and members were appointed and serving at December 31, 2021:

<u>Executive Committee</u> <u>Audit and Risk Management Committee</u>

Clair Miller, Jr. (Chair) Gregory Facemyer (Chair)

Lawrence Pepper, Jr.

Robert Davis

Bruce Hankins

Dr. Michelle Bear

Bruce Hankins

David Hemple

<u>Investment Committee</u>
David Hemple (Chair)

<u>Compensation Committee</u>
Dr. Michelle Bear (Chair)

Paul Ritter Clair Miller, Jr.
Lawrence Pepper, Jr. Robert Davis
Clair Miller, Jr. Gregory Facemyer
Robert Davis Bruce Hankins
Dr. Michelle Bear David Hemple

Gregory Facemyer Bruce Hankins

The Company is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:27A-4d(4), which prescribes that any committee selecting and reviewing the work performed by the Company's CPA firm, nominating candidates for director or evaluating the performance and determining the compensation of Company officers shall be comprised solely of outside directors. These functions are under the shared direction of the Executive Committee and Audit and Risk Management Committee, both of which consist of independent, outside directors having no conflicting business relationships with the Company. According to the by-laws, the Board assigns to the Audit & Risk Management Committee the responsibility to provide for an independent audit of all books of the Company, financial and otherwise, and a report of such audit shall be made to the Board at least annually, and special audits may be made at the request of the Board.

The Board's location for all correspondence and meetings is the CIC home office located in Bridgeton, NJ.

Officers

The Board must elect, at a minimum, a Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally, the Company may have one or more Executive Vice-Presidents, one or more Senior Vice Presidents, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Assistant Vice-Presidents, one or more Assistant Secretaries, one or more Assistant Treasurers, and other officers or assistant officers to serve in specific operational roles. One person may hold two or more offices, if allowed by law, but the same person shall not be both President and Secretary.

The elected senior officers of the Company serving at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Name Title

Paul J. Ritter President, CEO
David F. Raczenbeck Secretary, CLO
Neal G. Pierce Treasurer, CFO

Richard M. Ritter Executive Vice President, COO

Blair A. Sturts

Kenneth M. Mailley
Glenn W. Watkins
Harold P. Gunning
Patrick M. Padalik

Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President

Corporate Records

The Board shall hold regular meetings in the months of March, May, August, and November of each year at such time as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board. In addition, a regular meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders on the second Wednesday of March of each year, or on such other date as may have been provided in a Notice of Meeting of Members given. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

A review of the minutes of the Board meetings noted that they were well attended by the Company's directors, and that the proceedings of the meetings were done in compliance with the Company's state charter and by-laws. The corporate minutes also indicated that the Company's overall transactions and events were adequately supported and approved. A review of the signed affidavits of each member of the Board indicated that they had received and reviewed a copy of the December 31, 2016 financial condition examination report.

Policy on Conflicts of Interest

The Cumberland Group maintains an annual Conflict of Interest (COI) questionnaire for all directors, officers, and assistant officers of the Group. Article VI of CIC's by-laws stipulates the various conditions and actions that are and or may be deemed by the Group to be inappropriate, potential conflicts of interest and or violations of said by-laws.

All directors, officers and assistant officers shall answer the COI questionnaire within 60 days after each annual meeting. All answers to questions in such questionnaire shall be subscribed and sworn to by the person making them. Members of the Board shall be the sole judges of the fitness of any director, officer, or assistant officer to serve this corporation, provided that, this shall not restrict the power and authority of the President or Executive Vice President(s) to employ and dismiss any employees or agents of the Company.

The examination team reviewed all officers and directors executed COI questionnaires for the period under examination and noted that there were no apparent or potential conflicts of interest reported.

Fidelity Bond Coverage

The Company, along with its affiliates, are named insureds on a financial institution bond underwritten by Hartford Fire Insurance Company. The fidelity bond provides the Cumberland Group with fidelity coverage up to a liability limit of \$1,000,000 on a single loss limit basis and a \$25,000 single loss deductible. The amount of fidelity coverage carried on the policy meets the suggested minimum amount of fidelity coverage as measured on a group basis using the NAIC's formula and exposure index.

Other management insurance coverages included the following:

Directors and Officers Liability Employment Practices Liability

REINSURANCE

The Company maintained 12 reinsurance contracts as coverage for its core business. At December 31, 2021, the Company ceded approximately \$1,521,000 in premiums and was contingently liable for approximately \$8,663,000 under these agreements. The Company had an uncollateralized net reinsurance balance of approximately \$8,500,000 covering paid and unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses due from 35 reinsurers each having an A.M. Best rating of A- or higher. The Company does not write any retrospective rated contracts or contracts subject to redetermination nor does it write any accident and health insurance premiums that are subject to the Affordable Care Act risk-sharing provisions.

Reinsurance agreements were reviewed to ensure contracts had acceptable clauses and conditions. Below is a summary of the Company's reinsurance program.

Property and Casualty Reinsurance

Multi-Line XOL

For policies classified by the Company as Workers' Compensation, Employers Liability, Employment Practices Liability and Umbrella Liability.

Property:

First Excess \$900,000 xs \$600,000 Second Excess \$3,500,000 xs \$1,500,000

Casualty:

First Excess \$900,000 xs \$600,000 Second Excess \$3,500,000 xs \$1,500,000 Third Excess \$2,500,000 xs \$5,000,000 Combined:

First Excess \$600,000 xs \$600,000

Second Excess \$14,000,000 aggregate limit for all loss occurrences

Property Reinsurance

Property Facultative XOL

The Company maintained a pro-rata facultative agreement with the following cessions:

Property 100% of \$5,000,000 xs \$5,000,000 per risk

Umbrella 75% Commercial / 95% Personal & Farm | \$1,000,000 aggregate limit

100% Commercial / 95% Personal& Farm of \$1,000,000 xs \$4,000,000

Property Catastrophe XOL

First Excess \$20,000,000 xs \$10,000,000 Second Excess \$30,000,000 xs \$30,000,000 Third Excess \$80,000,000 xs \$60,000,000 Fourth Excess \$25,000,000 xs \$140,000,000

The Company also participates with the Mutual Reinsurance Bureau with regards to the Fifth Excess Catastrophe Reinsurance Agreement. The coverage is 100% of \$35,000,000 xs \$165,000,000.

Equipment Breakdown

The Company maintained an equipment breakdown reinsurance agreement that was 100% reinsured (quota share) with Factory Mutual Insurance Company.

Casualty Reinsurance

<u>Umbrella</u>

The Company maintained an umbrella facultative reinsurance agreement for both personal, farm and commercial lines. The agreement was a 75% quota share and provided a limit up to \$5,000,000.

For commercial lines only, the Company also maintained an umbrella reinsurance agreement providing a 100% quota share of \$25,000,000 xs \$25,000,000.

Workers' Compensation

The Company, along with CMFIC, is a member of the GSRA. The following companies are also members of the GSRA:

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Salem County and/or any other subsidiaries or members of the Salem Group.

The Farmers Insurance Company of Flemington and/or any other subsidiaries that are or may hereafter come under the management of the Company.

FMI Companies:

- The Franklin Mutual Insurance Company
- FMI Insurance Company
- Fidelity Mohawk Insurance Company and/or any other subsidiaries or members of the FMI Companies.

Each of the above-mentioned entities are named reinsureds on the First, Second and Third Workers Compensation Excess of Loss Reinsurance Contract. The following are the reinsurers providing coverage on the First and Second Excess with their participation percentages:

Berkley Insurance Company

First Excess 80% Second Excess 50%

Mutual Reinsurance Bureau

First Excess --Second Excess 30%

Safety National Casualty Corporation

First Excess 20% Second Excess 20%

The coverage is as follows:

First Excess \$4,000,000 xs \$1,000,000 Second Excess \$5,000,000 xs \$5,000,000

Coverage on the Third Excess is \$10,000,000 xs \$10,000,000 with the following reinsurers participating:

Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company 50% Arch Reinsurance Company 30% The Cincinnati Insurance Company 20%

At year-end 2021, the Company was also a member of the following mandatory pools:

New Jersey Fair Plan (NJ)

Workers Compensation Underwriting Association (PA)

National Workers Compensation Reinsurance Pool (FL)

New Jersey Commercial Auto Insurance Procedure (NJ)

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All the Company's books and records are maintained at its administrative office located in Bridgeton, New Jersey. On January 1, 2017, the Company converted its core accounting system to Sage Intacct, a secured cloud-based accounting program. The Company's investment portfolio, custodied with a national bank, is accounted for via Clearwater Analytics. The Company's general ledger was reviewed and reconciled to the 2021 annual statement. Financial information in conjunction with the verification of assets and the determination of liabilities was made available in detail and summary form.

Quarterly and annual statements are prepared in-house by the Company's finance department under the direction and management of the CFO and Treasurer. Loss reserve estimates are established according to written underwriting and claims procedures, and liabilities are monitored and adjusted for changes in economic, judicial, and historic trends. The Company works with internal and external actuaries to perform an adequacy review of premium rates and loss reserves. The Company's external actuary, Kufera Consulting, Inc., issued an unqualified opinion on its Statement of Actuarial Opinion report dated as of December 31, 2021. The Opinion was provided by Kay Kufera, FCAS, MAAA.

Independent Audit

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 11:2-26.4 an annual audit was performed by EA, based in Iselin, New Jersey, and a financial statutory audit report for fiscal years 2021 and 2020 was filed with the Commissioner. The auditors concluded that the statutory financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company.

Continuity of Operations

A disaster recovery and business continuity (DR/BC) plan is necessary to help ensure the Company can adequately recover from a system failure or business interruption in a timely fashion and without the loss of significant data. Management should assess how the Company's reputation and financial status would be impacted in the event of a major processing disruption and based on this assessment, develop an appropriate continuity plan that would help to ensure the Company can adequately recover from a system failure or business disruption in a timely fashion.

Examiners reviewed the DR/BC plan and confirmed that the Cumberland Group performs periodic data restoration tests in compliance with NAIC standards. Additionally, examiners confirmed that the Company has also made provisions for the succession of officers in its by-laws.

COVID-19 Economic Impact

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the U.S. President declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency in the United States. As of the date of this report, there was significant uncertainty on the effect that the pandemic would have on the insurance industry, economy, and society at large. Any impact to the Company will take time to assess and will be specific to the class and mix of business they underwrite. The Department will continue to monitor how the pandemic might impact the Company.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Exhibits have been prepared based on the annual statutory financial statements filed by CIC with the NJDOBI. These are summarized below and furnished fully in the next three pages.

Exhibit-A Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2021

Exhibit-B Statement of Operating Results

for the Five-Year Period ended December 31, 2021

Exhibit-C Surplus Account

for the Five-Year Period ended December 31, 2021

EXHIBIT-A: Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2021

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Per Examination</u> <u>12/31/21</u>		<u>Balance</u> on <u>Per Company</u> <u>12/31/21</u>		Examination Change		<u>Note</u>
Assets							
Bonds	\$	82,428,858	\$	82,428,858	\$	-	
Commom Stocks		32,626,222		32,626,222		-	
Cash and Short Term Investments		4,548,718		4,548,718		-	
Investment Income Due and Accrued		625,197		625,197		-	
Uncollected Premiums		174,490		174,490		-	
Deferred Premiums		6,190,721		6,190,721		-	
Amounts Recoverable from Reinsurers		42,872		42,872		-	
Funds Held by Reinsured Companies		32,502		32,502		-	
Receivables from Parent, Subs and Affiliates		18,025		18,025		-	
Aggregate Write-ins		608,642		608,642			
Total Net Admitted Assets	\$	127,296,247	\$	127,296,247	\$	-	
Liabilities Losses Loss Adjustment Expenses Commissions Payable Other Expenses Taxes, Licenses and Fees Current Federal Income Taxes Net Deferred Tax Liability Unearned Premiums Advance Premium Provision for Reinsurance Total Liabilities	\$ 	27,539,780 8,619,000 613,018 302,562 87,685 958,457 1,260,813 11,580,648 219,290 32,595 51,213,848	\$	27,539,780 8,619,000 613,018 302,562 87,685 958,457 1,260,813 11,580,648 219,290 32,595 51,213,848	\$		1 1
Total Elabilities	_Ψ	31,210,040	Ψ	01,210,040			
Surplus							
Common Capital Stock	\$	2,900,000	\$	2,900,000	\$	-	
Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus		12,975,354		12,975,354			
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)		60,207,045		60,207,045			
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$	76,082,399	\$	76,082,399	\$	-	2
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$	127,296,247	\$	127,296,247	\$		

EXHIBIT-B: Statement of Operating Results

For the Five-Year Period Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Underwriting Income</u>					
Premiums Earned	\$ 23,387,843	\$ 22,917,080	\$ 23,160,396	\$ 22,329,418	\$ 21,703,061
<u>Deductions</u>					
Losses Incurred	11,134,973	10,150,618	9,697,875	10,417,176	12,543,729
Loss Adjustment Expenses Incurred	3,333,882	3,235,758	3,168,296	3,456,858	3,699,272
Other Underwriting Expenses Incurred	7,818,342	7,923,930	8,068,912	7,646,101	7,217,380
Total Deductions	22,287,197	21,310,306	20,935,083	21,520,135	23,460,381
Net Underwriting Gain	\$ 1,100,646	\$ 1,606,774	\$ 2,225,313	\$ 809,283	\$ (1,757,320)
Investment Income					
Net Investment Income Earned	2,499,648	2,582,055	2,487,832	2,296,789	1,987,458
Net Realized Capital Gains	1,021,515	52,079	188,817	1,343,830	163,878
Net Investment Gain	3,521,163	2,634,134	2,676,649	3,640,619	2,151,336
Other Income					
Net Loss from Premium Bal Charged Off	(57,324)	(145,294)	(104,063)	(32,632)	(76,859)
Finance and Service Charges	206,924	220,205	230,638	233,636	229,953
Agg Write-ins for Miscellaneous Income	12	114	6,344	3,018	723
Total Other Income	149,612	75,025	132,919	204,022	153,817
Net Income Before Fed Income Taxes	\$ 4,771,421	\$ 4,315,933	\$ 5,034,881	\$ 4,653,924	\$ 547,833
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes Incurred	683,068	621,297	1,177,771	531,563	(239,386)
Net Income	\$ 4,088,353	\$ 3,694,636	\$ 3,857,110	\$ 4,122,361	\$ 787,219

EXHIBIT-C: Surplus Account

For the Five-Year Period Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Surplus as Regards Policyholders December 31, Previous Year	\$ 68,671,793	\$ 63,815,561	\$ 57,277,606	\$ 55,723,816	\$ 54,131,758
Net Income	4,088,353	3,694,636	3,857,110	4,122,361	787,219
Other Surplus Adjustments Change in Net Unreal Cap Gains/(Losses) Change in Net Deferred Income Tax Change in Nonadmitted Assets Change in Provision for Reinsurance Dividends to Stockholders	3,814,235 19,198 102 3,718 (515,000)	1,765,035 (176,751) (80,029) 88,341 (435,000)	2,710,665 266,401 (9,568) 148,347 (435,000)	(2,147,823) (59,187) (16,061) (273,000) (72,500)	1,583,976 (713,725) 7,088 - (72,500)
Total Other Surplus Gains/(Losses)	\$ 3,322,253	\$ 1,161,596	\$ 2,680,845	\$ (2,568,571)	\$ 804,839
Change in Surplus as Regards Policyholders for the Year	7,410,606	4,856,232	6,537,955	1,553,790	1,592,058
Surplus as Regards Policyholders December 31, Current Year	\$ 76,082,399	\$ 68,671,793	\$ 63,815,561	\$ 57,277,606	\$ 55,723,816

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

At December 31, 2021 the Company reported a net liability for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses of \$36,158,780. A review by the NJDOBI Actuarial Unit indicated the reserves established by the Company were reasonably stated. Data supplied to the actuaries were tested for completeness and accuracy and reconciled to the Company's 2021 annual statement without material exception. Random samples of case reserves and loss payments were selected and verified to source documents.

Note 2 - Surplus as Regards Policyholders

Common Capital Stock

CIC's equity structure at year-end 2021 consisted of 290,000 authorized, issued and outstanding shares of common stock with a par value of \$10 per share for a total capital of \$2,900,000. The Company had no preferred stock authorized. The Company paid dividends in each year of the exam period, totaling \$1,530,000, which were approved by the Department.

Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus

No capital contributions were made during the examination period. The balance under this account has, therefore, remained unchanged since the last exam.

Unassigned Funds

Total Unassigned Funds, as per the current examination review, amounted to \$60,207,045, which is \$21,950,641 more than the balance reported in the last examination, reflecting an increase of 57.38%.

The cumulative changes in surplus and other funds during the five-year examination period are reflected and summarized below:

Policyholder Surplus, December 31, 2016		\$ 54,131,758
Net Cumulative Income		16,549,679
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains	7,726,088	
Change in Net Deferred Income Tax	(664,064)	
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(98,468)	
Change in Provision for Reinsurance	(32,594)	
Dividends to Stockholders	(1,530,000)	
Surplus Adjustments: Examination Change	-0-	
Net Adjustments During Five-Year Period		5,400,962
Policyholder Surplus, December 31, 2021		\$ 76,082,399

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:17-6, the Company meets the statutorily required minimum surplus benchmark of \$5,350,000, an excess of \$70,732,399 remaining in surplus.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Board Numerical Composition

The Company amended Article III Section 3.1 of its by-laws in June 2022 to change the maximum number of directors that could serve in the Board from 10 to 9 members.

Interest Rate Environment

The Federal Reserve ("Fed") increased rates by 25 basis points and set the federal funds target rate range between 4.75% and 5% following the second Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting of 2023 on March 21 and 22. Prior to the March increase, the Fed increased the rate by 25 basis points in February 2023 and 50 basis points in December 2022. Increases follow four consecutive increases of 75 basis points and increases of 50 basis points in May and 25 basis points in March 2022.

Market interest rates are a key driver of liquidity and capital positions, cash flows, results of operations and financial position. Changes in interest rates can affect the Company in several ways, including, but not limited to, favorable or adverse impacts to investment-related activity, including: investment income returns, the valuation of fixed income investments and derivative instruments, collateral posting requirements, hedging costs and other risk mitigation activities, customer account values and assets under management, insurance reserve levels, policyholder behavior, including surrender or withdrawal activity, etc. The Department is in regular communication with management and is closely monitoring the progress.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The full scope risk-focused examination of the Company did not yield any reportable recommendations.

CONCLUSION

The statutory condition examination was conducted remotely by the undersigned with the support of the NJDOBI field and inhouse office staff.

The courteous cooperation and assistance extended by the officers and employees of the Company during the examination is hereby acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
Juan P. Collado
Examiner-In-Charge
Under the supervision of:
Olga Dixon
Supervising Examiner

CUMBERLAND INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. AFFIDAVIT

I, Juan P. Collado, do solemnly swear that the foregoing report of examination is hereby represented to be a full and true statement of the condition and affairs of the subject insurer as of December 31, 2021, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

	Respectfully submitted,
	Juan P. Collado Insurance Examiner l NJ Department of Banking and Insurance
	Under the supervision of:
	Olga Dixon Supervising Insurance Examiner NJ Department of Banking and Insurance
State of New Jersey County of Mercer	
Subscribed and sworn to before me,	
on this day of	, 20
	Notary Public of the State of New Jersey
	My commission expires:

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May 24, 2023

Honorable Marlene Caride Commissioner of Banking and Insurance State of New Jersey 20 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Commissioner:

In accordance with the authority vested in you by the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, an examination has been made of the assets and liabilities, method of conducting business and other affairs of the:

Cumberland Insurance Company, Inc.
633 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
NAIC Company Code 10448
NAIC Group Code 0054
Examination Warrant P&C 8

a domestic insurance company authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey, and hereafter referred to in this report as "Cumberland," "CIC" or "Company."

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

This comprehensive financial condition examination was called by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (hereafter "the Commissioner," "NJDOBI" or "Department") pursuant to the authority granted by Section 17:23-22 of the New Jersey Annotated Revised Statutes.

The examination was conducted using a risk-focused examination approach and covered the five-year period from December 31, 2016, the date of the last examination, to December 31, 2021, including material transactions and/or significant events occurring after the examination date. The examination followed procedures formulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") as permitted by the Department. During this five-year exam period, the Company's assets increased \$23,629,713 from \$103,666,534 to \$127,296,247; liabilities increased \$1,679,072 from \$49,534,776 to \$51,213,848 and policyholder surplus increased \$21,950,641 from \$54,131,758 to \$76,082,399.

The examination of the Company was conducted concurrently with the examination of **Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company ("CMFIC")**, the Company's ultimate parent. Both companies together comprise and are hereafter referred to as "the Cumberland Group" or "Group." No other state participated in the coordinated exam.

The scope of this examination was framed around specific key risk areas as determined by a risk assessment analysis, which attempted to measure the impact of these risks upon the Company's financial condition and future viability. This entailed an evaluation of the Company's management, corporate governance, information systems, accounting methods, system of internal control, and the annual audit work performed by **EisnerAmper LLP** ("EA"), the Company's independent certified public accountants. Examiners leveraged off the audit work prepared by EA, where appropriate. Test procedures encompassed the following objectives:

- Identification of significant deviations from New Jersey insurance laws, regulations and directives.
- Compliance with the guidelines outlined in the 2021 edition of the NAIC Financial Condition Examiners Handbook, NAIC Annual Statement Instructions, NAIC accreditation/codification standards, Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles ("SSAP"), and NJDOBI policies and procedures.
- Assessment of the Company's surplus and that it is not materially misstated.
- Provision of a foundation for a profile of the Company's operations, risks and results to be utilized by regulatory authorities.

Only significant findings of fact, statutory deviations and general information about the Company and its financial condition are included in this examination report. There may be other items identified during the examination that, due to their nature (e.g., subjective conclusions, proprietary information), are not included but which were separately communicated internally to other regulators and/or the Company.

COMPANY HISTORY

The Company was incorporated on August 16, 1982, under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey. The Certificate of Incorporation was approved by the Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey on September 14, 1982 and filed with the Department on November 12, 1982. The Certificate of Incorporation authorized the issuance of 200,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$10.00 per share, for total common capital stock of \$2,000,000. The Company commenced business on September 1, 1983 and was authorized to transact the kinds of insurance specified in paragraphs "a," "b," "d," "e," "f," "g," "j," "k," "l," and "o-1" of N.J.S.A. 17:17-1.

An Amended Certificate of Authority was issued by the Commissioner on September 12, 1984, which authorized the Company to transact the business of writing insurance against the various risks and perils named in said Certificate, being the kinds of insurance specified in paragraphs "a," "b," "d," "e," "f," "g," "j," "k," "l," and "o-1" of N.J.S.A. 17:17-1 et seq., except that authority granted under paragraph "d" shall not include authority to write policies of individual or group health insurance as defined in the Life and Health Insurance Code N.J.S.A. 17B:17-1 et seq.

An Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Department on July 19, 1989. This amendment was filed to update the second paragraph to read as follows: "The location of the principal office is 633 Shiloh Pike, township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey."

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company operates as a for profit stock insurance company licensed in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Ohio. However, the Company has not written business in Ohio. The Company has gradually expanded its product lines and territories. In 2002, Cumberland acquired a technology team in Mansfield, Ohio to develop new technological systems to deliver products, services and information to meet the needs of the consumer.

The Company markets its products predominately through a network of 395 independent agents. Cumberland utilizes agency agreements and has no MGA relationships. The Company filed producer-controlled reports for each of the five years of the examination period in compliance with N.J.A.C. 11:2-37.4 where it was determined that it is not producer controlled. The Company utilizes the services of Guy Carpenter as its reinsurance intermediary for placing reinsurance

contracts. Guy Carpenter is licensed as a reinsurance intermediary in compliance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 17:22E-2a and the intermediary contract was reviewed and verified without exception.

The Company has various agreements in effect with several service providers, via its ultimate parent, CMFIC, that offer assistance to Cumberland in the conduct of its business, such as investment management and custody of assets. The following is a partial listing of some of the vendors:

- Conning
- PMA Management Corp.
- General Re-New England Asset Management, Inc.
- U.S. Bank, N.A.

Cumberland maintains an in-house claims department which handles the notification, processing, adjusting and payment of claims for New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The department is divided into two separate entities: property claims department and casualty claims department. The New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania workers compensation claims are handled by PMA Management Corp., as a provider of third-party administrative services.

Effective April 1, 2007, the Cumberland Group withdrew from the **Garden State Reinsurance Association ("GSRA")** Claims Service Center. The Cumberland Group continues to have certain services performed by GSRA including but not limited to reinsurance costs as pertaining to the GSRA business and allocating of costs through the GSRA intermediary.

The Company has no employees. The Company conducts its everyday business operations from its statutory home and main administrative office located at Bridgeton, New Jersey, which is staffed by employees of CMFIC. This location handles administrative functions for the entire company as well as the personal and commercial lines underwriting, claims and marketing for New Jersey. During the examination period, the Company maintained a branch office in Mansfield, Ohio which served as an information technology and disaster recovery location. Subsequently, the Company moved this office to Ontario, Ohio. The registered agent upon whom process may be served is Paul John Ritter III, Cumberland's CEO and President, having an address at the Company's main office.

Policy Forms and Underwriting Practices

The Company submitted rates, rules, and forms filings with the Department for various of its product lines, which were inspected and verified for the period under examination and determined to be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-1 et seq. in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:13-2.1 and N.J.A.C. 11:1-2 et seq.

Advertising and Sales Material

A review and sampling of advertisement materials submitted by the Company, which includes a website, determined CIC to be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:18-10, which requires a company that is advertising its assets to also advertise liabilities in an equally conspicuous manner.

Treatment of Policyholders

The NAIC Closed Complaint Trend Report revealed that the Company registered 37 complaints during the examination period. The review of the Company's complaint log indicated that it was in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29B-4(10), which requires the maintenance of a complete record of all written grievances.

Statutory Deposit

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had on deposit with the State of New Jersey, its domiciliary state, cash and securities with a total par value of \$200,000, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:20-1c. The Company also had a deposit with a book value of \$118,080 with the State of Delaware. These deposits are held for the benefit and security of the Company's policyholders.

HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM

Affiliated Parties

The Company is a member of a holding company system as defined by N.J.S.A. 17:27A-1. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of **Cohanzick Holding, Inc. ("Cohanzick")**, a New Jersey domiciled insurance holding company, which is in turn owned 100% by CMFIC.

CMFIC has filed holding company registration statements with the Department on behalf of CIC in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:27A-3. The chart below illustrates the interrelationship of the companies within the holding company system as of December 31, 2021:



Inter-Company Agreements

The Company is a party to the following affiliated agreements in force at December 31, 2021:

Tax Allocation Agreement

Effective January 1, 1992, this agreement was made between and executed by CMFIC, Cohanzick, and Cumberland, collectively referred to as the "Companies." The Companies are members of an

affiliated group ("Affiliated Group") as defined in section 1540 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that the tax liability of the respective members of the Affiliated Group will be apportioned pursuant to Regulation 1.1552-1(a)(2) of the Code, in accordance with the total separate tax liability attributable to each member of the Affiliated Group. All settlement shall be made 30 days after the filing of the consolidated return.

Expense Sharing Agreement

This agreement is effective as of June 16, 2008 and was entered into by CMFIC and Cumberland. Under the terms of this agreement, each member shall pay all direct expenses of that member. Such expenses include but are not limited to: commissions, state and local insurance taxes, insurance department—licenses and fees, loss adjustment, reinsurance and investment expenses. Allocable expenses shall be allocated among the members based on a percentage of premium volume. Such expenses include but are not limited to: payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, advertising, insurance, director fees, travel, equipment, legal, audit, real estate expenses and taxes, data processing, rent and donations. The apportioned pro rata share of incurring expenses is in accordance with **SSAP No. 70** Allocation of Expenses. Payments are due no later than 60 days after each quarter.

Reinsurance Expense/Recovery Allocation Agreement

Effective May 21, 2013, CMFIC and CIC agreed to follow the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Each of the affiliated companies agree to honor the terms set forth in each respective reinsurance contract as if such contract was a separate agreement between such company and the applicable reinsurer.
- 2. Losses and loss adjustment expenses recoveries, premium expenses (including but not limited to initial premium deposits, minimum or maximum premiums, and/or reinstatement premium expenses) commissions and/or profit-sharing allocations in regard to each applicable reinsurance contract now existing or entered into by the companies. shall be allocated as set forth in the agreement.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Board of Directors

The by-laws, as amended in 2020, specify that all the affairs, property and business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors ("the Board") consisting of not more than 10 nor less than 5 directors, the exact number to be fixed from time to time by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board. Each such person must be a member of CMFIC. Nominations of persons for election to the Board may be made at the annual meeting of the shareholders either at the direction of the Executive Committee or by any shareholder of the Company who is a shareholder of record at the time of giving of notice as provided for in the bylaws.

A listing of board members serving the Company as of December 31, 2021, is as follows:

Name and Address
Lawrence A. Pepper, Jr. (Chair)

Principal Occupation
Attorney, Partner

Vineland, NJ

Paul Ritter CEO & President, CIG

Bridgeton, NJ

Robert L. Davis Retired, Henry D. Young, Inc.

Pennsville, NJ

Bruce R. Hankins VP, H.H. Hankins & Bros.

Bridgeton, NJ

Gregory J. Facemyer Certified Public Accountant

Bridgeton, NJ

Dr. Michelle Bear Physician, Family Practice

Bridgeton, NJ

Clair H. Miller, Jr. Retired, University Professor

Bridgeton, NJ

David J. Hemple CEO, Century Savings Bank

Bridgeton, NJ

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:27A-4d(3), the Company is required to have a Board composition of no less than one-third outside directors. The Company was determined to be in compliance with the provisions of this statute, as all Board members are considered outside directors, with the exception of Paul Ritter, who is Cumberland's most senior officer.

Committees

The Company's by-laws provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee comprised solely of directors who are not officers or employees of the Company, nor have served as officers or employees of the Company within the previous two years. Membership in this committee shall consist of not less than three or more than four directors. One member shall be elected Chairperson of the committee by the Board. The Executive Committee is charged with, among other powers and functions: (a) corporate governance oversight; (b) nomination of directors; (c) making, altering, or repealing any by-laws; (d) electing or appointing any director, or removing any senior officer or director; (e) submitting to members any action that requires members' approval; and (f) amendment or repeal of any resolution theretofore adopted by the Board.

The by-laws also allow for other committees to be appointed by the Executive Committee or Chairman of the Board, which committees shall have the powers conferred by the appointment and not prohibited by the by-laws.

The following committees and members were appointed and serving at December 31, 2021:

Executive Committee Audit and Risk Management Committee

Clair Miller, Jr. (Chair) Gregory Facemyer (Chair)

Lawrence Pepper, Jr.

Robert Davis

Bruce Hankins

Dr. Michelle Bear

Bruce Hankins

David Hemple

<u>Investment Committee</u>
David Hemple (Chair)

<u>Compensation Committee</u>
Dr. Michelle Bear (Chair)

Paul Ritter Clair Miller, Jr.
Lawrence Pepper, Jr. Robert Davis
Clair Miller, Jr. Gregory Facemyer
Robert Davis Bruce Hankins

Dr. Michelle Bear David Hemple
Gregory Facemyer

The Company is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:27A-4d(4), which prescribes that any committee selecting and reviewing the work performed by the Company's CPA firm, nominating candidates for director or evaluating the performance and determining the compensation of Company officers shall be comprised solely of outside directors. These functions are under the shared direction of the Executive Committee and Audit and Risk Management Committee, both of which consist of independent, outside directors having no conflicting business relationships with the Company. According to the by-laws, the Board assigns to the Audit & Risk Management Committee the responsibility to provide for an independent audit of all books of the Company, financial and otherwise, and a report of such audit shall be made to the Board at least annually, and special audits may be made at the request of the Board.

The Board's location for all correspondence and meetings is the CIC home office located in Bridgeton, NJ.

Officers

Bruce Hankins

The Board must elect, at a minimum, a Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally, the Company may have one or more Executive Vice-Presidents, one or more Senior Vice Presidents, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Assistant Vice-Presidents, one or more Assistant Secretaries, one or more Assistant Treasurers, and other officers or assistant officers to serve in specific operational roles. One person may hold two or more offices, if allowed by law, but the same person shall not be both President and Secretary.

The elected senior officers of the Company serving at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Name <u>Title</u>

Paul J. Ritter President, CEO
David F. Raczenbeck Secretary, CLO
Neal G. Pierce Treasurer, CFO

Richard M. Ritter Executive Vice President, COO

Blair A. Sturts

Kenneth M. Mailley
Glenn W. Watkins
Harold P. Gunning
Patrick M. Padalik

Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President
Senior Vice President

Corporate Records

The Board shall hold regular meetings in the months of March, May, August, and November of each year at such time as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board. In addition, a regular meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders on the second Wednesday of March of each year, or on such other date as may have been provided in a Notice of Meeting of Members given. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

A review of the minutes of the Board meetings noted that they were well attended by the Company's directors, and that the proceedings of the meetings were done in compliance with the Company's state charter and by-laws. The corporate minutes also indicated that the Company's overall transactions and events were adequately supported and approved. A review of the signed affidavits of each member of the Board indicated that they had received and reviewed a copy of the December 31, 2016 financial condition examination report.

Policy on Conflicts of Interest

The Cumberland Group maintains an annual Conflict of Interest ("COI") questionnaire for all directors, officers, and assistant officers of the Group. Article VI of CIC's by-laws stipulates the various conditions and actions that are and or may be deemed by the Group to be inappropriate, potential conflicts of interest and or violations of said by-laws.

All directors, officers and assistant officers shall answer the COI questionnaire within 60 days after each annual meeting. All answers to questions in such questionnaire shall be subscribed and sworn to by the person making them. Members of the Board shall be the sole judges of the fitness of any director, officer, or assistant officer to serve this corporation, provided that, this shall not restrict the power and authority of the President or Executive Vice President(s) to employ and dismiss any employees or agents of the Company.

The examination team reviewed all officers and directors executed COI questionnaires for the period under examination and noted that there were no apparent or potential conflicts of interest reported.

Fidelity Bond Coverage

The Company, along with its affiliates, are named insureds on a financial institution bond underwritten by Hartford Fire Insurance Company. The fidelity bond provides the Cumberland Group with fidelity coverage up to a liability limit of \$1,000,000 on a single loss limit basis and a \$25,000 single loss deductible. The amount of fidelity coverage carried on the policy meets the suggested minimum amount of fidelity coverage as measured on a group basis using the NAIC's formula and exposure index.

Other management insurance coverages included the following:

Directors and Officers Liability Employment Practices Liability

REINSURANCE

The Company maintained 12 reinsurance contracts as coverage for its core business. At December 31, 2021, the Company ceded approximately \$1,521,000 in premiums and was contingently liable for approximately \$8,663,000 under these agreements. The Company had an uncollateralized net reinsurance balance of approximately \$8,500,000 covering paid and unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses due from 35 reinsurers each having an A.M. Best rating of A- or higher. The Company does not write any retrospective rated contracts or contracts subject to redetermination nor does it write any accident and health insurance premiums that are subject to the Affordable Care Act risk-sharing provisions.

Reinsurance agreements were reviewed to ensure contracts had acceptable clauses and conditions. Below is a summary of the Company's reinsurance program.

Property and Casualty Reinsurance

Multi-Line XOL

For policies classified by the Company as Workers' Compensation, Employers Liability, Employment Practices Liability and Umbrella Liability.

Property:

First Excess \$900,000 xs \$600,000 Second Excess \$3,500,000 xs \$1,500,000

Casualty:

First Excess \$400,000 xs \$600,000*
First Excess \$900,000 xs \$600,000
Second Excess \$3,500,000 xs \$1,500,000
Third Excess \$2,500,000 xs \$5,000,000

^{*} Workers' Compensation only

Combined:

First Excess \$600,000 xs \$600,000

Second Excess \$14,000,000 aggregate limit for all loss occurrences

Property Reinsurance

Property Facultative XOL

The Company maintained a pro-rata facultative agreement with the following cessions:

Property 100% of \$5,000,000 xs \$5,000,000 per risk

Property Catastrophe XOL

 First Excess
 \$20,000,000 xs \$10,000,000

 Second Excess
 \$30,000,000 xs \$30,000,000

 Third Excess
 \$80,000,000 xs \$60,000,000

 Fourth Excess
 \$25,000,000 xs \$140,000,000

The Company also participates with the Mutual Reinsurance Bureau with regards to the Fifth Excess Catastrophe Reinsurance Agreement. The coverage is 100% of \$35,000,000 xs \$165,000,000.

Equipment Breakdown

The Company maintained an equipment breakdown reinsurance agreement that was 100% reinsured (quota share) with Factory Mutual Insurance Company.

Casualty Reinsurance

Umbrella

75% Commercial / 95% Personal & Farm | \$1,000,000 limit 100% Commercial / 95% Personal& Farm of \$1,000,000 xs \$4,000,000

Workers' Compensation

The Company, along with CMFIC, is a member of the GSRA. The following companies are also members of the GSRA:

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Salem County and/or any other subsidiaries or members of the Salem Group.

The Farmers Insurance Company of Flemington and/or any other subsidiaries that are or may hereafter come under the management of the Company.

FMI Companies:

- The Franklin Mutual Insurance Company
- FMI Insurance Company
- POM Insurance Company (formerly Fidelity Mohawk Insurance Company) and/or any other subsidiaries or members of the FMI Companies.

Each of the above-mentioned entities are named reinsureds on the First, Second and Third Workers Compensation Excess of Loss Reinsurance Contract. The following are the reinsurers providing coverage on the First and Second Excess with their participation percentages:

Berkley Insurance Company

First Excess 80% Second Excess 50%

Mutual Reinsurance Bureau

First Excess --Second Excess 30%

Safety National Casualty Corporation

First Excess 20% Second Excess 20%

The coverage is as follows:

First Excess \$4,000,000 xs \$1,000,000 Second Excess \$5,000,000 xs \$5,000,000

Coverage on the Third Excess is \$10,000,000 xs \$10,000,000 with the following reinsurers participating:

Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company50%Arch Reinsurance Company30%The Cincinnati Insurance Company20%

At year-end 2021, the Company was also a member of the following pools:

Mandatory

New Jersey Fair Plan (NJ)

National Workers Compensation Reinsurance Pool (FL)

New Jersey Commercial Auto Insurance Procedure (NJ)

Voluntary

Workers Compensation Underwriting Association (PA)

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All the Company's books and records are maintained at its administrative office located in Bridgeton, New Jersey. On January 1, 2017, the Company converted its core accounting system to Sage Intacct, a secured cloud-based accounting program. The Company's investment portfolio, custodied with a national bank, is accounted for via Clearwater Analytics. The Company's general ledger was reviewed and reconciled to the 2021 annual statement. Financial information in

conjunction with the verification of assets and the determination of liabilities was made available in detail and summary form.

Quarterly and annual statements are prepared in-house by the Company's finance department under the direction and management of the CFO and Treasurer. Loss reserve estimates are established according to written underwriting and claims procedures, and liabilities are monitored and adjusted for changes in economic, judicial, and historic trends. The Company works with internal and external actuaries to perform an adequacy review of premium rates and loss reserves. The Company's external actuary, Kufera Consulting, Inc., issued an unqualified opinion on its Statement of Actuarial Opinion report dated as of December 31, 2021. The Opinion was provided by Kay Kufera, FCAS, MAAA.

Independent Audit

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:2-26.4 an annual audit was performed by EA, based in Iselin, New Jersey, and a financial statutory audit report for fiscal years 2021 and 2020 was filed with the Commissioner. The auditors concluded that the statutory financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company.

Continuity of Operations

A disaster recovery and business continuity (DR/BC) plan is necessary to help ensure the Company can adequately recover from a system failure or business interruption in a timely fashion and without the loss of significant data. Management should assess how the Company's reputation and financial status would be impacted in the event of a major processing disruption and based on this assessment, develop an appropriate continuity plan that would help to ensure the Company can adequately recover from a system failure or business disruption in a timely fashion.

Examiners reviewed the DR/BC plan and confirmed that the Cumberland Group performs periodic data restoration tests in compliance with NAIC standards. Additionally, examiners confirmed that the Company has also made provisions for the succession of officers in its by-laws.

COVID-19 Economic Impact

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the U.S. President declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency in the United States. As of the date of this report, there was significant uncertainty on the effect that the pandemic would have on the insurance industry, economy, and society at large. Any impact to the Company will take time to assess and will be specific to the class and mix of business they underwrite. The Department will continue to monitor how the pandemic might impact the Company.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Exhibits have been prepared based on the annual statutory financial statements filed by CIC with the NJDOBI. These are summarized below and furnished fully in the next three pages.

Exhibit-A Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2021

Exhibit-B Statement of Operating Results

for the Five-Year Period ended December 31, 2021

Exhibit-C Surplus Account

for the Five-Year Period ended December 31, 2021

EXHIBIT-A: Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2021

	<u>Per</u>	Balance Examination 12/31/21	Balance r Company 12/31/21		nation inge	Note
Assets						
Bonds	\$	82,428,858	\$ 82,428,858	\$	-	
Commom Stocks		32,626,222	32,626,222		-	
Cash and Short Term Investments		4,548,718	4,548,718		-	
Investment Income Due and Accrued		625,197	625,197		-	
Uncollected Premiums		174,490	174,490		-	
Deferred Premiums		6,190,721	6,190,721		-	
Amounts Recoverable from Reinsurers		42,872	42,872		-	
Funds Held by Reinsured Companies		32,502	32,502		-	
Receivables from Parent, Subs and Affiliates		18,025	18,025		-	
Aggregate Write-ins		608,642	608,642		-	
Total Net Admitted Assets	\$	127,296,247	\$ 127,296,247	\$	-	
Liabilities						
Losses	\$	27,539,780	\$ 27,539,780	\$	_	1
Loss Adjustment Expenses		8,619,000	8,619,000		_	1
Commissions Payable		613,018	613,018		_	
Other Expenses		302,562	302,562		_	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees		87,685	87,685		-	
Current Federal Income Taxes		958,457	958,457		-	
Net Deferred Tax Liability		1,260,813	1,260,813		-	
Unearned Premiums		11,580,648	11,580,648		-	
Advance Premium		219,290	219,290		-	
Provision for Reinsurance		32,595	32,595		-	
Total Liabilities	\$	51,213,848	\$ 51,213,848	\$	-	
Surplus						
Common Capital Stock	\$	2,900,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$	-	
Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus		12,975,354	12,975,354			
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)		60,207,045	60,207,045			
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$	76,082,399	\$ 76,082,399	\$	-	2
Tatal Liabilities and Comples		407 000 047	 407 000 047			
Total Liabilities and Surplus		127,296,247	\$ 127,296,247	<u>\$</u>		

EXHIBIT-B: Statement of Operating Results

For the Five-Year Period Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Underwriting Income					
Premiums Earned	\$ 23,387,843	\$ 22,917,080	\$ 23,160,396	\$ 22,329,418	\$ 21,703,061
Deductions					
Losses Incurred	11,134,973	10,150,618	9,697,875	10,417,176	12,543,729
Loss Adjustment Expenses Incurred	3,333,882	3,235,758	3,168,296	3,456,858	3,699,272
Other Underwriting Expenses Incurred	7,818,342	7,923,930	8,068,912	7,646,101	7,217,380
Total Deductions	22,287,197	21,310,306	20,935,083	21,520,135	23,460,381
Net Underwriting Gain	\$ 1,100,646	\$ 1,606,774	\$ 2,225,313	\$ 809,283	\$ (1,757,320)
Investment Income					
Net Investment Income Earned	2,499,648	2,582,055	2,487,832	2,296,789	1,987,458
Net Realized Capital Gains	1,021,515	52,079	188,817	1,343,830	163,878
Net Investment Gain	3,521,163	2,634,134	2,676,649	3,640,619	2,151,336
Other Income					
Net Loss from Premium Bal Charged Off	(57,324)	(145,294)	(104,063)	(32,632)	(76,859)
Finance and Service Charges	206,924	220,205	230,638	233,636	229,953
Agg Write-ins for Miscellaneous Income	12	114	6,344	3,018	723
Total Other Income	149,612	75,025	132,919	204,022	153,817
Net Income Before Fed Income Taxes	\$ 4,771,421	\$ 4,315,933	\$ 5,034,881	\$ 4,653,924	\$ 547,833
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes Incurred	683,068	621,297	1,177,771	531,563	(239,386)
Net Income	\$ 4,088,353	\$ 3,694,636	\$ 3,857,110	\$ 4,122,361	\$ 787,219

EXHIBIT-C: Surplus Account

For the Five-Year Period Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Surplus as Regards Policyholders December 31, Previous Year	\$ 68,671,793	\$ 63,815,561	\$ 57,277,606	\$ 55,723,816	\$ 54,131,758
Net Income	4,088,353	3,694,636	3,857,110	4,122,361	787,219
Other Surplus Adjustments					
Change in Net Unreal Cap Gains/(Losses)	3,814,235	1,765,035	2,710,665	(2,147,823)	1,583,976
Change in Net Deferred Income Tax	19,198	(176,751)	266,401	(59,187)	(713,725)
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	102	(80,029)	(9,568)	(16,061)	7,088
Change in Provision for Reinsurance	3,718	88,341	148,347	(273,000)	-
Dividends to Stockholders	(515,000)	(435,000)	(435,000)	(72,500)	(72,500)
Total Other Surplus Gains/(Losses)	\$ 3,322,253	\$ 1,161,596	\$ 2,680,845	\$ (2,568,571)	\$ 804,839
Change in Surplus as Regards Policyholders for the Year	7,410,606	4,856,232	6,537,955	1,553,790	1,592,058
Surplus as Regards Policyholders December 31, Current Year	\$ 76,082,399	\$ 68,671,793	\$ 63,815,561	\$ 57,277,606	\$ 55,723,816

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

At December 31, 2021 the Company reported a net liability for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses of \$36,158,780. A review by the NJDOBI Actuarial Unit indicated the reserves established by the Company were reasonably stated. Data supplied to the actuaries were tested for completeness and accuracy and reconciled to the Company's 2021 annual statement without material exception. Random samples of case reserves and loss payments were selected and verified to source documents.

Note 2 - Surplus as Regards Policyholders

Common Capital Stock

CIC's equity structure at year-end 2021 consisted of 400,000 authorized shares of common stock at a par value of \$10 per share, with 290,000 shares issued and outstanding for a total capital of \$2,900,000. The Company had no preferred stock authorized. The Company paid dividends in each year of the exam period, totaling \$1,530,000, which were approved by the Department.

Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus

No capital contributions were made during the examination period. The balance under this account has, therefore, remained unchanged since the last exam.

Unassigned Funds

Total Unassigned Funds, as per the current examination review, amounted to \$60,207,045, which is \$21,950,641 more than the balance reported in the last examination, reflecting an increase of 57.38%.

The cumulative changes in surplus and other funds during the five-year examination period are reflected and summarized below:

Policyholder Surplus, December 31, 2016		\$ 54,131,758
Net Cumulative Income		16,549,679
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains	7,726,088	
Change in Net Deferred Income Tax	(664,064)	
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(98,468)	
Change in Provision for Reinsurance	(32,594)	
Dividends to Stockholders	(1,530,000)	
Surplus Adjustments: Examination Change	-0-	
Net Adjustments During Five-Year Period		5,400,962
Policyholder Surplus, December 31, 2021		\$ 76,082,399

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:17-6, the Company meets the statutorily required minimum surplus benchmark of \$5,350,000, an excess of \$70,732,399 remaining in surplus.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Board Numerical Composition

The Company amended Article III Section 3.1 of its by-laws in June 2022 to change the maximum number of directors that could serve in the Board from 10 to 9 members.

Interest Rate Environment

The Federal Reserve ("Fed") increased rates by 25 basis points and set the federal funds target rate range between 4.75% and 5% following the second Federal Open Market Committee meeting of 2023 on March 21 and 22. Prior to the March increase, the Fed increased the rate by 25 basis points in February 2023 and 50 basis points in December 2022. Increases follow four consecutive increases of 75 basis points and increases of 50 basis points in May and 25 basis points in March 2022.

Market interest rates are a key driver of liquidity and capital positions, cash flows, results of operations and financial position. Changes in interest rates can affect the Company in several ways, including, but not limited to, favorable or adverse impacts to investment-related activity, including: investment income returns, the valuation of fixed income investments and derivative instruments, collateral posting requirements, hedging costs and other risk mitigation activities, customer account values and assets under management, insurance reserve levels, policyholder behavior, including surrender or withdrawal activity, etc. The Department is in regular communication with management and is closely monitoring the progress.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The full scope risk-focused examination of the Company did not yield any reportable recommendations.

CONCLUSION

The statutory condition examination was conducted by the undersigned with the assistance of the NJDOBI field and office staff.

The courteous cooperation and assistance extended during the course of this examination by the Officers of the Company and members of the office staff are hereby acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan P. Collado Examiner-In-Charge

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CFE Reviewer

NJ Department of Banking and Insurance

CUMBERLAND INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. EXAMINER-IN-CHARGE AFFIDAVIT

I, Juan P. Collado, Examiner-in-Charge, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:23-24 5.b., do solemnly swear that the foregoing report of examination is hereby represented to be a full and true statement of the condition and affairs of the subject insurer as of December 31, 2021, to the best of my information, knowledge and belief and that the examination was performed in a manner consistent with the standards and procedures required by the State of New Jersey as per N.J.S.A. 17:23-23 4.a.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan P. Collado

Insurance Examiner I

NJ Department of Banking and Insurance

State of New Jersey County of Mercer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26 day of May, 2023.

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Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

My commission expires: