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**METLIFE WELL POSITIONED FOR GROWTH AFTER US 'STRESS TEST'
Financial strength underpins ability to deliver credible guarantees**

MetLife Europe Limited (MetLife) has welcomed the results of the capital assessment exercise conducted under the US Treasury's Supervisory Capital Assessment Program announced last week.

Its parent company MetLife Inc, the largest life insurer in the US, has been informed by the Federal Reserve that based on its economic scenarios and methodology – the so-called stress tests – it has adequate capital to sustain a further deterioration in the economy.

MetLife believes the result reinforces its continuing ability to deliver strong and credible guarantees which are underpinned by the financial strength of its US parent company.

Dominic Grinstead, Strategic Development and Marketing Director of MetLife's UK Retirement & Savings business, said: "IFAs and clients need to know that unit-linked guarantees will deliver no matter what the market conditions are and we have always stressed the importance of financial strength.

"We are well positioned for growth and have the financial strength to deliver for clients and their advisers in the current markets and that remains the case if the economic situation deteriorates."

MetLife Inc said on April 13th it would not participate in the US Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program noting that it had already reinforced its strong financial position before the onset of recession and had completed a \$2.3 billion rights issue in October 2008.

MetLife was the only life insurer to take part in the stress tests due to its ownership of a federally chartered banking institution with more than \$100 billion in total assets.

MetLife Europe Limited is an affiliate of US-based MetLife, Inc. a leading global insurance and financial services organisation which counts the U.S.'s largest life insurer among its subsidiaries. The organisation is renowned for its stability, financial strength and security, and had over £358 billion of total assets at 31st December 2008.

Notes to Editors

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MetLife, Inc., through its affiliates, serves approximately 70 million customers in the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe. Affiliated companies, outside of the U.K., include the number one life insurer in the United States, with over 140 years of experience and relationships with over 90 of the top one hundred FORTUNE 500® companies. The MetLife companies offer life insurance, annuities, automobile and home insurance, retail banking and other financial services to individuals, as well as group insurance, reinsurance and retirement and savings products and services to corporations and other institutions.

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