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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2005

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Baarerstrasse 8
CH-6300 Zug
Switzerland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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Converium Holding Ltd, Zug

Zug, Switzerland - February 4, 2005 - Converium announces estimates of losses
from the South Asia tsunami and European winter storm Erwin as well as revised
estimates of losses from 2004 hurricanes and typhoons.

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Following a diligent review of loss reports so far, Converium expects pre-tax net losses from the devastating tsunami that hit South and South East Asia on December 26, 2004 of approximately US\$ 15 million. Expected losses are concentrated in property and non-life personal accident lines of business.

Severe winter storm Erwin that swept across Northern Europe from January 7 to January 9, 2005 is expected to result in pre-tax net losses for Converium of between US\$ 25 and 40 million which is reflective of the Company's market position in the region. Total estimated industry losses from Erwin range from US\$ 1.3 to 1.8 billion.

In addition, Converium has increased its estimate of expected net losses arising from third quarter Atlantic hurricane activity and Japan typhoons by US\$ 23 million and US\$ 13 million, respectively. Converium therefore expects total pre-tax net losses of US\$ 132 million related to these hurricanes and typhoons. The majority of the development for the hurricanes stems from Ivan, where total industry claims (including Caribbean losses) are now believed to reach US\$ 9 billion, up from earlier estimates of between US\$ 4 and 6 billion. This unusual string of natural catastrophes is, however, not expected to materially weaken Converium's strong capitalization.

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About Converium

Converium is an independent international multi-line reinsurer known for its innovation, professionalism and service. Today Converium employs more than 700 people in 20 offices around the globe and is organized into three business segments: Standard Property & Casualty Reinsurance, Specialty Lines and Life & Health Reinsurance. Converium has a "BBB+" rating (outlook stable) from Standard & Poor's and a "B++" rating (outlook stable) from A.M. Best Company.

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various factors. Such factors include general economic conditions, including in particular economic conditions; the frequency, severity and development of insured loss events arising out of catastrophes, as well as man-made disasters; the outcome of our regular quarterly reserve review, the ability to exclude and to reinsure the risk of loss from terrorism; fluctuations in interest rates; returns on and fluctuations in the value of fixed-income investments, equity investments and properties; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; rating agency actions; changes in laws and regulations and general competitive factors, and other risks and uncertainties, including those detailed in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the SWX Swiss Exchange. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG

By: /s/ Dirk Lohmann
Name: Dirk Lohmann
Title: CEO

By: /s/ Christian Felderer
Name: Christian Felderer
Title: General Legal Counsel

Date: February 8, 2005