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As consideration for the **Insured** paying the **Premium** stated in the **Schedule** to the **Insurer** and on the basis of the signed **Proposal** containing particulars and statements together with all other information submitted by the **Insured** to the **Insurer** all the terms of which shall be incorporated into this **Policy**

1. Insuring Clause

1. The **Insurer** agrees to indemnify the **Insured** up to but not exceeding the **Limit of Indemnity** in the annual aggregate stated in the **Schedule** in respect of a **Claim** first made against the **Insured** or a **Sub Contractor** and notified during the **Period of Insurance** arising out of :
 - a. unintentional breach of a written contract in the design, production or supply of **IT Products** or services, or the existence of any material defect in the **IT Products** or services provided by the **Insured**;
 - b. unintentional failure to meet any statutory term implied into a written contract as to quality fitness or safety of **IT Products** or services;
 - c. negligent act error or omission occurring in the provision of **IT Products** or services;
 - d. unintentional libel slander and/or defamation in connection with the provision or failure to provide **IT Products** or services;
 - e. unintentional breach of or misuse of confidentiality;
 - f. unintentional infringement of intellectual property rights except rights concerning patent
 - g. any other civil liability except liability for breach of contract beyond that set out here above.
2. The **Insurer** agrees
 - a. to indemnify **Defence Costs and Expenses** incurred by the **Insured** in connection with a **Claim** arising under Insuring Clauses 1a. to 1g. and
 - b. the Limit of Indemnity shall include Defence Costs and Expenses.
3. The **Insurer** agrees to indemnify the **Insured** up to but not exceeding the **Limit of Indemnity** in the annual aggregate stated in the **Schedule** for a **Claim** under the **Policy** where:
 - a. (i) a **Client** refuses to pay a contractual monetary amount for work done under a written contract, by the **Insured**, and has reasonable grounds for said refusal to pay; and
 - (ii) said **Client** threatens to bring a claim against the **Insured** for a sum greater than the said contractual monetary amount due to the **Insured** (or a **Sub Contractor** of the **Insured**);
and in addition
 - (iii) it is possible to settle the dispute with the **Client** if the **Insured** does not press for payment of the said contractual monetary amount due to the **Insured**; and therefore, in the sole opinion of the **Insurer**, a claim or counterclaim for an amount greater than the said contractual monetary amount in dispute will be thereby avoided.
- b. If a claim is still brought by the **Client** the above notwithstanding, the **Insurer** will be entitled to deal with said claim including being assigned any rights that the **Insured** has in

relation to the said contractual monetary amount and always provided that subsequent to payment by the **Insurer** of the contractual monetary amount, in any **Claim** paid under this **Policy** in respect of the above by the **Insurer**, the said contractual monetary amount will be deducted from the **Limit of Indemnity** in the annual aggregate otherwise applicable to such **Claim**.

4. The **Insurer** agrees to indemnify the **Insured** in respect of a **Claim** up to but not exceeding the **Limit of Indemnity** in the annual aggregate stated in the **Schedule** for loss and / or damage to **Documents/Data** provided said loss and / or damage is notified to the **Insurer** during the **Period of Insurance** and the consent of the **Insurer** is obtained for incurring the cost of replacing or restoring said **Document/Data** and subject to an **Excess** of £1,000 each and every **Claim** for said loss of and / or damage to **Documents/Data** except that the **Insurer** will not pay for any loss and / or damage brought about or contributed to by any dishonest or fraudulent acts of the **Insured**.
5. The **Insurer** agrees to indemnify the **Insured** in respect of a **Claim** up to but not exceeding the **Limit of Indemnity** in the annual aggregate stated in the **Schedule** for financial loss arising out of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission on the part of any **Employee** but said financial loss shall not include any consequential or trading loss whether financial or otherwise, or any business interruption loss whether financial or otherwise arising out of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission on the part of any **Employee**.

2. Limit of Indemnity, Excess and Defence Costs and Expenses

syndicate who for any reason has not satisfied all or part of its obligations hereunder.

- a. The **Limit of Indemnity** under this **Policy** in respect of any one **Claim** shall be the amount specified in the **Schedule** and
- b. **Defence Costs and Expenses** shall be payable in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity** always provided however
- c. that following the exhaustion of any applicable **Limit of Indemnity** by payment of any **Claim** (including but not limited to payment in full and final settlement of any **Claim**) the maximum amount of **Defence Costs and Expenses** in addition that the **Insurer** shall be liable to pay shall be limited to the proportion that the exhausted **Limit of Indemnity** bears to the total amount of the said **Claim**.
- d. The **Excess** shall be the amount specified in the **Schedule** and shall be applied to and paid first by the **Insured** to any **Claim** and the **Limit of Indemnity** shall be in addition to the **Excess**.
- e. For the purposes of this **Policy** and including the application of any **Excess** or **Limit of Indemnity** as above, any **Interrelated Claims** made against the **Insured** and notified to the **Insurer** within the **Period of Insurance** shall be deemed to be one **Claim**, first made and notified to the **Insurer** on the date on which the earliest notification of the **Interrelated Claims** was made and the **Excess** and **Limit of Indemnity** provisions of this **Policy** as outlined above shall operate accordingly.
- f. The obligations of each insurer and Lloyd's syndicate (including the underwriters thereof) subscribing to this **Policy** shall be several and not joint and shall be solely to the extent of that insurer or syndicate individual subscription. No insurer or syndicate shall be responsible for the subscription of any other such insurer or

3A. Exclusions Specific to this Policy

The **Insurer** shall not be liable to indemnify or make any payment under this **Policy** for any **Claim** directly or indirectly based on or arising out of or in any way involving :

1. Joint Ventures

Any **Joint Venture** except that this exclusion shall not apply to any **Claim** made against the **Insured** which emanates solely from a third party unconnected with said **Joint Venture** and arising out of the provision of negligent advice, design, specification, formulae, or the provision of or failure to provide **IT Products** or services by the **Insured** and as per Insuring Clause 1 a. to g.

2. Contract or Contract Terms Imposing Greater Liability or Obligations

Any liability assumed by the **Insured** pursuant to a contract or any contract term for the provision of **IT Products** or services, to the extent that said contract or contract term imposes any greater liability or obligation on the **Insured**, or said liability or obligation is beyond the obligations of reasonable skill and care, or impose a greater financial liability or obligation for any **Claim** covered under this **Policy** than would otherwise be the case in law.

3. Patent Infringement

Any infringement or any allegation of infringement of any patent or any right that is analogous to such patent right.

4. Inadequate Resourcing

Any failure by the **Insured** to take reasonable steps to resource itself adequately to meet any contractual obligation.

5. Third Party Inherent Defect or Failure

Any inherent defect in **IT Products** supplied by a third party or the failure of a third party to supply **IT Products** to a

Client of the **Insured** except this exclusion shall not apply if in the sole opinion of the **Insurer**, legal recovery could be made by the **Insured** or on behalf on the **Insured** of the amount of any payment that may be made under this **Policy** for the said inherent defect in **IT Products**.

6. Virus

Any **Claim** or liability from any **Virus**.

7. Product Recall

Any liability and / or any costs of product recall or withdrawal, inspection, repair, modification or replacement of **IT Products** or of any property of which **IT Products** forms a part except this exclusion shall not apply if in the sole opinion of the **Insurer**, legal recovery could be made by the **Insured** or on behalf of the **Insured** of the amount of any payment that may be made under this **Policy** for the said product recall or withdrawal, inspection, repair, modification or replacement of **IT Products**.

8. Copyright, Designs and Patent Act 1988

Any additional damages that may be awarded as per section 97 (2) of the Copyright, Designs and Patent Act 1988.

3B. General Exclusion

The **Insurer** shall not be liable to indemnify or make any payment under this **Policy** for any **Claim** directly or indirectly based on or arising out of or in any way involving:

1. Bodily Injury

Bodily injury, sickness, disease, emotional distress, mental anguish mental stress or the death of any person unless arising out of the provision of negligent advice, design, specification, formulae, or the provision of or failure to provide **IT Products** or services by the **Insured** and as per Insuring Clause 1 a. to g.

2. Property Damage

Damage to or destruction of any **Property** including loss of use unless arising out of the the provision of negligent advice, design, specification, formulae or the provision of or failure to provide **IT Products** or services by the **Insured** as per Insuring Clause 1 4. and 5.

3. Obligations to Employees

Any breach of any obligation owed by the **Insured** as an employer to any **Employee** or any applicant for employment.

4. Prior Knowledge

Any **Circumstance** which was known to the **Insured** prior to the inception of this **Policy** and which the **Insured** at such time knew or should reasonably have known might give rise to a **Claim** against the **Insured**.

5. Pollution

Any pollution, seepage, discharge or contamination of any kind including noise electromagnetic fields radiation and radio waves or ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive

nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

6. Claims by Insured

Any **Claim** brought by or on behalf of any **Insured**, or any parent or subsidiary company of the **Insured** named in the **Schedule**, or any person or entity having a financial, executive or controlling interest in such **Insured**, or any entity where the **Insured** has accepted any financial interest, in place of fees otherwise incurred unless any such **Claim** is brought directly against the **Insured** by a third party independent of any other **Insured**.

7. Other Insurance

Any loss or any indemnity sought under this **Policy** resulting from any **Claim**, insured under any other insurance, then this **Policy** shall apply only as excess over any other valid and collectible insurance unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the **Limit of Indemnity** provided by this **Policy**. Further this **Policy** shall be specifically be excess of any other valid and collectible insurance pursuant to which any other **Insurer** has a duty to defend any **Claim** or part of any **Claim** for which this **Policy** may be obligated to pay any indemnity.

8. War and Insurrection:

- a. War (whether declared or not) invasion, acts of a foreign enemy, hostilities, or any similar act, condition or warlike operation, warlike action by a regular or irregular military force or civilian agents, or any action taken by any government, sovereign or other authority to hinder or defend against an actual or expected attack;
- b. Insurrection, rebellion, revolution, riot, attempt to usurp power, popular uprising, or any action taken by any governmental or martial authority in hindering or defending against any of these;

- c. Discharge, explosion, or use of a weapon of mass destruction, whether or not employing nuclear fission or fusion, or chemical, biological, radioactive or similar agents, by any party at any time for any reason;
- d. **Terrorist Action** (regardless of any other cause or event contributing or in any other sequence to the liability) or any action taken in controlling, preventing, or suppressing **Terrorist Action**.

9. Retroactive Date

Any act error or omission committed prior to the Retroactive Date as specified in the **Schedule**.

10. Status as Director/Member

Any liability as a **Director, Member**, officer and/or trustee.

11. Use of Aircraft/Watercraft/Motor Vehicles

Ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the **Insured** of any aircraft, watercraft, hovercraft, motor vehicle, trailer, or other means of transport, or any buildings, structures, premises or land (or that part thereof leased, occupied or rented) by the **Insured** or any **Property** (mobile or immobile) of the **Insured** or in which the **Insured** has an interest .

12. Bankruptcy

Any insolvency or bankruptcy of the **Insured** or the insolvency or bankruptcy of any **Partner , Principal** or **Director** of the **Insured**.

13. Trading/Investment Losses

- a. Any trading losses or trading liabilities of the **Insured** including but not limited to any loss of or shortfall in a **Client** account; and /or
- b. the depreciation, failure to appreciate or loss of any investments and/or **Property** for investment purposes

when such depreciation, failure to appreciate or loss is a result of normal or abnormal fluctuations in any financial, stock or commodity or other markets which are outside the influence or control of the **Insured**.

14. Asbestos and Silica

Any manufacture, mining, processing, distribution, testing, remediation, removal, storage, disposal, sale, use of or exposure to asbestos and / or silica, materials or products containing asbestos and / or silica, whether or not there is another cause of loss which may have contributed directly, concurrently or in any sequence to that loss, injury, damage, cost or expense.

15. Malicious Statements

Any **Claim** under Insuring Clause 1 d. for libel slander or any defamation involving

- a. statements published by the **Insured** with no honest belief in their truth; or
- b. malice on the part of the **Insured** which deprives the **Insured** of the benefit of a defence to a **Claim**.

16. Agreement to Finance

Any agreement to provide or introduce finance.

17. Failure to Maintain Insurance

Any alleged failure on the part of the **Insured** to maintain or advise upon insurance cover.

18. Product Liability from Goods, Products or Services

Any product liability from the supply, manufacture, sale, installation, repair, alteration or maintenance of goods, products or services by or on behalf of the **Insured** other than IT Products or services and except as otherwise covered under this **Policy**.

4. Definitions

1. Circumstance

means any circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim** against the **Insured** or any circumstance which the **Insured** becomes aware of or should reasonably have become aware of which may give rise to a **Claim** against the **Insured**.

2. Claim

means any demand made on or assertion of any right by a third party against the **Insured** for compensation for financial loss and shall include a **Claim** for damages if otherwise covered by the **Policy** and refusal of a customer or **Client** of the **Insured** to pay a contractual monetary amount to the **Insured** as per Insuring Clause 1 A 3. **Claim** shall not include financial or any other loss incurred as a result of any criminal proceedings or any disciplinary investigations or proceedings, fines, prosecution costs, penalties, forfeitures or any penal, punitive, exemplary, multiplied, additional or aggravated damages .

3. Client

means any person firm or corporation with whom or which the **Insured** has a written Contract for the provision of **IT Products** or services

4. Defence Costs and Expenses

means legal fees and legal expenses incurred in the investigation and/or defence of any **Claim** or **Circumstance** by or on behalf of the **Insured** with the prior written consent of the **Insurer**. It shall not include any other costs, expenses, salaries and / or business expenses of the **Insured**.

5. Director

means a **Director** of the **Insured** where the **Insured** is a limited company

incorporated under the Companies Acts 1948 to 2006.

6. Document/Data

means any document, digital data, microcode or information used in the provision of **IT Products** or services by the **Insured** whether kept in paper (excluding stamps, currency, coins, bank notes and bullion, travellers cheques, cheques, postal orders, money orders, securities and the like), or stored magnetically or in electronic form, on a hard drive or portable media, belonging to the **Insured** or for which the **Insured** is legally responsible, whilst in the custody of the **Insured**, or in the custody of any person other than the owner to or with whom they have been entrusted, lodged or deposited by the **Insured** in the ordinary course of the provision of **IT Products** or services and which have been unintentionally destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid (and which after diligent search cannot be found).

7. Employee

shall mean any natural person, other than a **Partner, Principal, Member** or **Director** of the **Insured** named in the **Schedule**, who is / was under a contract of service or apprenticeship, supplied to, hired, or borrowed by such **Insured**, or under any work experience or similar scheme, whilst employed or engaged by and under the control and / or direction of any **Insured** in connection with the provision of **IT Products** or services.

8. Excess

means the amount stated in the **Schedule** which shall be applied first to any **Claim** and paid first by the **Insured**.

9. Insured

means the entity named in the **Schedule** or any former entity if declared in the **Proposal** supplied to the **Insurer** and with respect to any **Claim**, the **Principal**,

Members, Partners, Directors and Employees of that entity or said former entity.

10. Insurer

means CNA Insurance Company Limited and any other insurance companies and/or Lloyd's syndicates subscribing to this **Policy** .

11. Interrelated Claims

means any **Claim** based on any acts, errors and omissions that have a common cause or origin and / or are connected by reason of any common fact, **Circumstance**, situation, transaction or event.

12. IT Products

means products or goods such as software, hardware, peripherals, associated network cabling, electronic equipment, or firmware provided by the **Insured** used for or in connection with the electronic storage, retrieval, processing or transmission of information or data.

13. Joint Venture

means either a partnership recognised by law or other arrangement whether recorded in writing or not and regardless of what name is given to the arrangement whereby the **Insured** shares profits and/or fees and/or costs and/or losses with any other party.

14. Limit of Indemnity

means the sum specified in the **Schedule**.

15. Member

means a **Member** of the **Insured** where the **Insured** is a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000.

16. Partner

means a partner of the **Insured** where the **Insured** is a partnership formed under the Partnership Act 1890.

17. Period of Insurance

means the period stated in the **Schedule**.

18. Policy

means this document, the **Schedule** and any endorsements thereon.

19. Premium

means the amount stated in the **Schedule**.

20. Principal

means the **Principal** of the **Insured** where the **Insured** is a sole practitioner.

21. Property

means:

- a. Currency, coins and bank notes in current use and having a face value;
- b. Travellers cheques, register cheques and money orders held for sale to the public;
- c. negotiable and non-negotiable instruments or contracts representing either money or other **Property** including tokens, tickets, revenue and other stamps (whether represented by actual stamps or unused value in a meter) in current use;
- d. Evidences of debt issued in connection with credit or charge cards, which cards are not issued by the **Insured**; and / or
- e. any tangible property that has intrinsic value.

22. Property Damage

means damage to or loss or destruction of **Property** or loss of use thereof.

23. Proposal

means the written **Proposal** bearing the date stated in the **Schedule** and containing particulars and statements together with any other information supplied to the **Insurer**.

24. Schedule

means the **Schedule** attached to this **Policy** and for the time being in force on this **Policy**.

25. Source Code Material

means the source code and object code of any software owned by the **Insured** or under absolute control of the **Insured** and comprised within the **IT Products** or services together with encryption keys, locks, or passwords or any other documentation relating to such software which is or may be required for the understanding, maintaining, modifying or correcting of the software.

26. Sub Contractor

means a person or entity contracted to provide **IT Products** or services to the **Insured** or to a **Client** of the **Insured** pursuant to a contract between the **Insured** and the **Sub Contractor**.

27. Territory

means the territories stated in the **Schedule** attached to this **Policy**

28. Terrorist Action

means any actual or threatened:

1. action falling within Section 1 subsection (2) of the Terrorism Act 2006 or as amended by subsequent legislation; or
2. use of force or violence against persons or **Property**; or

3. commission of an act dangerous to human life or **Property**; or

4. commission of an act that interferes with or disrupts an electronic or communications system including a denial of service attack or action

undertaken by any person or group, whether or not acting on behalf of or in connection with any organisation, government, power, authority or military force, when any of the following applies:

- a. the reasonably apparent intent or effect is to intimidate or coerce a government or business, or to disrupt any segment of the economy; or
- b. the reasonably apparent intent or effect is to cause alarm, fright, fear of danger, or apprehension of public safety in one or more distinct segments of the general public, or to intimidate or coerce one or more such segments; or
- c. the reasonably apparent intent or effect is to further political, ideological, religious or cultural objectives, or to express support for (or opposition to) a philosophy, ideology, religion or culture.

29. Virus

means any unauthorised executable code that replicates itself through a computer system or network whether termed a **Virus**, logic bomb, worm, Trojan horse or known by any other name intended to corrupt manipulate or erase computer records or damage computer hardware .

5. Conditions Precedent

The following shall be conditions precedent to liability of the **Insurer** under this **Policy** namely that

1. Notification of Claim

The **Insured** shall give the **Insurer** notice in writing within 14 working days of receipt by the **Insured** of any notice or intention to assert a **Claim** within 14 working days of the discovery, receipt or allegation of any **Claim** and the **Insured** shall within 14 working days forward all letters written pursuant to any pre-litigation protocol, Claim Forms and court proceedings to the **Insurer** and provide full details concerning any **Claim**. The **Insured** must provide such cooperation and assistance as the **Insurer** and its representatives, legal advisers or agents may reasonably require. The insurance agent or broker of the **Insured** is not the agent of the **Insurer** for the purposes of receipt of notification as above;

2. Subrogation

The **Insured** shall provide such assistance as the **Insurer** may reasonably require in any subrogation proceedings and shall take all steps necessary to preserve the rights of subrogation of the **Insurer** and in particular the **Insured** shall not enter into any arrangement or agreement contractual or otherwise limiting or restricting in any way any rights of recovery of the **Insurer** .

The **Insurer** shall be subrogated to all rights of recovery of the **Insured** against any third party, whether before or after any indemnity is given under this **Policy**, provided always that the **Insurer** shall not exercise any such rights against any **Employee** unless the loss in respect of which indemnity is provided under this **Policy** was caused or contributed to by any fraudulent, dishonest or malicious act or omission by the **Employee**;

3. Source Code Material to be Available

In the event of a **Claim** the **Insured** shall ensure that a current and accurate copy of the **Source Code Material** is available to be provided to the **Insurer** for the sole purpose of mitigating or determining any **Claim** for loss or liability otherwise covered under this **Policy**;

4. Deletion of Defamatory Material

Any complaint received that there is defamatory material which is or has been publicised, hosted transmitted or developed and said defamatory material arises from the provision by the **Insured** of **IT Products** or services which otherwise may give rise to a **Claim** under this **Policy** shall be deleted by the **Insured** or the **Insured** shall arrange as soon as reasonably possible for deletion of such defamatory material;

5. Correction of Problem caused by IT Product and / or Services

Notification of a **Claim** or **Circumstance** by the **Insured** to the **Insurer** which may or may not be otherwise covered under this **Policy** shall not affect or alter any continuing obligation on the **Insured** to take all reasonable steps to correct any problem caused by **IT Products** and / or services and giving rise to said **Claim** or **Circumstance** as notified.

The **Premium** for this **Policy** has been rated on the basis that the **Insured** shall comply with these conditions precedent such that the entitlement of the **Insured** to any indemnity under this **Policy** in respect of any **Claim** in which there is any breach of any condition precedent shall then be forfeit.

6. General Terms and Conditions

1. Circumstances which may give rise to a Claim

If during the **Period of Insurance** the **Insured** becomes aware of any **Circumstance** which may give rise to a **Claim** for indemnity under this **Policy** and during the **Period of Insurance** the **Insured** gives written notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the **Insurer** in connection with said **Circumstance** and containing the following details :

- a. the names of any potential **Claimants** and a description of the specific act, error or omission which forms the basis of the Circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim**;
- b. the identity of the specific **Insured** allegedly responsible for such specific act, error or omission;
- c. the consequences that have resulted or may result from such specific act, error or omission;
- d. the nature of any monetary damages or non-monetary relief which may be sought in consequence of such specific act, error or omission; and
- e. the circumstances in which **Insured** first became aware of such **Circumstance** based on the specific act, error or omission

then any **Claim** subsequently made on this **Policy** arising out of or in any way connected to said **Circumstance** shall be deemed to have been first made and reported to the **Insurer** by the **Insured** at the earliest time such written notice containing the details outlined above is received by the **Insurer**.

2. Investigation, Defence and Settlement

The **Insurer** shall be entitled but not obliged to take over the conduct of any investigation, defence and settlement of any **Claim** or Circumstance. The **Insurer** shall have full discretion in the handling

thereof provided always that the **Insured** shall not be obliged to defend any proceedings unless Queen's Counsel (to be mutually decided upon by the **Insurer** and the **Insured**) shall advise that such proceedings should be contested.

3. No Settlement without Consent of Insurer

The **Insured** shall not, without the prior written consent of the **Insurer**, admit liability, compromise, settle, or make any offer or payment in respect of any **Claim** or any Circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim**.

4. Payment in full of Limit of Indemnity

The **Insurer** shall have the right to pay to the **Insured** the **Limit of Indemnity** in full and final settlement of any **Claim** made under this **Policy** and in full and final settlement of any obligation on the **Insurer** to indemnify the **Insured** in respect of said **Claim**.

5. Assistance

The **Insured** shall give all such reasonable assistance as the **Insurer** may reasonably require in relation to any matters with which the **Insurer** is involved in the name of and on behalf of the **Insured** including any challenge, appeal, amendment of any decision, direction, award or the exercise of any power of an adjudicator or to stay enforcement of any decision, direction, award or exercise of any power by an adjudicator.

6. Fraudulent Claims

If the **Insured** makes any **Claim** for an indemnity under this **Policy** (or has made such a **Claim** under any previous **Policy**) which the **Insured** knows or ought to know is false or fraudulent in any way, this **Policy** shall be effectively cancelled *ab initio* and all entitlement of the **Insured** under this **Policy** shall be forfeited.

7. No Rights to Third Parties under Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to this **Policy** has no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this **Policy** .

8. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This **Policy** shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales and the parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

9. Voiding of Policy

If the **Insurer** is entitled, for any reason, to avoid this **Policy** *ab initio*, the **Insurer** may at its absolute discretion elect instead to give notice to the **Insured** that the **Policy** is to be regarded as being in full force and effect, except that no indemnity will be given under this **Policy** for any **Claim** that arises from or is related to any matter that entitled the **Insurer** to avoid this **Policy** .

10. Termination of Policy for Specified Events

This **Policy** will immediately and automatically be terminated in the event of any of the following:

- a. the presentation of a petition seeking the appointment of a receiver or the making of a winding up order or the appointment of an administrator over the **Insured** or the making of any court order to that effect;
- b. the passing of a resolution for the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or on the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator over any of the **Insured's** assets;
- c. the suspension by the **Insured** of payment of its debts or the entering into a voluntary arrangement or other scheme of composition with its creditors by the **Insured**;

or any equivalent court application, order, appointment or arrangement in any jurisdiction in which the **Insured** may be domiciled.

11. Effect of Insured Breach

If the **Insured** breaches any condition or term of the **Policy** other than a condition precedent, the **Insurer** shall be entitled to reduce any indemnity otherwise to be afforded to the **Insured** and the said reduction shall be to the extent to which the conduct of the **Insured** has prejudiced the position of the **Insurer** (which may result in no indemnity being afforded to the **Insured**) all in the sole judgement of and at the reasonable discretion of the **Insurer**.

12. Cancellation of Policy

The **Insurer** or the **Insured** named in the **Schedule** shall be entitled on giving 28 days notice in writing to cancel the **Policy** . Following cancellation the **Insurer** shall refund to such **Insured** the **Premium** less the proportionate share due to the **Insurer** calculated on the basis of the length of time the **Insurer** has been on risk, together with an administration fee equivalent to one twelfth of the gross **Premium** .

13. Dispute between Insurer and Insured

In the event of a dispute between the **Insurer** and the **Insured** arising out of or in connection with this **Policy** including formation and validity, such dispute shall be referred to a mediator to be agreed by the parties within 14 working days of any dispute arising under the **Policy** . Failing agreement on said mediator then either party may apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") or its successor for the appointment of a mediator which shall be final and binding on both parties

If any such dispute is not resolved by mediation or the parties cannot agree upon the appointment of a mediator or the form that the mediation shall take, such

dispute(s) shall be referred by either party to be determined by a sole arbitrator to be appointed in default of agreement between the parties by the President of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force whose determination shall be made as an arbitrator and be final and binding upon the parties.

14. Words in Singular/Plural and Headings

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and references to persons include bodies corporate or unincorporated. Words importing any gender shall include both genders. The descriptions in the headings of this **Policy** are solely for convenience, and do not form part of the terms and conditions of coverage.

15. References to Statutes

References to statutes or statutory provisions and / orders or regulations made hereunder include that statute, provision, order or regulation as amended, modified, re-enacted, or replaced from time to time whether before or after the date hereof and to any previous statute, statutory provision, order or regulation amended, modified, re-enacted or replaced by such statute, statutory provision, order or regulation, and any subordinate legislation made under such provisions.

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Coverage shall apply to any **Claim** made against the **Insured** in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world except for:

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The estates, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, spouse and partner (including civil partner) of an **Insured** shall be considered an **Insured** under this **Policy** solely for loss arising from a **Claim** out of their said status, and in the case of a spouse or partner where such **Claim** seeks loss from marital community property, jointly held property or property transferred from the such **Insured** to the spouse or partner. No coverage under this **Policy** is provided for any act, error or omission of an estate, heir, legal representative, assign, spouse or partner . All terms and conditions of this **Policy** shall also apply to loss incurred by such estates, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, spouse and partner .

6. General Terms and Conditions

1. Circumstances which may give rise to a Claim

If during the **Period of Insurance** the **Insured** becomes aware of any **Circumstance** which may give rise to a **Claim** for indemnity under this **Policy** and during the **Period of Insurance** the **Insured** gives written notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the **Insurer** in connection with said **Circumstance** and containing the following details :

- a. the names of any potential **Claimants** and a description of the specific act, error or omission which forms the basis of the Circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim**;
- b. the identity of the specific **Insured** allegedly responsible for such specific act, error or omission;
- c. the consequences that have resulted or may result from such specific act, error or omission;
- d. the nature of any monetary damages or non-monetary relief which may be sought in consequence of such specific act, error or omission; and
- e. the circumstances in which **Insured** first became aware of such **Circumstance** based on the specific act, error or omission

then any **Claim** subsequently made on this **Policy** arising out of or in any way connected to said **Circumstance** shall be deemed to have been first made and reported to the **Insurer** by the **Insured** at the earliest time such written notice containing the details outlined above is received by the **Insurer**.

2. Investigation, Defence and Settlement

The **Insurer** shall be entitled but not obliged to take over the conduct of any investigation, defence and settlement of any **Claim** or Circumstance. The **Insurer** shall have full discretion in the handling

thereof provided always that the **Insured** shall not be obliged to defend any proceedings unless Queen's Counsel (to be mutually decided upon by the **Insurer** and the **Insured**) shall advise that such proceedings should be contested.

3. No Settlement without Consent of Insurer

The **Insured** shall not, without the prior written consent of the **Insurer**, admit liability, compromise, settle, or make any offer or payment in respect of any **Claim** or any Circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim**.

4. Payment in full of Limit of Indemnity

The **Insurer** shall have the right to pay to the **Insured** the **Limit of Indemnity** in full and final settlement of any **Claim** made under this **Policy** and in full and final settlement of any obligation on the **Insurer** to indemnify the **Insured** in respect of said **Claim**.

5. Assistance

The **Insured** shall give all such reasonable assistance as the **Insurer** may reasonably require in relation to any matters with which the **Insurer** is involved in the name of and on behalf of the **Insured** including any challenge, appeal, amendment of any decision, direction, award or the exercise of any power of an adjudicator or to stay enforcement of any decision, direction, award or exercise of any power by an adjudicator.

6. Fraudulent Claims

If the **Insured** makes any **Claim** for an indemnity under this **Policy** (or has made such a **Claim** under any previous **Policy**) which the **Insured** knows or ought to know is false or fraudulent in any way, this **Policy** shall be effectively cancelled *ab initio* and all entitlement of the **Insured** under this **Policy** shall be forfeited.

7. No Rights to Third Parties under Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to this **Policy** has no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this **Policy** .

8. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This **Policy** shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales and the parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

9. Voiding of Policy

If the **Insurer** is entitled, for any reason, to avoid this **Policy** *ab initio*, the **Insurer** may at its absolute discretion elect instead to give notice to the **Insured** that the **Policy** is to be regarded as being in full force and effect, except that no indemnity will be given under this **Policy** for any **Claim** that arises from or is related to any matter that entitled the **Insurer** to avoid this **Policy** .

10. Termination of Policy for Specified Events

This **Policy** will immediately and automatically be terminated in the event of any of the following:

- a. the presentation of a petition seeking the appointment of a receiver or the making of a winding up order or the appointment of an administrator over the **Insured** or the making of any court order to that effect;
- b. the passing of a resolution for the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or on the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator over any of the **Insured's** assets;
- c. the suspension by the **Insured** of payment of its debts or the entering into a voluntary arrangement or other scheme of composition with its creditors by the **Insured**;

or any equivalent court application, order, appointment or arrangement in any jurisdiction in which the **Insured** may be domiciled.

11. Effect of Insured Breach

If the **Insured** breaches any condition or term of the **Policy** other than a condition precedent, the **Insurer** shall be entitled to reduce any indemnity otherwise to be afforded to the **Insured** and the said reduction shall be to the extent to which the conduct of the **Insured** has prejudiced the position of the **Insurer** (which may result in no indemnity being afforded to the **Insured**) all in the sole judgement of and at the reasonable discretion of the **Insurer**.

12. Cancellation of Policy

The **Insurer** or the **Insured** named in the **Schedule** shall be entitled on giving 28 days notice in writing to cancel the **Policy** . Following cancellation the **Insurer** shall refund to such **Insured** the **Premium** less the proportionate share due to the **Insurer** calculated on the basis of the length of time the **Insurer** has been on risk, together with an administration fee equivalent to one twelfth of the gross **Premium** .

13. Dispute between Insurer and Insured

In the event of a dispute between the **Insurer** and the **Insured** arising out of or in connection with this **Policy** including formation and validity, such dispute shall be referred to a mediator to be agreed by the parties within 14 working days of any dispute arising under the **Policy** . Failing agreement on said mediator then either party may apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") or its successor for the appointment of a mediator which shall be final and binding on both parties

If any such dispute is not resolved by mediation or the parties cannot agree upon the appointment of a mediator or the form that the mediation shall take, such

dispute(s) shall be referred by either party to be determined by a sole arbitrator to be appointed in default of agreement between the parties by the President of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force whose determination shall be made as an arbitrator and be final and binding upon the parties.

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Disputes and Complaints

It is our intention to provide you with a first class service. However there may be occasions when you feel that this objective has not been achieved. If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the service that you receive, please contact your usual insurance advisor or:

The Claim Manager
CNA Insurance Company Limited
International House, 1 St Katharine's Way
London E1W 1UN

Please provide the following information with your complaint:

1. Quote the policy and/or claim number
2. Identify the name of any claims handling organisation with whom you have been dealing and their reference number
3. State the nature of your complaint

You will receive an acknowledgement within 5 working days of receipt of your complaint together with a detailed timetable of the actions we will take to investigate/handle your complaint.

If after taking this action you are dissatisfied with our response please write to:

Chief Executive Officer
CNA Insurance Company Limited
International House, 1 St Katharine's Way
London E1W 1UN

If the matter is not resolved to your satisfaction you may request assistance from:

The Consumer Information Department
The Association of British Insurers
51 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7HQ
Telephone No. +44 (0)20 7600 3333
Facsimile No. +44 (0)20 7696 8999
Email address info@abu.org.uk
CNA Insurance Company Limited is a member of the ABI.

Alternatively you may seek assistance from:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza
183 Marsh Wall
London E14 9SR

Telephone No. 0845 080 1800
Email address enquiries@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service will become involved if you are an eligible complainant as defined by the rules of the Financial Services Authority.

The existence of this complaints procedure does not affect any right of legal action you may have against CNA Insurance Company Limited.



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