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Insurance Documents



NOTICE TO INSURED

Please check this documentation carefully and ensure that it is accurate and meets your needs. If there is any error, or anything that you do not understand, please contact your broker straightaway.

ALL insurances contain conditions and exclusions; some contain warranties (which if they are breached may well void the insurance completely). It is vital that you are familiar with the obligations imposed upon you by the terms of this policy and the limitations of its scope. Your broker will be happy to discuss these with you.

YOUR cover might need amending if there are any changes to your business – you should inform your broker immediately. Failure to do this could lead to an uninsured loss.

COMPLAINTS

WE recognise the importance of service and set ourselves high standards. If we have not met your expectations then we would like to know. This helps us to improve and to try to resolve the problem. If you have a complaint:

- 1. In the first instance, speak to the person who arranged the policy for you.
- 2. If you remain unhappy, then our Compliance Officer will be pleased to investigate your complaint.

Please write, telephone or fax:

The Compliance Officer
Manchester Underwriting Management Ltd
Link House
St. Mary's Way
Chesham
Buckinghamshire
HP5 1HR

3. If your complaint cannot be satisfactorily resolved with Manchester Underwriting Management Ltd, you should contact:

Policyholder and Market Assistance Lloyd's One Lime Street London EC3M 7HA



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SCHEDULE

Certificate No: PI15L114684

Wording: MUM Arch Eng 01 14 AOC Date: 18/12/2015

Insured: Alterego Construction & Interiors (Consultancy) Ltd

Business: Project management

Period of Insurance: From 19/12/2015

To 18/12/2016 both dates inclusive.

Indemnity Limit: GBP 3,000,000 Any one claim defence costs in addition

Excess: GBP 1,000 Each and every claim does not apply to

defence costs and expenses

Additional Conditions: Retroactive Date: 16/12/2009

Geographical Limit: Worldwide excluding USA / Canada Jurisdiction: Worldwide excluding USA / Canada

PI179 Complaints Procedure PI011 Premium Payment Clause

Premium: GBP 2,500.00 plus 9.50% Insurance Premium Tax

In accordance with the authorisation granted under Contract Number B1196P159996 to the undersigned and in consideration of the payment of the premium specified herein, the said Insurers are hereby bound to insure in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon.

In Witness whereof this Certificate has been signed by

MANCHESTER UNDERWRITING MANAGEMENT LIMITED.

Schedule of Insurers Percentage

Lloyd's Syndicate 2001 100.000%

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY CERTIFICATE

We have agreed to provide this insurance to You on the basis that the information provided in the Proposal was accurate and complete as at the date of commencement of the Period of Insurance. The Proposal shall be the basis of and incorporated into this contract of insurance.

In this Certificate:

- words and expressions appearing in bold type shall bear the meanings given against the word or expression in the section of this Certificate headed 'Definitions'.
- headings are for ease of reference only and shall not be taken into account in construing this Certificate.

INSURING CLAUSES

In return for Your payment of the premium, We shall indemnify You as follows:

1 Civil liability

for any amount up to the **Limit of Liability** in respect of **Loss** arising from a claim for any civil liability first made against **You** during the **Period of Insurance** and arising from the ordinary conduct of **Your Professional Business**.

2 Ombudsman awards

for any final and binding compensatory awards (including an award of costs) made against **You** up to the limit of £250,000 in the aggregate by any ombudsman under any recognised scheme applicable to **Your Professional Business** and which arise out of claims first made against you during the **Period of Insurance**.

3 Representation costs

for any amount up to the **Limit of Liability** in respect of any legal costs incurred with **Our** prior consent to enable **You** to be represented at any inquiry or other type of proceeding when the outcome of that inquiry or proceeding may, in **Our** sole opinion, be relevant to a claim in respect of which **You** may be entitled to an indemnity under this Certificate.

4 Defence costs and expenses

in addition to the **Limit of Liability**, **We** shall pay all **Defence costs and expenses**. However, in the event that:

- 4.1 the amount of any **Loss** paid or payable exceeds the **Limit of Liability**, **Our** liability to pay **Defence costs and expenses** shall not exceed the proportion that the **Limit of Liability** bears to the amount of **Loss** paid or payable;
- 4.2 **We** decide to make a payment to **You** pursuant to Claims Condition 5 below then **We** will have no further obligation to pay any **Defence costs and expenses** on **Your** behalf after the date upon which the payment is made.

5 Copyright infringement costs

for any amount up to £25,000 in the aggregate during the **Period of Insurance** for any legal costs incurred with **Our** prior written consent to enable **You** to pursue any claim for infringement of **Your** copyright first discovered and notified to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance**. **Our** consent will only be provided, for the purpose of this insuring clause, following receipt of an opinion from a barrister or solicitor specialising in copyright law and which confirms that **You** have a better than 50% prospect of success.

6 Attendance expenses

in the event that **We** require **You** or any **Employee** to attend any court or other judicial tribunal we shall pay **You** compensation at the following rates:

£500 per day for any current partner, member or director of **Your** firm £250 per day for any other current **Employee**.

7 Defence of criminal proceedings

for any amount up to £250,000 in the aggregate during the **Period of Insurance** for legal costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior consent in the defence of any criminal proceedings first brought against **You** during the **Period of Insurance** under any prevailing listed building, building regulation or health and safety legislation or regulation provided always that:

- 7.1 the alleged act, error or omission giving rise to the proceedings was committed by You in the ordinary conduct of Your Professional Business; and
- 7.2 **We** shall be entitled, but are not obliged, to appoint solicitors and counsel to act on **Your** behalf; and
- 7.3 **We** shall have no liability to pay any legal costs and expenses in relation to any alleged offence after
 - 7.3.1 You plead guilty or a finding of guilt is made against You; or
 - 7.3.2 Counsel representing **You** has advised that **You** have no reasonable prospects of successfully defending the proceedings

except for legal costs and expenses incurred solely for the purpose of making a plea in mitigation before sentencing or legal costs and expenses incurred in making an appeal if Counsel shall advise that the prospects of a successful appeal following a finding of guilt are reasonable.

For the avoidance of doubt **We** shall have no liability to indemnify **You** against any fine or penalty imposed upon **You** or any award of legal costs that is made against **You** as a result of such proceedings.

Provided always that, in the event that a single claim or a series of claims arising out or in connection with of one originating cause or source should result in **Your** seeking an indemnity from **Us** under more than one of the insuring clauses in this Certificate then in the event that **We** have already paid the full amount of the **Limit of Liability We** shall not be obliged to provide **You** with any further indemnity in respect of such claim or series of claims.

EXCLUSIONS

We will not indemnify You against any claim or Loss:

1 Employers liability

arising from any actual or alleged breach of any duty that **You** may have to any **Employee** as an employer, or for any **Bodily Injury** suffered by any **Employee** or any person applying to **You** for employment;

2 **Bodily injury**

arising from any **Bodily Injury** unless it was caused by a breach of any duty owed by **You** arising from negligent advice, design, specification or formula or other breach of professional duty in the conduct of **Your Professional Business**;

3 Property damage

arising from the damage to or destruction of any property unless it was caused by a breach of any duty owed by **You** arising from negligent advice, design, specification or formula or other breach of professional duty in the conduct of **Your Professional Business**:

4 Property/vehicles

arising from **Your** ownership, occupation or use of any land, building, or of any vehicle, craft or vessel for use on land, water or in the air and whether mechanically propelled or otherwise:

5 Manufacture and supply of goods

arising from the manufacture, repair, alteration, installation, sale, supply or maintenance of any product or other item of goods whether by **You** or by any **Connected Person** or by any sub-contractor of **Yours**;

6 Construction

arising from the manufacture, construction, erection, installation, repair, alteration or demolition of any building or other physical structure where **You** or any **Connected Person** or sub-contractor of **Yours** has entered into a contract to manufacture, construct, erect, install, repair, alter, or demolish any building or other physical structure:

7 Pollution

arising from or which is in any way related to or the consequence of any kind of seepage, pollution or contamination;

8 Asbestos

arising from or which is in any way related to or a consequence of the presence of asbestos in whatever form or amount;

9 Toxic mould

arising from or which is in any way related to or the consequence of

- 9.1 the actual, potential or threatened presence, growth, formation, release or dispersal of any kind of funghi, mould, spores or mycotoxins;
- any action taken by any person to test for, detect, treat, monitor or remove any kind of funghi, mould, spores or mycotoxins;

10 Radiation

caused directly or indirectly or otherwise arising from

- 10.1 ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or
- 10.2 the waste produced by the combustion or other treatment of nuclear fuel; or
- 10.3 the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or any nuclear component of an explosive nuclear assembly;

11 **War**

Loss or Damage directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.;

12 Terrorism

arising directly or indirectly or otherwise as a consequence of any act or acts of force or violence undertaken, for whatever reason, with the aim of influencing or overthrowing of any government or public authority or with the aim of making the public fearful;

13 The excess

for an amount not exceeding the Excess;

14 Retroactive date

arising from an act or omission or other cause that occurred, or which is alleged to have occurred, before the Retroactive Date stated in the **Schedule**;

15 Known before Period of Insurance

arising out of any claim made or **Circumstance** known to **You** (or of which **You** ought to have been aware) before the date of commencement of the **Period of Insurance**;

16 Notified after Period of Insurance

notified to **Us** after the end of the **Period of Insurance**;

17 Other insurance

in respect of which **You** are entitled to claim an indemnity under any other policy of insurance provided that, if the **Limit of Liability** exceeds the amount of cover available under any other insurance then this exclusion will not apply save to the extent of the cover available under the other policy of insurance;

18 **Deliberate acts**

arising directly or indirectly from any deliberate or reckless act or omission committed or condoned by **You**;

19 **Dishonesty**

arising directly or indirectly from any malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or failure to act

- 19.1 by any of **Your** current or past partners, directors or members; or
- by any Employee (other than those who are or were partners, directors or members) occurring after such time as You had reasonable cause for suspicion that the Employee was engaged in or was contemplating engaging in any malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or failure to act;

20 Penalties, fines

for the payment of any penalty, fine, exemplary, liquidated or other form of punitive or non-compensatory damages except in claims brought for defamation to the extent that such claims are otherwise covered by this Certificate;

21 Connected person

brought by any **Connected Person** whether alone or jointly with any other person or party except where the claim is brought against the **Connected Person** by an unconnected third party and where the claim would otherwise fall to be covered by this Certificate:

22 Directors, trustees

brought against You in the capacity of

- 22.1 a director or officer of **Your** firm or of any other company;
- 22.2 a trustee of any trust;
- a director, officer or trustee of any pension fund or employee benefit scheme, whether for the benefit of **Your Employees** or any other entity;

23 Onerous contracts

arising directly or indirectly from any breach or alleged breach of contract and in respect of which it is claimed

- 23.1 that **Your** duty is more onerous than would be implied by common law or statute: or
- 23.2 that **You** are liable for liquidated damages, penalties or for an amount due pursuant to any kind of guarantee or otherwise for damages that are greater than would be implied by common law or statute

provided that the indemnity provided to **You** under this Certificate shall apply in respect of any claim made against **You** in respect of obligations assumed by **You** under any collateral warranty, duty of care agreement or similar agreement on condition that:

- (a) the benefit of such warranty or agreement is no greater or longer lasting than that provided to **Your** client; and
- (b) no indemnity will be provided for
 - (i) any guarantee or warranty of fitness for purpose, satisfaction of performance specification or the period for completion of any work; or
 - (ii) any financial penalty or liquidated damages.

For the avoidance of doubt, the indemnity provided will continue to apply in the event that the benefit of the warranty or agreement is assigned to a tenant, purchaser, funder or other third party, subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Certificate;

24 Trading losses

arising from any trading liability or trading loss incurred by **You** or by any **Connected Person**:

25 Repayment of fees

arising from any allegation that **You** have over-charged any client or for the return, reduction or repayment of any fees paid or payable to **You**;

26 Geographical area

arising from work carried out by **You** outside the Geographical Limits specified in the **Schedule**:

27 Jurisdiction

brought against You

- 27.1 other than within the Jurisdiction specified in the **Schedule**;
- 27.2 to enforce a judgment or finding of a court or other judicial tribunal based outside the Jurisdiction specified in the **Schedule**;
- 27.3 in which it is claimed that the law that applies is other than that of the Jurisdiction specified in the **Schedule**;

28 Arbitrator

which is to be determined by an arbitrator unless the arbitrator is independent of the parties to the claim and the arbitration is to be conducted in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

29 Adjudication

which is to be determined by an adjudicator unless:

- 29.1 You give written notice to Us within 2 working days of
 - 29.1.1 receipt of a notice that a dispute involving **You** is to be referred to an adjudicator; or
 - 29.1.2 **Your** first becoming aware that another party intends to refer such a dispute to an adjudicator; and
- 29.2 the adjudicator is independent of the parties to the claim; and
- 29.3 the adjudication is to be conducted in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and
- 29.4 the procedural timetable following the reference of the dispute to an adjudicator is no more onerous to **You** than that contained in the Scheme for Construction Contracts referred to in the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

30 Virus

arising directly or indirectly from or caused by any Virus;

31 Intellectual property and confidentiality

arising directly or indirectly from the actual or alleged infringement

- 31.1 of any patent:
- 31.2 of any other form of intellectual property or breach of any duty of confidentiality unless **You** can demonstrate, to **Our** satisfaction, that the infringement or breach was unintentional;

32 **Defamation**

for malicious falsehood or for libel or slander where **You** knew or ought reasonably to have known that the words spoken or the material published were defamatory;

33 Obscenity

arising directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged act, or the creation, publication or dissemination of any material, that is alleged to be obscene, pornographic or blasphemous;

34 Loss of right of recovery

in respect of which, as a consequence of any agreement that **You** may have entered into with a third party, **Your** rights of recovery against that third party have been restricted in any way;

35 Financial advice

arising directly or indirectly from **Your** providing, or failing to provide, investment or financial advice or arrangements of any kind;

36 **Tax**

for the payment of any kind of tax or arising directly or indirectly from the breach of any taxation legislation or regulation;

37 Competition law

arising directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged breach of any law, rule or regulation relating to competition, anti-trust or restraint of trade;

38 Negotiable instruments

arising directly or indirectly from the possession, loss, damage or destruction of or any dealing with any form of bearer bond, coupons, bank or currency notes, share certificates, stamps or other negotiable paper or security;

39 Joint ventures

made against **You** or any joint venture or partnership between **Your** firm and any other entity or entities and arising out of the activities of any joint venture or partnership between **You** and any other entity or entities;

40 Insolvency

arising directly or indirectly from Your insolvency;

41 Surveys

arising directly or indirectly from any survey report unless the report is in writing and:

- 41.1 was made by a partner, member, director or principal of **Your** firm or an **Employee** and who is a Fellow, Professional Associate or Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or is a Registered Architect who has not less than one year's experience of undertaking structural surveys and/or valuations such experience being related to the subject matter of the report; or
- 41.2 was made by any **Employee** who has not less than 5 years' experience of undertaking structural surveys and/or valuations such experience being related to the subject matter of the report; and

41.3 it contains the following reservation:

"We have not inspected woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect" and

41.4 where **You** consider that high alumina cement may be present in a building the following paragraph is included:

"We must stress that we have not carried out any investigation to determine whether any high alumina cement was used during the construction of the building inspected and we are therefore unable to report that the building is free from risk in this respect. In view of the possible potential danger connected with high alumina cement we strongly recommend that the appropriate investigations, inspections and tests be carried out immediately by a suitably qualified engineer" and

in the event that it or any test is in connection with high alumina cement, it is carried out or prepared by a suitably qualified engineer;

42 Valuations

arising directly or indirectly from any valuation report save that this exclusion shall not apply in relation to reports prepared solely for the purpose of certifying payments to contractors or measuring quantities;

43 Sanctions

to the extent that to do so would expose **Us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

CLAIMS CONDITIONS

Claims Conditions 1 - 3 below are conditions precedent to **Our** obligation to indemnify **You** under the terms of this Certificate. If, in relation to a particular claim or **Circumstance**, **You** fail to comply strictly with Claims Conditions 1 - 3 **We** may be entitled to decline to indemnify **You** against that claim or any claim that may arise from the **Circumstance**.

1 Notification

You must notify **Us** in writing as soon as possible (or, in the case of a claim to be referred to an adjudicator, within 2 working days) provided that **We** receive the notification before the end of the **Period of Insurance**, if you receive, discover or become aware of

- 1.1 any claim made against **You**;
- 1.2 any indication that someone intends to make a claim against You; or
- 1.3 a Circumstance.

The notification must include full particulars, including without limitation the identity of the claimant or potential claimant, details of the allegations and potential allegations against **You**, identification of the project and services giving rise to the claim or **Circumstance** and, if known, the potential quantum of the claim or **Circumstance**.

If **You** give **Us** notice under paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 above then any claim made subsequently and arising from the notification will be deemed to have been notified to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance**.

2 No admissions

You must not make any offer, promise, admit liability for, or settle in part or in full, any claim or Circumstance in respect of which We may indemnify You under this Certificate without Our prior written consent. We will not pay or be responsible for any Defence costs and expenses incurred, in relation to any claim or Circumstance, without Our prior written consent.

3 Information and assistance

Following notification under Claims Condition 1 above **You** must promptly provide **Us** with all documents and information that **We** may request and promptly provide **Us** with all assistance and co-operation that **We** may require for the investigation, defence or settlement of the claim.

4 Conduct

Following notification **We** shall be entitled to take over the conduct of any claim and, at **Our** own expense, to defend or settle the claim as **We**, in **Our** sole discretion, think fit. However, **We** cannot require **You** to continue to contest any claim unless a Queen's Counsel (to be agreed upon between us) advises that the claim should be contested.

5 Payment of Limit of Liability

At any time:

- 5.1 **We** may pay to **You** an amount equal to the **Limit of Liability**; or
- 5.2 if **We** consider that a claim may be settled for less than the **Limit of Liability** then **We** may pay to **You** that lesser amount.

If **We** make such a payment it will be in full and final settlement of any liability **We** may have to indemnify **You** under this Certificate. **We** will then relinquish conduct and control of the claim and will have no further liability in respect of that claim. For the avoidance of doubt this means that **We** will not be liable for any **Defence costs and expenses** that may be incurred after the date upon which any such payment is made by **Us**.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1 Mitigation

You must take all reasonable steps to avoid or reduce any **Loss** that might arise from any claim or **Circumstance**.

2 Subrogation

You must promptly provide Us with all documents and information that We may request and provide Us with all assistance and co-operation that We may require in order to try to obtain reimbursement from any third party of any Loss or Defence costs and expenses that We may have to pay in relation to any claim made against You.

3 Recoveries

All money recovered from third parties, following any payment made by **Us** under this Certificate, shall be applied in the following order:

- 3.1 first, in reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by **Us** in obtaining such recovery:
- 3.2 secondly, in reimbursement of all **Loss** borne by **You** in the event that **Your** legal liability exceeds the **Limit of Liability**;
- 3.3 thirdly, in reimbursement of all sums paid by **Us** under this Certificate; and
- fourthly, in reimbursement of the **Excess** paid by **You**.

4 Dishonesty

In the event that any claim or **Circumstance** notified to **Us** arises directly or indirectly from any malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission then **You** must take all reasonable steps to

- 4.1 prevent any further **Loss** being incurred as a result of such malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission; and
- 4.2 recover any **Loss** (and provide **Us** with all assistance required to do so) from any person or persons who committed or condoned such malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission.

If **You** hold money that, but for the malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission, would be due to any person involved then **We** shall be entitled to reduce the amount payable under this Certificate by an amount equal to the amount that **You** hold.

5 Waiver of rights against employees

We will not exercise any right that We may have to seek recovery of any Loss or Defence costs and expenses that We may have to pay from any former or present Employee unless We had to make that payment as a result of a malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission committed by that Employee or where the Employee either conspired to commit or condoned that malicious, dishonest or fraudulent act or omission.

6 Fraudulent claims

If **You** make any claim under this Certificate knowing it to be false or fraudulent, whether as to the facts relied upon or as to the amount claimed or otherwise, this Certificate shall become void and **We** shall not be liable to provide **You** with any further cover under this Certificate.

7 Cancellation

We may cancel this Certificate by giving You 14 days notice in writing. If We exercise this right then the premium payable by You shall be received or retained by Us pro-rata to the period during which We have been on risk during the Period of Insurance.

8 Third party rights

You and We are the only parties to this contract and no other person or party has any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any rights under this Certificate, but this does not affect the ability of any third party to enforce any other right or remedy they may have.

9 **Invalidity**

If any provision of this Certificate is found to be invalid by any competent court or administrative body this will not affect the validity of any other provision in this Certificate.

10 Waiver of right to avoid

If **We** should be entitled to avoid this Certificate because **You** failed to disclose or misrepresented any fact or matter in the **Proposal** then **We** may, at **Our** sole discretion, decide to waive that right to avoid the Certificate on the basis that **We** shall not be liable to indemnify **You** against any claim that may arise directly or indirectly from the fact or matter that was not disclosed or was misrepresented.

11 Indemnity to Principals

At **Your** request and subject always to all of the other terms and conditions of this Certificate, **We** will indemnify any principal with whom **You** have entered into an agreement so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of such agreement but only in respect of a claim brought against such principal by an unconnected third party and where the claim arose directly from services performed by **You**.

12 Governing law

This Certificate is governed by English Law. In the event of any dispute between us as to the meaning, effect or validity of the Certificate then the dispute should be referred to a sole arbitrator who shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine the dispute. In the event that the parties fail to agree on the appointment of a particular arbitrator then an arbitrator shall be appointed by the President for the time being of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

13 Notices

Any notice to be given under this Certificate must be sent by pre-paid first class post and shall be deemed to have been received:

- 13.1 by **You** if it is sent to **Your** last known address or to **Your** broker; and
- by **Us** if sent to Manchester Underwriting Management Limited, Link House, St. Mary's Way, Chesham HP5 1HR.

14 Contact and Complaints

14.1 All claims and other enquiries shall be addressed to Manchester Underwriting Management Ltd, Link House, St. Mary's Way, Chesham HP5 1HR.

- 14.2 All complaints must be referred in the first instance to Manchester Underwriting Management Ltd, Link House, St. Mary's Way, Chesham HP5 1HR and, if no satisfaction is obtained, complaints relating to Lloyd's underwriters can be referred to the Complaints Department, Lloyd's, Policyholder and Market Assistance, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA
- 14.3 **We** are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ('the FCA') whose address is 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS

15 Manchester Underwriting Management

Manchester Underwriting Management Ltd acts as Our agent and not for You;

16 Several Liability Notice

The subscribing insurers' obligations under contracts of insurance to which they subscribe are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

17 Termination of Certificate for Specified Events

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

- 17.1 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 **You** or the making of a Court order to that effect;
- 17.2 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 **Your** assets;
- 17.3 the suspension by You of a payment of Your debts or the entering into a voluntary arrangement or other scheme of composition with Your creditors by You

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

18 Multiple Insureds

If more than one party is entitled to indemnity under this Certificate then the total amount which **We** will pay in respect of any claim will not exceed the amount which **We** would be liable to pay if there were only one party entitled to indemnity.

DEFINITIONS

In this Certificate where the following words appear in bold type they shall have these meanings:

Bodily

injury

shall mean any physical injury, sickness, disease, psychological injury or illness, emotional distress, shock or death

Circumstance shall mean

- any complaint from a client about work undertaken by You and which (a) cannot be resolved immediately;
- any series of complaints from a client about work done by You; (b)
- any situation by which You become aware of any shortcoming in (c) work carried out by You for a client (whether this is known to the client or not);
- (d) any situation in which a client, following a complaint, fails to pay fees invoiced by You;
- any threat of a claim being brought against You (e)
- (f) the discovery, or reasonable cause for suspicion, of dishonesty or fraud on the part of any current or former partner, director, member of **Employee** of **Yours**;
- (g) any circumstance, event or state of affairs which might reasonably be expected to lead to a claim against You or by You of a kind that may be covered under this Certificate:
- (h) the receipt by You of any written or oral demand for compensation or demand for other civil relief including non pecuniary relief made by a third party against You;
- any civil, arbitration or adjudication proceedings, application (i) including any counterclaim or appeal served upon You;
- (j) the receipt by You of any communication invoking a Pre-Action Protocol

Connected

Person

shall mean

- any business owned controlled or managed, directly or indirectly, by (a) You; or
- (b) any person or entity that owns, controls or manages, directly or indirectly, any part or the whole of Your firm

Defence costs

and expenses shall mean legal costs and expenses incurred by You or on Your behalf with Our prior written consent in connection with the investigation, defence or settlement of any claim or potential claim in respect of which You are entitled to an indemnity under this Certificate

Employee

shall mean any person who is:

- employed by You under a contract of employment; or (a)
- (b) employed by You under a training contract or as an apprentice; or

- (c) working for You as a locum, temporary or seasonal worker including anyone supplied by an agency or contract hire company; or
- (d) working for You as a volunteer, including anyone working on a work experience or intern scheme or placement; or
- self-employed but who is not working as an independent contractor (e) but only while that person is working directly for You and is under Your direct control and supervision.

Excess

shall mean the amount stated in the Schedule (except in relation to any indemnity provided under Insuring Clause 7, in which case it shall be £1,000) which shall be payable by You before We shall make any payment in respect of

- (a) Loss payable in respect of each and every claim or, in the event that any claim is brought by more than one claimant, to each claimant; or
- any legal costs incurred with Our consent in accordance with (b) insuring clauses 3 or 5.

For the avoidance of doubt the excess does not apply to defence costs and expenses

Limit of Liability

shall mean the amount stated in the Schedule and which shall be the maximum amount of **Our** liability to pay any **Loss** in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising out of one originating cause or source or directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with fraud or dishonesty. In the event that a single claim or a series of claims arising out of one originating cause or source should result in Your seeking an indemnity from Us under more than one of the insuring clauses in this Certificate then the Limit of Liability shall be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of any payments made by Us pursuant to insuring clauses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

Loss shall mean

- (a) in the context of any claim against which You may be entitled to an indemnity pursuant to insuring clause 1 or 2, any amount that You are liable to pay as compensation together with any liability You may have to pay the legal costs and expenses of any other party as a result of any claim made against You; or
- (b) any other loss suffered or cost or liability incurred by You in respect of which You may be entitled to an indemnity other than by insuring clauses 1 or 2

Period of

Insurance

shall mean the period stated in the Schedule

Personal

Appointments shall mean any individual appointment of a personal nature and which arises out of Your Professional Business but not including any appointment as a director or officer of a company or as a trustee

Professional

Business shall mean the professional business of the kind ordinarily expected of a firm

of the type specified in the Schedule together with any personal

appointments

Proposal shall mean the proposal form (whether in electronic or paper form) completed

by You and received by Us together with any other information provided by

You before the date of this Certificate

Schedule shall mean the schedule attached to this Certificate

Us/Our/We the Insurer or Insurers stated in the Schedule of Insurers

Virus shall mean any software or executable code that replicates itself through a

computer or computer network whether called a virus, logic bomb, Trojan

Horse, worm or given any other name or term

You/Your shall mean the Insured named in the Schedule together with, individually and

collectively, each of **Your** partners, members or directors including all former partners, members or directors, and all who may become partners, members or directors in **Your** firm during the **Period of Insurance** and any **Employee**.

Premium Payment Clause

The following additional General Conditions shall apply:

The **Insured** agrees that, in consideration of the coverage provided by **Us**, the premium will be paid in full to **Us** within 60 days of inception of the **Period of Insurance** and that if the premium has not been so paid **We** shall have the right to cancel this Certificate by giving **You** 14 days notice in writing. If **We** exercise this right then the premium payable by **You** shall be due to **Us** pro-rata for the period during which **We** have been on risk during the **Period of Insurance** unless any notification has been made in accordance with Claims Condition 1 prior to the expiry of the notice period in which case the full premium shall be due and payable.

We agree that if the premium due is paid in full to **Us** before the notice period expires, **Our** notice of cancellation shall be withdrawn automatically.

Complaints Procedure

If you have any questions or concerns about your policy or the handling of a claim you should, in the first instance, contact Manchester Underwriting Management Limited or the broker where applicable. In the event that you remain dissatisfied and wish to make a complaint, you can do so at any time. Making a complaint does not affect any of your legal rights. Please contact Manchester Underwriting Management Limited at:

Manchester Underwriting Management Limited, Link House, St Mary's Way, Chesham, Buckinghamshire HP5 1HR

If your complaint cannot be resolved within two weeks, or if you have not received a response within two weeks you are entitled to refer the matter to Lloyd's. Lloyd's will then conduct a full investigation of your complaint and provide you with a written final response.

Lloyd's contact details are:

Post: Complaints, Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA **Telephone:** +44 (0) 20 7327 5693 Fax: +44 (0) 20 7327 5225

Email: complaints@lloyds.com

Details of Lloyd's complaints procedures are set out in a leaflet "Your Complaint – How We Can Help" available at www.lloyds.com/complaints and are also available from the above address.

If you remain dissatisfied after Lloyd's has considered your complaint, or if you have not received a written final response within eight weeks from the date Manchester Underwriting Management Limited received your complaint, you may be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service who will independently consider your complaint free of charge. Their contact details are:

Post: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR **Telephone:** (Fixed): 0800 0234567 Tel (Mobile): 0300 1239123 Tel (Outside UK):

+44 (0) 20 7964 0500 Fax: +44 (0)20 7964 1001 **Email:** complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Please note:

- You must refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service within six months of the date of the final response
- The Financial Ombudsman Service will normally only consider a complaint from a business that has an annual turnover of less than 2 million Euros and fewer than 10 employees