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Thanks you for choosing Rokstone Underwriting for your Architects & Engineers Professional Indemnity Policy. Please read your policy **Documents** carefully as the Policy, **Schedule** and any endorsements issued provide full details of your cover. If you have any queries on the **Documents** please contact your broker.

Cover under some of the Insuring Clauses of this Policy is provided on a **claims** made basis, so that it only applies respectively to **Claims** first made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** and reported to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period**, and under some Insuring Clauses to **Loss** first discovered by the **Insured** and notified to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period**, and in some Insuring Clauses to certain costs incurred and reported to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period**, in all cases arising out of **Professional Business** carried on after the **Retroactive Date**.

In consideration of the **Insured** named in the **Schedule** having paid to **Insurers** the premium set forth in the **Schedule**, **Insurers** hereby agree to provide the insurance described in this policy of insurance for the period of insurance ("**Policy Period**") shown in the **Schedule** subject to all the terms and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon.

PROVIDED THAT:

- a) the total liability of **Insurers** shall not exceed the **Limit of Indemnity** or such other limits of indemnity as amended
- b) this policy, the Schedule (including amended Schedule) and any memoranda or addenda shall be considered one document and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached shall bear such meaning wherever it appears
- c) where there is more than one **Insurer**, **Insurers'** obligations under this policy are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. **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 hereunder

The **Proposal** shall be relied on by **Insurers** in deciding whether or not to enter into the policy and on what terms including premium.

Insurance Act 2015

The Insurance Act 2015 ('the Act') applies to this policy and the terms of this policy will in most cases be no less advantageous to the **Insured** than the Act would otherwise provide; in the event of any apparent conflict between the terms of this policy and the Act, the Act will prevail. There are, however, certain terms which, while capable of being more advantageous to the **Insured** than the Act would otherwise provide, may in certain cases be less advantageous to the **Insured** than the Act would provide. For ease of reference, these terms can be found at;

- Special Condition A Failure to make a Presentation
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I. WHAT WE COVER: INSURING CLAUSES

INSURERS agree to indemnify or compensate the insured as follows:

INSURING CLAUSE 1: (CIVIL LIABILITY)

To indemnify the **Insured** against any **Loss** arising from a **Claim** first made against them and notified to Insurers during the **Policy Period** in respect of any civil liability incurred in the performance of its **Professional Business**.

The foregoing indemnity includes liability which the **Insured** may incur in respect of any **Claim** first made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** as a result of any decision by an adjudicator appointed to resolve a dispute in accordance with the Scheme for Construction Contracts as contained in the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or an adjudication clause or rules contained in a contract.

INSURING CLAUSE 2: (DEFENCE COSTS AND EXPENSES)

To indemnify the **Insured** in respect of all reasonable costs and expenses incurred with the prior written consent of **Insurers** in the investigation, defence or settlement of any **Claim** which falls to be dealt with under Insuring Clause 1 of this policy, provided that if a payment in excess of the **Limit of Indemnity** has to be made to dispose of such a **Claim**, the liability of **Insurers** for such costs and expenses shall be of such proportion hereof as the **Limit of Indemnity** bears to the amount paid to dispose of that **Claim**.

INSURING CLAUSE 3: (FIDELITY)

To indemnify the **Insured** against their own direct financial loss which, they discover during the policy period that they have sustained by reason of any dishonesty or fraud of any present or past director, partner, principal or **Employee** of the **Named Insured(s)** provided always that:

- a) such dishonest or fraudulent act(s) are carried out by the person(s) concerned with the manifest intent to cause such Loss to the Insured or to obtain improper personal gain either for themselves or in collusion with and for the gain of others
- b) any acts of dishonesty or fraud committed by one person or persons acting in concert shall for the



purposes of this policy be treated as giving rise to one **Loss** and one **Claim**

- such Loss or Losses shall include indemnity for accountants' fees incurred as a result of such Loss, with the prior written consent of Insurers
- the liability of Insurers shall not exceed £150,000 in the aggregate in any Policy Period which shall be included in and not in addition to the Limit of Indemnity.
- e) The latest annual accounts have been prepared and/or certified by an independent accountant or auditor

INSURING CLAUSE 4: (LOSS OF DOCUMENTS)

To indemnify the **Insured** against reasonable costs and expenses necessarily incurred by the **Insured** with the prior written approval of **Insurers** in replacing or restoring **Documents** either the property of or entrusted to or lodged or deposited with the **Named Insured(s)**, having been discovered and notified to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period** to have been physically destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid and which after diligent search by the **Insured** cannot be found provided that:

- a) in respect of any computer systems records a backup copy has been made, and retained and stored separately off site
- b) the cover under this Insuring Clause is limited to the actual costs incurred by the **Insured** in replacing or restoring such lost **Documents and** any such **Claim** for such costs and expenses shall be supported by bills or accounts in a form approved by the **Insurer**
- c) the liability of Insurers for such costs and expenses shall not exceed £75,000 for any one Claim and £150,000 in the aggregate during the Policy Period which shall be included within and not in addition to the Limit of Indemnity.

INSURING CLAUSE 5: (DATA PROTECTION PROSECUTION DEFENCE COSTS)

To indemnify the **Insured** in respect of costs and expenses incurred with the prior written consent of **Insurers** in the defence of any criminal proceedings brought against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** arising out of any alleged offence under the Data Protection Act 2018:

- a) such alleged offence arises out of the course of **Professional Business** and
- b) the liability of Insurers for any such costs and expenses shall not exceed £150,000 in the aggregate in any Policy Period which shall be included within and not in addition to the Limit of Indemnity.

INSURING CLAUSE 6: (PROSECUTION DEFENCE COSTS (INCLUDING UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2007)

To indemnify the **Insured** in respect of costs and expenses incurred with the prior written consent of **Insurers** in the defence of any criminal proceedings brought against the **Insured** and notified to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period** arising out of any alleged breach of any statutory regulation relating to building or construction works provided that:

- a) such alleged breach arises out of the course of
 Professional Business carried on by or on behalf of
 the Named Insured(s) and
- b) Insurers reasonably believe that representation could protect the Insured against a Claim or Loss or assist the Insured in the defence of any subsequent or concurrent Claim which would otherwise be covered under the policy and
- c) the liability of Insurers for any such costs and expenses shall not exceed £100,000 in the aggregate in any Policy Period which shall be included and not in addition to the Limit of Indemnity

INSURING CLAUSE 7: (LEGAL REPRESENTATION COSTS)

To indemnify the **Insured** in respect of costs and expenses incurred with the prior written consent of **Insurers**, which are not otherwise indemnified as costs and expenses under insuring clause 2, for representation at any properly constituted hearing, tribunal or proceeding having the power to compel the attendance of the **Insured** notified to **Insurers** during the **Policy Period** provided that:

- a) Insurers reasonably believe that representation could protect the Insured against a Claim or Loss or assist the Insured
- b) in the defence of any subsequent or concurrent
 Claim, which would otherwise be covered under the policy and
- c) the liability of Insurers for any such costs and expenses shall not exceed £100,000 in the aggregate in any Policy Period which shall be included and not in addition to the Limit of Indemnity

INSURING CLAUSE 8: (COMPENSATION FOR COURT ATTENDANCE)

To compensate the **Insured** in the event of:

 a) the legal advisers acting on behalf of the Insured with the prior written consent of Insurers requiring any director, partner, principal or Employee of the Insured to attend any court tribunal arbitration adjudication mediation or other hearing as a witness or



b) IInsurers requesting the attendance of any director, partner, principal or Employee as an interested party at any mediation in connection with a Claim made against the Insured and notified under this policy

Insurers will provide compensation to the **Insured** at the following rates for each day on which attendance is required:

- a) For each director, partners or principal of the **Insured** £250
- b) For each **Employee** of the **Insured** £100.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

Words in **bold** typeface used in this policy, other than in the headings, have specific meanings attached to them as set out below. Also where the context requires:

- a) words in the singular will include the plural and vice versa; and
- b) words expressed in one gender shall include all genders; and
- c) references to 'a person' shall include any individual, company, partnership or any other legal entity;
- d) references to a statute, regulation or trade terms of contract will be construed to include all amendments or replacements.

All headings within this policy are included for convenience only and will not form part of this policy.

A. Claim:

shall mean:

- a) the receipt by an **Insured** of any written notice of demand for compensation made by a third party
- any writ, statement of Claim, Claim form, summons, application or other originating legal or arbitral process, cross-claim, counter claim or third or similar party notice served upon an Insured
- c) any notice of intention in writing to commence legal proceedings against an Insured in respect of the performance of its Professional Business.

B. Computer virus:

shall mean a set of corrupting, harmful or otherwise unauthorised instructions or code including a set of maliciously introduced unauthorised instructions or code, programmatic or otherwise, that propagate themselves through the **Insured's Digital Assets** or other Computer System or network of whatsoever nature. **Computer Virus** includes but is not limited to 'Ransomware', 'Trojan Horses', 'worms' and 'time or logic bombs'.

C. Cyber Extortion

shall mean any threat, including a demand for funds, directed to an **Insured** to avoid corruption, damage or introduction of a **Computer Virus** or a **Denial of Service Attack**.

shall mean any unlawful attempt by a party to temporarily or indefinitely interrupt or suspend service to a **Digital Asset**.

E. Digital Assets

shall mean any of an **Insured's** Computer Systems, mobile devices or other electronic data processing device, equipment or system, hardware, software, firmware, programme, instruction, data, component or accessory utilised or intended to be utilised therein or thereby, or any actual or intended function of or process performed by any of the foregoing.

F. Documents

shall mean deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, records, books, letters, policies, computer system records, forms and **Documents** of whatsoever nature whether written, printed or reproduced by any other method (other than bearer bonds, coupons, bank or currency notes or any other negotiable instruments).

G. Disease

shall mean any infection, illness, sickness or malady including but not limited to any human infectious **disease** which has been:

- declared as an epidemic by a government, competent local authority or any other body with the same authority; or
- proclaimed as a pandemic or characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO)

H. Employee

shall mean any person, including any trainee or consultant, other than a director, partner or principal in the **Named Insured**, who is or has been engaged under a contract of service or apprenticeship with the **Named Insured**, whilst employed by and under the control of the **Insured** in connection with the **Professional Business**.

I. Excess

shall mean the amount for which the **Insured** is responsible under this policy.



J. Fair Presentation

shall mean the disclosure by the Named Insured:

- a) of every material circumstance that it knows or ought to know or failing that, gives the **Insurer** sufficient notice that it needs to make further enquiries for the purpose of revealing those material circumstance unless such material disclosure:
 - i) diminishes the risk
 - ii) is known or ought to be known to the Insurer
 - iii) the Insurer is reasonably expected to know
 - iv) is something as to which the **Insurer** waives information.

and

 b) such disclosure is made in a manner that is reasonable clear and accessible to the **Insurer**; and in which every material representation is substantially factually correct and every material representation as to a matter of expectation or belief is made in good faith

K. Insured

shall mean the **Named Insured** and any of the following:

- a) those persons named as insureds in the last completed Proposal and any other person or persons who have subsequently become director(s)/partner(s)/principal(s) in the Named Insured(s) prior to the expiry of the Policy Period
- any former director(s)/partner(s)/principal(s) of the Named Insured(s) for services performed for and on behalf of the Named Insured(s) including director(s)/partner(s)/principal(s) remaining as consultants to the Named Insured(s)
- c) any Employee
- d) the estates and/or legal representatives of any of the persons noted under a), b) or c) hereof in the event of their death, incapacity, insolvency, or bankruptcy.
- L. Insurers

shall mean the entity or entities named as such in the **Schedule**.

M. Limit of Indemnity

shall mean the amount specified in the **Schedule as** being the maximum amount payable by the **Insurer** Irrespective of the number of Claimants or number of **Insureds**:

under insuring clause 1 (excluding costs and expenses payable under insuring clause 2) in respect of any one **Claim**; or

 for Claims or Losses arising out of Pollution (including costs and expenses payable under insuring clause 2) in the aggregate in any Policy Period

N. Loss

shall mean any and all damages, compensation and interest, including claimants' costs and expenses, payable by an **Insured** whether by judgment, arbitration award or otherwise or agreed in any settlement.

O. Named Insured(s)

shall mean the Named Insured(s) specified in the Schedule or the predecessors in business of the said Named Insured(s) as disclosed to Insurers who shall be deemed the agent of the other Insureds for the purposes of sending or receiving notices required by the terms and conditions of this policy, and for purposes of remitting or receiving any monies due to any party.

P. Policy Period

shall mean the period of insurance specified in the **Schedule**.

Q. Pollution

shall mean actual or alleged contamination, discharge, seepage, migration, dispersal, release or escape of any artificial or natural solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant including smoke, vapour, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste or any combination of them whether permanent or transitory and however occurring and including the monitoring, testing, clean up, removal, treatment detoxification, neutralisation or any other response to or assessment of the same.

R. Professional Business

shall mean:

- a) professional services performed for, or professional advice given to a third party by or on behalf of the **Insured** in relation to the activities declared in the Proposal
- b) professional services performed or professional advice given by any Insured whilst holding an individual appointment but if as a director or officer of a company only in relation to services performed in connection with buildings and/or property and/or land such services being of the same nature as in a) above being services normally performed by that director or officer for clients in the conduct of the Professional Business of the Named Insured(s) providing the fees (if any) relating to those services undertaken



by the **Insured** holding an individual appointment are taken into account in ascertaining the gross earnings of the **Named Insured(s)**.

S. Proposal

shall mean all the written information supplied by the **Insured** in whatever format to **Insurers** and/or any statement of fact document.

- T. shall mean the **Retroactive Date** shown in the **Schedule**
- **U.** shall mean the **Schedule** to this policy issued or amended by Rokstone.

III. EXCESS CLAUSE

- A. Insurers shall only be liable for that part of each and every Claim made under the policy which exceeds the Excess. Any payment incurred by Insurers which is the responsibility of the Insured, shall be reimbursed to Insurers by the Insured promptly on demand.
- B. The Excess shall be as specified in the Schedule for insuring clauses 1 and 3. The Excess shall apply to each and every Loss arising from a Claim made against the Insured in respect of insuring clause 1 and each and every Loss in respect of insuring clause 3.
- C. The **Excess** shall not be applicable to costs and expenses payable under insuring clause 2 except in respect of Claims or **Losses** arising directly or indirectly out of **Pollution**
- D. In respect of insuring clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 the Excess shall be £1000 which shall apply to each and every Loss under insuring clause 4, each and every prosecution under insuring clauses 5 and 6 and each and every hearing, tribunal or proceeding under insuring clause 7.
- E. In respect of insuring clause 8 the **Excess** shall be nil.

IV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Failure to make a fair presentation

Notwithstanding the statutory remedies available to **Insurers** in the event of a qualifying breach of the duty of Fair Presentation, **Insurers** will not rely on any qualifying breach(as defined in the Act) to avoid the policy where:

a) the qualifying breach was neither deliberate nor reckless; and

- b) the **Insured** agrees to (i) pay additional premium requested by the **Insurers**, if any, and (ii) any additional policy terms; and
- c) the **Insured** should have notified a **Claim** or circumstance which might give rise to a **Claim**
 - i) to the **Insurer** on risk during any period of insurance prior to this **Policy Period**, or
 - to Insurers during this Policy Period prior to obtaining an increase in the Limit of Indemnity, or other variation of terms

Insures will indemnify the **Insured** only to the extent the **Insured** would have been indemnified under any more restrictive terms that would have been applied by either that **Insurer** on risk prior to this **Policy Period**, or by **Insurers** during this **Policy Period** prior to obtaining the increase in the **Limit of Indemnity** or variation of other terms.

In any case where there was no **Insurer** on risk during a period of insurance prior to the **Policy Period**, no cover will be afforded under this policy in relation to the **Claim** or circumstance referred to at c) above.

V. WHAT WE DO NOT COVER: EXCLUSIONS

This policy shall not indemnify the Insured against:

A. Other Insurance

any **Claim** or **Loss** where the **Insured** is entitled to indemnity under any other insurance(s) (except in respect of any **Excess** beyond the amount which would have been payable under such insurance had this policy not been effected), or any **Claim** which should be indemnified by a more specific policy of insurance in which case, this policy will only apply in **Excess** of any such policy.

B. Prior Awareness

any **Claim** or circumstance that may give rise to a **Claim** or **Loss** which has been notified under any policy of insurance attaching prior to the inception of this policy, or any circumstance that may give rise to a **Claim** or **Loss** which was known to the **Insured** or which should have been known to the **Insured** at the commencement of the **Policy Period**, but subject to the Special Condition - Failure to make a fair presentation of risk



C. Assumed duty

any **Claim** directly or indirectly arising out of, or in any way involving any liability, duty or obligation incurred or assumed by the **Insured** which is not incurred or assumed in the normal conduct of the **Insured's Professional Business**.

D. Employment

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of any dispute between the **Insured** and any present or former **Employee** or director of the **Insured** or any person who has been offered employment with the **Insured**, in connection with such employment, including but not limited to employment-related libel, slander, humiliation or defamation, unfair or wrongful dismissal, repudiation or breach of any employment contract or arrangement, termination of a training contract or contract of apprenticeship, harassment, discrimination or like conduct any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the death of or bodily injury to or disease of or psychological injury to or emotional distress or anguish or shock or sickness of any **Employee**

E. Death or Bodily Injury

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the death, **Disease**, or bodily or mental injury (other than emotional distress arising from any libel, slander, defamation or other reputational damage), of any person who is not an **Employee**, unless directly arising from negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the any **Professional Business** carried on by the **Insured**.

F. Property

- any Claim or Loss arising out of the ownership, possession, occupation, and/or control by the Insured of any buildings, premises or land or that part of any building owned, leased, occupied or rented by the Insured
- any Claim or Loss arising out of Loss of or damage to property, unless directly arising from negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the Professional Business carried on by the Insured.

G. Controlling Interest

- any Claim brought by or on behalf of
- a) the Insured or
- a Named Insured, company or organisation controlling the Named Insured(s) or of which any director, partner or principal of the Named Insured(s) have control

 c) any person who, at the time of the act, error or omission giving rise to the Claim, is a family Member unless such a person is acting without any prior or indirect solicitation or co-operation of any Insured (family Member means any spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling or child)

unless such **Claim** originates from an independent third party.

H. Joint Venture

- any Claim or Loss arising out of any joint venture conducted with any third party unless arising out of Professional Business
- any Claim made by another party to the joint venture unless such Claim originates from an independent third party.

I. Vehicles

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of ownership, possession or the use of any motor vehicles, aircraft, watercraft or hovercraft, or vehicle designed to travel through air or water by the **Insured**, or any party acting for or on behalf of the **Insured**.

J. Dishonesty &/or Fraud

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of any dishonesty and/or fraud of any person after discovery by the **Insured** in relation to that person of reasonable cause for suspicion of dishonesty or fraud. No indemnity shall be afforded to any person committing or condoning such dishonesty or fraud at any time; in the event of a **Claim** or **Loss** being sustained as a result of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission, the amount of indemnity under this policy shall be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of any monies which but for such dishonesty or fraud would be due to any person from the **Insured**, or any monies of such person held by the **Insured** shall be deducted from any amount payable under this policy.

K. Trading Losses

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of any trading losses or trading liabilities incurred by any business managed or carried on by the **Insured** including loss of any client account or business.

L. Contractual Liability and Collateral Warranties

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of liability assumed by the **Insured** under any contractual agreement unless:

a) the liability assumed by the **Insured** does not exceed the amount of the **Insured's** liability in the absence of such agreement; or



- b) the liability arises from a collateral warranty or duty of care agreement except that the policy shall not indemnify the **Insured** against:
 - any warranty or agreement under which the Insured assumes a standard of care greater than the standard of reasonable skill and care normally expected in the Insured's profession
 - ii) any acceptance or guarantee of fitness for purpose
 - iii) any warranty or agreement which provides greater or longer lasting benefit than that given to the party with whom the **Insured** originally contracted
 - iv) any express guarantee contractual penalty or liquidated damages

Notwithstanding this exclusion, **Insurers** will indemnify the **Insured** in respect of Claims or costs and expenses payable under insuring clause 2 arising out of liability assumed under the standard Warranty Agreements published by the British Property Federation the Construction Industry Council or the Scottish Building Contract Committee.

M. Pollution

any **Claim** or **Loss** (including **Loss** of value) arising directly or indirectly from **Pollution**. This exclusion shall not apply where such **Claim** or **Loss** arises directly from negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the any **Professional Business** carried on by or on behalf of the **Insured** but cover shall only extend to that part of any **Claim** or **Loss** which relates to the cost of re-designing, re-specifying, remedying and/or rectifying the defective structure and shall not include the cost of remedying and/or rectifying any **Loss** or damage to the land from resulting **Pollution**.

N. Excluded Jurisdictions

any legal proceedings brought against the Insured:

- a) in the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions (whether for enforcement of a judgment brought in another jurisdiction or otherwise) or in which it is contended that the laws of any country state or political sub-division of the United States of America or Canada or their territories and possessions Canada should apply; or
- b) outside the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions for the enforcement of a judgment brought in the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions.

O. Surveys Home Condition Reports and Energy Performance Certificates (qualifications and experience)

any Claim or Loss arising as a result of:

- a) a Home Condition Report unless it was undertaken by a certified Home Inspector
- an Energy Performance Certificate unless it was undertaken by a certified Home Inspector or a certified Energy Assessor holding an accreditation appropriate to the type of assessment performed (or in Scotland by a Member of an organisation which has entered into a protocol with the Scottish Government for this purpose)
- c) any other type of survey unless it was undertaken by an appropriately experienced
 - Fellow or Professional Member or Technical Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) or
 - ii) Fellow or Associate of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (ISVA) or
 - iii) Fellow or Associate of the Architects and Surveyors Institute (ASI) or
 - iv) Fellow or Associate of the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors (FFAS) or
 - v) Fellow or Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) or
 - vi) Fellow or Associate of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) or
 - vii) Chartered or Incorporated Engineer or
 - viii) person with not less than five years' experience of such work or
 - ix) any other person delegated by the Insured to undertake such work as part of their training subject to the work being supervised by a person in any of categories i) to viii) above or prior written agreement having been obtained from Insurers
- P. Radiation

any **Claim** or **Loss** whether directly or indirectly caused by, or contributed to, or arising from:

- a) ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- b) the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof



Q. Retroactive Date

any **Claim** or **Loss** where the cause of such **Claim** or **Loss** occurred or was alleged to have occurred prior to the Retroactive Date specified in the **Schedule**.

R. Asbestos and Mould

liability arising directly or indirectly from:

- a) the mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres, or material containing asbestos; or
- b) mould, including (but not limited to) toxic mould; or
- exposure to mould, including (but not limited to) toxic mould, asbestos, asbestos fibres, or material containing asbestos; or
- the provision of instructions, recommendations, notices, warnings, supervision or advice given, or which should have been given, in connection with mould, including (but not limited to) toxic mould, asbestos, asbestos fibres, or structures or material containing asbestos

S. Terrorism and War

liability arising directly or indirectly from Terrorism or War Risks For the purposes of this exclusion:

- Terrorism means an act of any person acting on behalf of or in connection with any individual or organisation which carries out:
 - violent, unlawful or dangerous activities
 - or damage to property or infrastructure
 - activities perpetrated electronically or otherwise that are directed towards the destruction, disruption or subversion of communications and information systems, infrastructure computers, **Digital Assets**, the internet, telecommunications or electronic networks and/or its content or sabotage and/or threat there from
 - a Denial of Service Attack

(or any threat thereof) for political, ideological, or similar purposes intended to or directed towards:

- the overthrowing or influencing by force
- or violence of any government de jure
- or de facto
- putting the public or a segment thereof
- in a state of fear, intimidation or coercion
- disruption of any segment of the economy of any country, state or region

and shall include any action taken in controlling preventing or supressing the same.

The meaning of Terrorism also includes terrorism as defined under the Terrorism Act 2000.

b) War Risks means war invasion act of foreign enemy hostilities (whether war be declared or not) civil war rebellion revolution insurrection or acts of any 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. If the **Insurer** alleges that by reason of this exclusion, any **Loss**, damage, cost or expense is no covered by this policy the burden of proving the same shall be upon the **Insured**.

In the event that any portion of this exclusion is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

T. Deliberate Act

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising from a wilful, reckless or malicious act of the **Insured**, or any party acting for or on behalf of the **Insured**.

U. Insurance and Finance

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the effecting or maintenance of insurance and/or in connection with the provision of finance and/or advice on financial matters, or any arrangement fee(s), interest, or finance charges of whatsoever nature, that the **Insured** may be obligated or liable to pay in connection with any bank loans, overdrafts, mortgages, or financial arrangements obtained by the **Insured** for whatever reason.

V. Market Fluctuation

- any Claim or Loss relating to the financial return of any investment or the depreciation or loss of investments when such financial return depreciation or loss is as a result of normal or abnormal fluctuations in any financial stock commodity or other markets
- b) any warranty or guarantee relating to the financial return of any investment

W. Insolvency

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising from or in any way connected with the insolvency of the **Insured**.

X. Fines Penalties and Punitive Damages

 any taxes, fines, penalties, punitive, exemplary or aggravated damages where such sums have been identified separately within any award of a court or the multiple portion of any Claim



b) any Loss, damage, liability, Claim, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with any investigation by any regulator, government department, government agency or any similar body of actual or alleged activity of the Insured which could lead to the imposition of any such fine or penalty.

Y. Goods and Products

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the supply of any goods by or on behalf of the **Insured** or products manufactured, constructed, altered, repaired, treated, sold, supplied or distributed by or on behalf of the **Insured** unless directly arising from negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the any **Professional Business** carried on by the **Insured**.

Z. Directors and Officers and Trustees Liability

any **Claim** against any **Insured** in their capacity as a director, officer, or trustee in respect of the performance or non-performance of their duties as a director, officer, or trustee.

AA. Virus Transmission and Hacking

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of:

- a) the transmission, receipt or impact of any Computer ~Virus ; or
- b) the unauthorised access by any person to any of the Insured's Digital Assets or any other equipment or component or system or item which processes stores or retrieves data, whether an Insured's property under this policy or not;
- c) Cyber Extortion
- d) Denial of Service Attack
- e) the unintentional dissemination, distribution or misuse of any information whether electronically or otherwise, which is either confidential or subject to statutory restrictions in its use

BB. Patent and Trade Secrets

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the false attribution of authorship or passing off infringement of intellectual property rights.

CC. Post takeover

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising directly or indirectly by reason of acts, errors or omissions committed by the **Insured** after the date of any take-over or merger unless otherwise agreed by the **Insurer**;

DD. Legislation ERISA, RICO and SEC

any **Claim** or **Loss** arising out of the **Insureds** breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation including but not limited to:

- a) the Employment Retirement Income Security Act 1974 and any amendment thereto, or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder
- any actual or alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act 18 USC Sections 1961 et seq and any amendments thereto, or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder
- c) any actual or alleged violation of any of the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act 1934 or any similar Federal or State law or any common law relating thereto.

VI. CONDITIONS

1. Admission of Liability

The **Insured** shall not admit liability for, or settle, any **Claim** or circumstance which may give rise to a **Claim**, or incur any costs or expenses in connection therewith, without the prior written consent of **Insurers**. The **Insurers** shall be entitled at any time to take over and conduct in the name of the **Insured** or the said **Named Insured(s)**, the defence settlement or investigation of any such **Claim** or circumstance which is likely to give rise to a **Claim**. Nevertheless, neither the **Insured** nor **Insurers** shall be required to contest any legal proceedings unless a Kings's Counsel with appropriate experience (to be mutually agreed by the **Insured** and **Insurers**) shall advise that such proceedings should be contested with a reasonable probability of success.

2. Notification

- 2.1 The **Insured** shall give to **Insurers** as soon as reasonably practicable during the **Policy Period** details in writing of:
 - any Claim, writ, summons and/or process relating to any Claim or previously notified circumstance served upon them or made against them and/or
 - b) the discovery of any financial **Loss** to them which is likely to be the subject of indemnity hereunder
- 2.2 The **Insured** shall give to **Insurers** notice in writing as soon as reasonably practicable during the **Policy Period** of:



- a) any circumstance of which the **Insured** shall first become aware during the **Policy Period** which may give rise to a **Claim** against them or a **Loss**
- b) the discovery of a reasonable cause for suspicion of dishonesty or fraud on the part of a present or past director, partner, principal or Employee of the Named Insured(s) whether potentially giving rise to a Claim or Loss under this policy or not
- c) the receipt by the **Insured** of notice of the intention to institute proceedings (including, but not limited to, legal proceedings or arbitration, dispute resolution proceedings or disciplinary proceedings) against the **Insured** or requiring the **Insured** to attend any hearing, tribunal or proceedings.Notice should be given to the address listed in the **Schedule**.

And provided notice has been given in accordance with this Condition then any subsequent **Claim** made against the **Insured** or any subsequent **Loss** discovered by the **Insured** arising from the matters notified in accordance with clauses 2.2 (a) to (c) above shall be deemed to have been made or discovered during the **Policy Period**.

- 3. Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 ("the Act")
- 3.1 Special provisions relating to Notification and Conduct The Conditions of this policy shall be extended to include the following:
 - The Insured shall give notice to Insurers, in the manner appearing below, within one working day of any of the following:
 - the receipt by the **Insured** of any notice or intention to adjudicate ("adjudication notice")
 - the service by the **Insured** of any adjudication notice on any other party
 - upon the **Insured** having reasonable grounds to believe that an adjudication notice may be served on them

provided that, in each such case, the subject matter of the adjudication notice (or any part thereof) may, or does, give rise to a **Claim** against the **Insured** which is likely to be indemnified under this policy.

Notification pursuant to (i) above shall be effected only by notifying **Insurers** within the specified timeframe.

b) Insurers shall be entitled to appoint solicitors and/or experts to handle any adjudication on behalf of the Insured and Insurers shall have the conduct of all indemnifiable matters relating to any such adjudication. Subject to the provisions of Condition 3.2 below and the application of any costs-inclusive **Excess** payable by the **Insured**, **Insurers** shall pay all costs and expenses incurred in the appointment of such solicitors and/or experts

- c) The Insured shall cooperate fully with Insurers in relation to all matters that are required to be performed or done to comply with the requirements of the adjudicator and to respond to the matters referred to in the adjudication notice. The Insured shall permit Insurers and/or their appointed solicitors and/or experts immediate and unfettered access to all Documents in the possession of the Insured which are relevant to the subject matter of the adjudication notice. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Insured shall immediately provide to Insurers the adjudication notice, the Referral Notice and all Documents served thereunder
- d) The **Insured** shall not at any time without the written consent of **Insurers** agree with any other party that an adjudication shall finally determine any dispute
- e) The Insured shall cooperate with Insurers and take all practicable steps to assist Insurers to pursue legal or arbitration or any other necessary proceedings to determine finally the matters referred to in the adjudication notice (or any part thereof) and/or to challenge the validity of any adjudicator's decision and/or to provide for any stay of proceedings in relation thereto
- f) Insurers' acceptance of any notification by the Insured under these provisions and the instruction of solicitors and/or experts to handle any adjudication on the Insured's behalf shall in all cases be without prejudice to the policy Terms and shall not be construed as a waiver by Insurers of their rights to refuse indemnity to the Insured in respect of any part of an adjudicator's decision which does not fall within the scope of the insuring clauses of this policy

3.2 Mixed Awards

- a) For the purposes of the policy:
 - i) "the award" means the sum which the Insured become liable to pay by reason of any adjudicator's decision; and
 - ii) "the Insured part" means that part of the award which is covered under the policy Terms and for which Insurers are required to indemnify the Insured



- b) If only part of the award is covered under the policy Terms **Insurers** shall only be required to indemnify the **Insured** in respect of the **Insured** part
- c) If the **Insured** part exceeds 50% of the award **Insurers** will pay all costs and expenses incurred in handling the adjudication
- d) If the **Insured** part equals or is less than 50% of the award **Insurers** will pay only a rateable part of the costs and expenses incurred in handling the adjudication, to be calculated in the same proportion as the **Insured** part bears to the total amount of the award.

4. Legal Jurisdiction (policy)

In the absence of any written agreement to the contrary, English law is applicable to this policy, and any dispute concerning any aspect of this policy is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

5. Co-operation

The Insured shall always act in good faith and shall:

- a) give all such information or assistance possible and forward all **Documents**, to the **Insurer** to enable it to investigate, settle or resist any **Claim** as the **Insurer** may reasonably require; and
- b) provide such proofs and information with respect to the Claim as may reasonably be required, together with (if demanded) a statutory declaration of the truth of the Claim and any matters connected therewith; and
- c) not destroy evidence, supporting information or documentation without the Insurer's prior consent; nor destroy any plant or other property relating to an occurrence, Loss or suit that may give rise to a Claim under this policy.

6. Dishonesty and Fraud

- a) the Insured shall at the request and expense of Insurers take all reasonable steps to obtain reimbursement from any person committing or condoning any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or from their estates or legal representatives
- b) If the Insured shall make any Claim under this policy fraudulently or knowing the same to be fraudulent in any respect including as regards amount, Insurers will not be liable for that Claim and may terminate the policy with effect from the date of the first fraudulent act and any payments made by Insurers prior to that date in relation to that Claim must be reimbursed to Insurers

7. Specialist Sub-contractors/Consultants

The rights of recourse against specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors should not be waived or otherwise impaired, and the **Insured** shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the specialist designers consultants or sub-contractors have in place Professional Indemnity Insurance cover to a **Limit of Indemnity** of at least a level equivalent to the **Limit of Indemnity**.

8. Subrogation

If any payment is made under this policy in respect of a **Claim**, **Insurers** are thereupon subrogated to the **Insured's** rights of recovery but **Insurers** shall not exercise such rights against any **Employee** of the **Insured** unless such **Claim** has been brought about or contributed to by the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious omission of the **Employee**.

The **Insurers** rights of recovery at law against any other party remain otherwise in force.

9. Series Clause

Where a series of **Claims** or **Losses** arise from a breach of or repeated and related breaches of a single duty or identical duties owed and arising from a single cause all **Claims** and **Losses** within that series shall for the purpose of the **Limit of Indemnity** and the **Excess** under this policy be treated as a single **Claim**.

10. Arbitration Clause

Any dispute as to any aspect of this policy between the **Insured** and **Insurers** shall be referred to arbitration by an appropriate King's Counsel whose decision will be final and binding such King's Counsel to be agreed upon by both parties or, in the absence of agreement, to be nominated by the Chairman of the Bar Council from time to time. **Insurers** will pay the costs of such referral except in those instances where indemnity has been denied and the Kings Counsel upholds **Insurers'** decision.

11. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

This policy does not, and is not intended to, confer any enforceable rights upon any Third Party, under the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the above, where **Insurers** have acknowledged the interest of any Third Party, the **Insurers** and the **Insured** at their sole discretion are, entitled to alter, amend, or cancel this policy without reference to, or seeking the consent of, any Third



Party, and insurers will at all times, have available to them the same defences or right of set-off as though such proceedings had been brought by the **Insured**.

12. Relinquish Control by Payment of Claim

In connection with any **Claim Insurers** may at any time pay to the **Insured** the **Limit of Indemnity** less any sums already paid or any less amount for which such **Claims** can be settled and **Insurers** shall relinquish control of such **Claims** and be under no further liability in connection therewith except for costs and expenses for which **Insurers** may be responsible under this policy in respect of matters prior to the date of such payment.

13. Premium Payment

The Insured will pay in full the premium plus insurance premium tax (charged at the applicable statutory rate) Insurers when due or in respect of instalment premium when due in accordance with the Terms of Business Agreement. If the premium and insurance premium tax due under this policy has not been so paid to Insurers and in respect of instalment premium by the date they are due, then Insurers shall have the right to cancel this policy by notifying the **Insured** in writing, via their broker, where applicable. In the event of cancellation, premium is due to Insurers on a pro rata basis for the period that **Insurers** are on risk but the full policy premium shall be payable to Insurers in the event of a Loss or occurrence prior to the date of cancellation which gives rise to a valid Claim by the Insured under this policy.

It is agreed that **Insurers** shall give not less than 14 days prior notice of cancellation to the **Insured** in writing, via their broker, where applicable. If the premium due is paid in full to **Insurers** before the notice period expires, notice of cancellation shall automatically be revoked. If not, the policy shall automatically terminate and be cancelled at the end of the notice period.

14. Sanctions

Insurers shall not be deemed to provide cover or be liable to pay any **Claim** or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such **Claim** or provision of such benefit would expose **Insurers** 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.

15. Cancellation by the Insured

If this insurance is cancelled by the **Insured** in writing to the broker then, provided the **Insured** has not made a **Claim**, the **Insured** will be entitled to a refund of any premium paid, subject to a deduction for any time for which the **Insured** has been covered. This will be calculated on a proportional basis. For example, if the **Insured** has been covered for six (6) months, the deduction will be half the annual premium.

Notice of cancellation may only be made by the **Named Insured**.

No premium will be refunded where any Claims or circumstances have been notified under this policy.

16. Minimisation of risk

The **Insured** will take all reasonable steps at its own expense to prevent a **Claim** arising or continuing.

Upon the happening of a Claim and at all times thereafter, the **Insured** shall act as a prudent uninsured and take all reasonable measures as are appropriate to avoid or minimise any Claims which arise or may arise from that circumstance. Any failure by the **Insured** to take such steps shall reduce or extinguish the **Insurer's** liability to indemnify the **Insured** under the policy to the extent that such failure has increased the **Claim** under the policy.

17. Assignment

The Assignment of interest under this policy will not bind the **Insurers** unless and until the **Insurers'** written consent has been endorsed hereon.

VII. INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION

1.1.1. In order for Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurer to provide their respective services, they will collect and use information about the **Insured**. such as its name and contact details. which may also include special categories of personal data (e.g. about the Insured's health) and information relating to criminal convictions and offences. All personal information (including any sensitive personal data) acquired by Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurer is held in accordance with all applicable legislation relating to data protection and privacy including (but not limited to) the Data Protection Act 2018 and Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurer maintain protections and procedures in the storage and disclosure of personal information to keep it secure and prevent unauthorised access to or loss



of such information.

- 1.1.2. The **Insured** also has certain rights under the legislation. These are:
 - a) the right to be provided with fair processing information which is set out in this clause and Rokstone Underwriting's and the **Insurer's** privacy notices;
 - b) the right to obtain confirmation that the Insured's data is being processed and to obtain access to their personal data;
 - c) the right to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete and If the personal data in question has been disclosed to third parties, they must be informed of the rectification, and Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** must also inform the **Insured** of this;
 - d) the right to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing;
 - e) the right to stop or suppress the processing of personal data;
 - f) the right to transfer their personal data from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure way;
 - g) the right to object to processing based on legitimate interests or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority (including profiling); direct marketing (including profiling); and processing for purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics;
 - h) the right of protection against the risk that a potentially damaging decision is taken without human intervention.
- 1.1.3. The lawful basis for Rokstone Underwriting's and the **Insurer's** processing of the **Insured's** personal data is that, provided that the processing is necessary, it is in the public interest to make available insurance products through risk based pricing, to administer and pay insurance **claims** and to detect fraud in the insurance process.
- 1.1.4. If the **Insured** instructs Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** to cease processing or delete their personal data, this may impact upon Rokstone Underwriting's and the **Insurer's** ability to provide insurance or to pay **claims**. In addition Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** may contact the **Insured** to advise that the cessation of processing or the deletion of their personal data is not possible because the processing of certain data is necessary and lawful as outlined above.

- 1.1.5. Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** may monitor and record all communications with the **Insured** for compliance and training purposes.
- 1.1.6. Our processing of special categories of personal data is necessary for Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** to provide the **Insured** with the relevant services, including:
 - a) underwriting, renewal information, validation of claims history, claims handling and all other matters relating to the processing of this insurance and any claims under this Policy;
 - b) statistical analysis, management information and market research;
 - c) audits, system integrity checking and risk management.
- 1.1.7. Personal information may also be used for the prevention and detection of fraud, and the **Insured** consents to Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer**:
 - a) sharing information about the **Insured** with other organisations (including the police) for the purposes of fraud prevention and detection;
 - b) conduct searches using publicly available databases (including social media);
 - c) undertaking credit searches;
 - checking and sharing the Insured's details with fraud prevention and detection agencies.
- 1.1.8. Personal information may also be disclosed to third parties as part of the operation of Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** business including:
 - a) other members of their respective groups including those located outside of the United Kingdom ("UK") provided the requirements of the UK data protection legislation is complied with;
 - b) other insurance entities (such as the **Insurer**'s current and prospective reinsurers) who have an interest in the risk accepted under this insurance;
 - c) Rokstone Underwriting's and the Insurer's auditors and regulators;
 - d) Ombudsman services as described in the complaints section in the event of a complaint;
 - e) Specialist external professional service providers who may be instructed to give



professional advice to Rokstone Underwriting or the **Insurer**;

If the **Insured** wishes to understand more about the entities their personal data is shared with, please contact the Data Protection Officer (per contact details in clause 1.1.12 below). However, Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** will not disclose any of your personal data to third parties except as set out in this clause and in their Privacy Notices.

- 1.1.9. If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is suspected, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies and made available to other organisations that have access to their databases. Law enforcement agencies may access and use this information. This information is used by Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** and other organisations to prevent fraud and other financial crime when:
 - a) checking the details made under the duty of Fair Presentation;
 - b) confirming claims information;
 - c) recovering outstanding debts;
 - d) checking details on applications for credit and managing credit accounts;
 - e) checking details of job applicants and **Employees**.

Please contact us if You require details of the relevant fraud prevention agencies.

Please note; information from fraud prevention agencies may be accessed and used from other countries.

- 1.1.10. Personal information may be transferred to entities within and outside of the United Kingdom and European Economic Area. If processing of personal data takes place in the European Economic Area but outside the United Kingdom, this will be in accordance with any local Data Protection legislation, to the extent that this varies the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. If there are no material variations to the General Data Protection Regulation in the country in which the processing takes place, Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** will:
 - a) Process any Special Category personal data (relating to an individual's racial or ethnic origin, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetics and health) only if the explicit consent of the individual has been confirmed in advance

- b) Not process any personal data relating to criminal convictions. The use of Personal Data may involve a transfer of data outside the United Kingdom and the European Economic Area to countries that have less robust data protection laws. Any such transfer will be made with appropriate safeguards in place.
- 1.1.11. Where personal information is provided about another person, the **Named Insured** must inform that person of Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer's** identity, and why their personal information will be processed and disclosed. The **Named Insured** must also obtain their written consent to the processing of their personal information in this way and provide Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** such consent upon request.

or have any queries as on how Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurer** use their information please contact:

data.protection@rokstoneuw.com

- 1.1.13. Your personal data will be kept for a minimum of seven years (7) and thereafter for a period sufficient to protect us in the event of needing to comply with regulation and/or to meet any potential liability **Claim** or litigation, but no longer than is necessary.
- 1.1.14. For more information on the Data Protection Act or if you wish to make a complaint regarding the handling of your personal data you may contact the Office of the Information Commissioner at:

Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF **Tel:** 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45 **email:** <u>mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk</u>

VIII. REGULATORY STATUS

Rokstone Underwriting is an intermediary and not an insurer. Rokstone Underwriting has not made any personal recommendation regarding the sale of this policy.

This policy is issued in accordance with the authorisation that the **Insurer** has granted to Rokstone Underwriting. This contract makes Rokstone Underwriting the **Insurers'** agent and gives them the authority to perform certain acts on the **Insurer's** behalf but does not affect the **Insured's**



rights to Claim or make a complaint.

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These details may be checked on the Financial Conduct Authority Register website at

www.fca.org.uk/firms/systems-reporting/register

or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on Tel: 0800 111 6768 (or from outside the United Kingdom on Tel: +44 20 7066 1000).

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Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited – UK Branch has a place of registration and principal place of business at 71 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BS. UK Companies House registered no. BR021362.

IX. COMPLAINTS

- Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurers strive to provide an excellent service to all their customers but occasionally things can go wrong. Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurers take all complaints seriously and endeavour to resolve all customers' problems promptly. If the Insured has a question about this insurance or complaint about the person or firm that sold this Policy, the Insured should contact them.
- 2) If the **Insured's** complaint is in relation to this claim they should contact:

Rokstone Underwriting 4th Floor, 34 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7AT

Tel: +44 (0) 203 818 8060

Email: compliance@aventumgroup.com

Should the **Insured** wish to make a complaint about a **Claim** they should contact:

Kennedys LLP -

Email Address: RokstonePI@Kennedyslaw.com

Broomhay House Blackbrook Business Park Taunton TA1 2PX

- 3) If, after making a complaint:
 - a) The **Insured** feels that the matter has not been resolved to its satisfaction; or
 - b) Rokstone Underwriting or the Insurers have not responded within eight weeks of the Insured's original complaint to them; and
 - c) the Insured is an eligible complainant, it may contact The Financial Ombudsman Service whose address is:

Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR

Tel: 0300 123 9 123 or 0800 023 4567

Website: <u>www.financial-</u> ombudsman.org.uk/consumer/complaints.htm.

- 4) Making a complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) does not affect the **Insured's** rights under this Policy but if the **Insured** is not an eligible complainant then it must follow the disputes resolution process detailed in the Arbitration Clause.
- A summary of Rokstone Underwriting and the Insurers complaint handling procedure is available on request and will also be provided to the Insured when acknowledging a complaint.
- 6) The FOS will only consider a complaint if the **Insured** is an eligible complainant and if:
 - a) Rokstone Underwriting and the **Insurers** have been given an opportunity to resolve it; and
 - b) Rokstone Underwriting or the Insurers have given the Insured a final response letter and it has referred its complaint to the FOS within six (6) months of the final response letter; or
 - c) Rokstone Underwriting or the **Insurers** have not responded to the complaint with a decision within eight (8) weeks
- 7) Eligible complainants are:
 - a) private individuals; and
 - b) a micro-enterprise;



- in relation to a complaint relating wholly or partly to payment services, either at the time of the conclusion of the payment service contract or at the time the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent; or
- ii) otherwise, at the time the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent; or
- c) charity which has an annual income of less than £6.5 million at the time the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent; or
- a trustee of a trust which has a net asset value of less than £5 million at the time the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent; or
- e) (in relation to CBTL business) a CBTL consumer; or
- a small business at the time the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent; or a guarantor

Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services

You may also be able to refer your complaint to: Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services, 1st Floor St Calcedonius Square, Floriana FRN 1530 Malta, telephone (+356) 212 49245 if you are not satisfied with our final response or we have not responded within fifteen (15) working days. You will have to pay EUR 25.00 at the time of making your complaint to the Arbiter to use this service.

About the Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services

The Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services considers that a 'complaint' refers to a statement of dissatisfaction addressed to an insurance undertaking by a person relating to the insurance contract or the service he/she has been provided with. The terms 'person' does not specify that this is limited to individuals and therefore any policyholder, insured person, beneficiary and injured third party (irrespective of the country of residence or where the risk in situated) is eligible to make a complaint.

For more information on the Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services and its complaints process, please visit: <u>www.financialarbiter.org.mt</u>

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, should **Insurers** be unable to meet their liabilities to policyholders, compensation may be available.Insurance advising and arranging is covered for 90% of the claim, without any upper limit. For compulsory classes of insurance, insurance advising and arranging is covered for 100% of the claim, without any upper limit. Information can be obtained on request, or by visiting the Financial Services Compensation Scheme website at www.fscs.org.uk.



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It is hereby understood and agreed that:

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REGULATORY STATUS:

The following shall replace the Regulatory Status section in it's entirety.

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PREAMBLE:

All reference to the Insurance Act 2015 is deleted in its entirety.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The following clause shall replace the "Special Condition - Failure to make a fair presentation" clause to this policy:

A. Innocent Non-Disclosure

Insurers will not exercise their right to avoid this policy or reject a request for indemnity where there has been non-disclosure or misrepresentation of facts or untrue statements in the proposal, provided that:

- the Insured shall establish to Insurers' satisfaction that such non-disclosure or misrepresentation or untrue statement was free of any fraudulent intent this condition shall not apply to any claim made against the Insured or circumstance which could give rise to a claim known to the Insured or loss discovered by the Insured prior to the inception of the first policy effected with Insurers or notified after the policy period.
- the premium and terms shall be adjusted at the discretion of Insurers to those which would have applied had such claim, loss or circumstance which could give rise to a claim or loss been disclosed.
- 3) where the Insured should have notified during a preceding period of insurance or prior to obtaining an increase in the limit of indemnity or other variation of the terms a claim loss or circumstances which could give rise to a claim or a loss and the indemnity to which the Insured would have been entitled was in any way more restricted than that provided at the date of notification, Insurers shall be liable only to the extent applicable during such preceding period of insurance or prior to the increase in the limit of indemnity or other variation of the terms.
- 4) where the non-disclosure, misrepresentation or untrue facts has resulted in prejudice to the handling or settlement of any claim or loss or request for indemnity, the indemnity afforded by this policy in respect of such claim or loss or request for indemnity shall be reduced to such sum as in Insurers' opinion would have been payable by them in the absence of such prejudice.

EXCLUSIONS

The following clause will replace Exclusion - Prior Awareness

- any claim or circumstance that may give rise to a claim or loss which has been notified under any policy of insurance attaching prior to the inception of this policy, or
- any circumstance that may give rise to a claim or loss which was known to the Insured, or which should have been known to the Insured at the inception of this policy.

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CONDITIONS

The following amendments are incorporated in and form part of this policy with respect to any company or subsidiary based in and operating within the Republic of Ireland.

- Any reference in this policy to the currency GBP is amended to EUR equivalent at the time of any claim or loss in relation to any activities undertaken in the Republic of Ireland.
- Any reference in this policy to a United Kingdom Act will be deemed to include any similar legislation in the Republic of Ireland furthermore where applicable the following shall apply.
 - Reference to the Financial Service and Markets Act 2000 is amended to Central Bank of Ireland;
 - b) Reference to 97(2) of the Copyright, Design and Patent Act 1988 is amended to 128(3) of the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000;
 - c) Reference to Companies Act 1963 is amended to Companies Act 1948;
 - Reference to Section 1 subsection (2) of the Terrorism Act 2006 is amended to Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005.

The following clause will replace Conditions - **Dishonesty & Fraud**

- a) the Insured shall at the request and expense of Insurers take all reasonable steps to obtain reimbursement from any person committing or condoning any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or from their estates or legal representatives;
- b) If the Insured shall make any claim under this policy fraudulently or knowing the same to be fraudulent as regards amount or otherwise, this policy shall become void and all claims hereunder shall be forfeited.

The following clause shall replace the **'Third Party Rights'** clause stated under the 'General Conditions' to this policy:

Third Party Rights

This insurance does not confer or create any right by any person who is not named as the Insured and both the Insurer and Insured may amend, cancel or lapse this insurance without giving notice to, or requiring the consent of, any other third party. The following clause is incorporated in and forms part of the 'General Conditions' to this policy.

Insurance Act 1936 and Finance Act, 1990

All monies which become or may become due or payable by the Insurer under this policy shall in accordance with Section 93 of the Insurance Act 1936 be payable and paid in the Republic of Ireland. Further, the appropriate stamp duty has been or will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 113 of the Finance Act, 1990.

The following clause shall replace the 'Choice of Law' clause in the policy.

Choice of law

This policy shall be governed by, and construed solely in accordance with Irish Law. The Insured and Insurer agree that all disputes shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Dispute Resolution clause. However, the Insured and Insurer agree that subject always to this obligation, any and all disputes surrounding the obligation to arbitrate or the enforcement, dispute or challenge of any award shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of Ireland.

The following clause shall replace the **'Dispute Resolution / Arbitration'** clause in the policy.

Dispute Resolution / Arbitration Clause

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 Irish Commercial Mediation Association ("ICMA") 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 Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Irish Branch in accordance with the Arbitration Acts 1954 and 1980 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. ROKSTONE 🖁

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

The Complaint Procedure of the policy is deleted and replaced by the following but only in respect of complaints in the Republic of Ireland:

Complaints

We always aim to provide a high standard of service to all our customers. However, there may be times when something leaves you disappointed or dissatisfied.

Please tell us if you are unhappy or have a complaint about any aspect of our service. All feedback we receive from our customers helps us to consider changes so that we can ensure that we continue to meet your expectations both now and in the future.

This insurance is administered on behalf of **Your** insurer by Rokstone Insurance Europe Ltd t/a Rokstone Underwriting & iSure Underwriting. **We** aim to provide a premier service. However, **We** know sometimes things can go wrong.

HOW TO COMPLAIN

If you wish to complain, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. **You** can contact us by phone, in person, in writing or by e-mail as follows:

If **Your** complaint is about the way **Your Policy** was sold to You please contact **Your Insurance Broker** in the first instance. If **Your** complaint is about the **Policy** please contact:

Managing Director

Rokstone Insurance Europe Ltd, Unit 5 First Floor, Corlurgan Business Park, Corlurgan, Ballinagh Road, Cavan H12 TW61

Tel: 00353 (0) 1 695 0370

Email: complaints@isureunderwriting.ie

How we will handle your complaint

We are committed to resolving any complaints fairly and promptly. Striving to minimise your inconvenience, we will listen to your concerns and will seek a solution with you.

The member of our team whom you first contact will discuss your complaint with you and identify what we can do to put it right. The more information you can provide, the quicker we can try to fix the problem.

Our promise is to Acknowledge complaints promptly and confirm receipt of your complaint within 5 working days and investigate complaints quickly. Within 20 days **You** will receive a final response but if your complaint is particularly complicated, it may take longer to remedy. In this case you will receive a letter from us giving you reasons for the delay and an indication of when we expect to resolve your complaint and issue a final response

If together, we cannot reach an agreement by the end of 40 working days of **Us** receiving **Your** complaint, **You** will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when **You** will receive a final response

How to refer a complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman

If we have given you a response to your complaint and you are still dissatisfied, you may be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman. **We** would, however, appreciate the opportunity to respond to any concerns you may have, in the first instance.

You may access more information regarding the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman, including how to make a complaint, at the following website: www.fspo.ie

Investor Compensation Scheme

The Insurance Compensation Fund in Ireland exists for the protection of consumers. **You** may be entitled to compensation should we be unable to meet our obligations. Further information is available at www.investorcompensation.ie

Data Protection and Privacy Summary Statement

As a provider of commercial general insurance, we may collect personal data from our clients, contractors and third parties to assess, underwrite and administrate insurance contracts. The privacy of the personal data obtained is very important to us and we are committed to collecting, processing, sharing, storing, and destroying all information in accordance with GDPR and the Irish data protection laws.

You can read our full Privacy Notice on our website https://www.rqaccredited.com/privacy-notice-uk-eu/ which goes into more detail about how we collect, use and process personal data, and how, in doing so, we comply with our legal obligations. It also describes your rights as a data subject regarding personal data. We would be happy to post you a copy, please contact us on the address below or via the internet contact if you require this.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.