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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Policy
This Policy is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. Please read it carefully so that you understand the insurance provided.

Your Duty of Disclosure
Before you enter into an insurance contract, you have a duty to tell us anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, may affect our decision to insure you and on what terms.

You have this duty until we agree to insure you.
You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract.
You do not need to tell us anything that:
- reduces the risk we insure you for; or
- is common knowledge; or
- we know or should know as an insurer; or
- we waive your duty to tell us about.

If you do not tell us something
If you do not tell us anything you are required to, we may cancel your contract or reduce the amount we will pay you if you make a claim, or both.
If your failure to tell us is fraudulent, we may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

Claims Made Policy
This Policy is issued on a claims made and notified basis. This means that the Policy only covers the Insured for claims first made against the Insured during the Period of Insurance and notified to the insurer during the Period of Insurance.
Section 40(3) of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 may provide additional rights at law. That section provides that where the insured gave notice in writing to the insurer of facts that might give rise to a claim against the insured as soon as was reasonably practicable after the insured became aware of those facts but during the period of insurance, the insurer is not relieved of liability under the contract in respect of the claim, when made, by reason only that it was made after the expiration of the period of insurance.

Retroactive Date
This Policy does not provide cover in relation to the provision of the Professional Services or the conduct of the Professional Business prior to the Retroactive Date.

Privacy
Pen Underwriting handles your personal information with care and in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles. We collect personal information about you to provide you with insurance and insurance related services. We may disclose your personal information to third parties for the purposes described in our Privacy Policy, including related entities, insurers, reinsurers, agents and service providers, some of whom may be located in the United Kingdom and India. By asking us to provide you with insurance and insurance related services, you consent to the collection, use and disclosure (including overseas disclosure) of your personal information for the purposes described in our Privacy Policy. Where you provide personal information about others, you represent to us that you have made them aware of that disclosure and of our Privacy Policy and that you have obtained their consent. If you do not consent to provide us with the personal information that we request, or withdraw your consent to the use and disclosure of your personal information at any stage, we may not be able to offer you the products or provide the services that you seek. For information about how to access and or correct the personal information we hold about you or if you have any concerns or complaints, ask us for a copy of our Privacy Policy or visit www.penunderwriting.com.au.

Complaints Handling
If you are dissatisfied with a decision Pen Underwriting makes, our service, the service of others we appoint to discuss insurance matters with you, or a claim settlement, we have an internal dispute resolution process to assist you. For further information, ask for a copy of our Complaints and Disputes Resolution Policy or visit www.penunderwriting.com.au.

Important Information about Steadfast's advice
Any advice Steadfast gives about the policy does not take into account any of your particular objectives, financial situation or needs. For this reason, before you act on Steadfast's advice, you should consider the appropriateness of the advice taking into account your own objectives, financial situation and needs. Before you make any decisions about whether to acquire this policy we recommend you should read this Insurance Policy.

Further Information
Your Steadfast broker has arranged this insurance on your behalf. If you have any questions or need further information concerning your insurance, you should contact your Steadfast broker to assist you with your enquiry. You should direct all of your correspondence to us through your Steadfast broker as he is your agent for this insurance.
POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY POLICY

Preamble
In consideration of payment of the Premium, We will provide indemnity in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of this Policy.

Insurer
The Policy is underwritten by certain Underwriters at Lloyd's and insurers participating in this Policy.

Our agreement with you
This Policy is a legal contract between Us and the Insured. The Insured pays Us the premium, and We provide the Insured with the cover the Insured has chosen as set out in the Policy, occurring during the Policy Period shown on your Policy Schedule.

Your Policy
The Professional Indemnity Policy consists of the Policy Terms and Conditions in this booklet and the Policy Schedule We give the Insured.

Preventing our right of recovery
If the Insured has agreed not to seek compensation from another person who is liable to compensate the Insured for any loss, damage or liability which is covered by this Policy, We will not cover the Insured under this Policy for that loss, damage or liability.

How Goods and Services Tax affects any payments we make
We will reduce the GST amount We pay for by the amount of any input tax credits to which the Insured is or would be entitled if it made a relevant acquisition. In these circumstances, the Input Tax Credit may be claimable through the Insured's Business Activity Statement (BAS).

SECTION 1: INSURING CLAUSES

INSURING CLAUSE A

1.1 Civil Liability Insuring Clause
We agree to indemnify the Insured against civil liability for compensation (including claimants’ costs, fees and expenses awarded against or recoverable from the Insured) arising from any Claim first made against the Insured during the Policy Period and notified to Us during the Policy Period in respect of civil liability incurred or alleged to have been incurred in the conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business.

INSURING CLAUSE B

1.2 Costs and Expenses Insuring Clause
We agree to pay Costs and Expenses in respect of any Claim indemnified by this Policy.

If We elect not to take over and conduct, in the name of the Insured, the defence or settlement of a Claim, We agree to pay Costs and Expenses within a reasonable time frame following Our receipt of invoices specifying such Costs and Expenses and prior to determining the Insured’s entitlement to indemnity for the Claim.

Careful consideration must be given to determining the Insured’s entitlement to indemnity under this Policy in respect of a Claim, We agree that we will not rely on Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts) unless and until:

(a) the Insured makes an admission in writing of any conduct described in Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts), or

(b) it has been established through a judicial process that the Insured has committed any conduct described in Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts).

The payment of any Costs and Expenses is subject to the following conditions:

(i) the payment of any Costs and Expenses to the Insured by Us does not constitute an acceptance by Us of the Insured’s right to indemnity for any Claim.

(ii) if either (a) or (b) above applies or for any other reason it is determined that a Claim is not covered by this Policy, We may cease to pay Costs and Expenses to the Insured, unless We, at Our sole discretion, decide to continue to pay Costs and Expenses resulting from such Claim.

(iii) where either (a) or (b) above applies or for any other reason it is determined that a Claim is not covered by this Policy, the
Insured will refund Costs and Expenses paid by Us, unless We agree in writing to waive recovery of such Costs and Expenses.

INSURING CLAUSE CLARIFICATION
For the avoidance of doubt, the indemnity provided by Insuring Clauses A and B (clauses 1.1 and 1.2) includes, but is not limited to any civil liability incurred or alleged to have been incurred by the Insured in the conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business:

1.3 for breach of a contract for the provision of professional services.
1.4 for breach of fiduciary duty.
1.5 for breach of warranty of authority committed, by or on behalf of the Insured, in good faith and in the belief that appropriate authority was held.
1.6 for any unintentional infringement of copyright, moral right (under the Copyright Act 1968 Commonwealth), trademarks, service marks, registered design or patent, or any plagiarism or breach of confidentiality.
1.7 for defamation.
1.8 under the terms of the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Commonwealth), the Fair Trading Act 1987 (NSW), the Fair Trading Act 1985 (Victoria) or similar legislation enacted by the other states or territories of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Dominion of New Zealand.

Section 2: Retroactive Date
2.1 “Unlimited Retroactive Cover” – if no Retroactive date is specified in the Schedule or if the Retroactive date is specified in the Schedule as “Unlimited”, this Policy shall provide indemnity in respect of Claim(s) arising from acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed irrespective of when such acts, errors or omissions were committed (or were alleged to have been committed).
2.2 “Limited Retroactive Cover” – where a Retroactive date is specified in the Schedule, then this Policy shall only provide indemnity in respect of Claim(s) arising from acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed on or after the Retroactive date.

Section 3: Automatic Policy Extensions
Preamble
We shall provide indemnity as is available under this Section, for no additional premium, provided always that:

(a) the indemnity provided by each Policy Extension is subject to the Schedule, Insuring Clauses, Conditions, Definitions, Exclusions, Excess and other terms of this Policy (unless otherwise expressly stated herein);
(b) the inclusion of any Policy Extension shall not increase the Limit of Indemnity.

3.1 Additional benefit – Claims preparation costs
We will pay up to $25,000 in the aggregate during the Policy Period for reasonable professional fees and such other expenses incurred by the Insured for the preparation of any Claim that is covered under this Policy.

The cover provided under this Policy Extension operates in addition to the Limit of Indemnity or Aggregate Limit of Indemnity (whichever may be applicable).

Provided always that such cover shall not include any Costs and Expenses (as defined in Clause 8.4 - Costs and Expenses).

3.2 Consultants, Sub-contractors and Agents
The conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business shall be deemed to include, acts, errors or omissions of consultants, sub-contractors or agents of the Named Insured, while undertaking work in connection with the conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business and for which the Named Insured is liable.

We will also indemnify any consultant, sub-contractor or agent themselves, provided always that:

(i) this cover shall only apply in respect of services provided for and on behalf of the Named Insured; and
(ii) the consultant, sub-contractor or agent earns more than ninety per cent (90%) of its total income, during the Policy Period, from fees received from the Named Insured.

3.3 Continuous Cover
We agree to indemnify the Insured for any Claim, otherwise covered by this Policy, arising from any Known Circumstance (notwithstanding Exclusion 5.12 - Known Claims and Known Circumstances) if:

(a) We were the professional liability insurer of the Insured when the Insured first knew of such Known Circumstance, and
(b) We continued without interruption to be the Insured’s professional liability insurer up until this Policy came into effect; and
(c) had We been notified by the Insured of the Known Circumstance when the...
Insured first knew of it, the Insured would have been covered under the policy in force at that time but is not now entitled to be covered by that policy.

The Insured agrees that it will not seek indemnity from Us in respect of the Claim or any Claim arising out of the Known Circumstance under any other policy issued by Us.

We may reduce the amount We pay out under this provision by the amount of any prejudice We may suffer in consequence of any delayed notification to Us.

The limit of Our liability provided under this Policy Extension is the lesser of the limit of Our liability under the terms of the policy in force at the earlier time referred to in paragraph (c) above, or the Limit of Indemnity under this Policy. The terms of this Policy otherwise apply.

3.4 Court Attendance Costs
For any person described in (a) or (b) below who actually attends court as a witness in connection with a Claim notified under and covered by this Policy, it is agreed that Costs and Expenses will include the following rates per day on which attendance in court has been required:-

(a) for any person who was or is a principal, partner or director of the Named Insured: $500.

(b) for any person who was or is an Employee of the Named Insured: $250.

No Excess shall apply to this Policy Extension.

3.5 Estates and Legal Representatives
We agree to include in the definition of the Insured (clause 8.9) the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of any Insured in the event of the death, mental disorder and/or other incapacity or insolvency or bankruptcy of such Insured in respect of any civil liability of the Insured that would have been covered by Insuring Clause A and/or B if the Insured was alive, had capacity or was not insolvent or bankrupt. PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT such persons shall observe and be subject to all the terms of this Policy insofar as they can apply.

3.6 Extended Notification Period
In the event that this insurance is not renewed or is cancelled for any reason other than non-payment of premium then the Insured has until such time that the Insured effects another professional indemnity insurance policy either with Us or any other insurer or a period of sixty (60) days commencing on the day immediately following expiry of this Policy whichever is the lesser period, during which to notify Us of any Claim first made against the Insured in writing within such sixty (60) day or lesser period (as the case may be). PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT it is understood and agreed that:

(a) We will treat that Claim as if it had been made against the Insured and notified to Us during the immediately preceding Policy Period, and

(b) coverage afforded hereunder does not reinstate or increase the Limit of Indemnity or the Aggregate Limit of Indemnity or extend the Policy Period.

(c) coverage afforded hereunder will only apply to acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed by the Insured before the end of the Policy Period or the cancellation date of this Policy where this Policy has been cancelled and not before the retroactive date.

3.7 Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts
We agree to indemnify the Insured against civil liability for compensation (including claimants’ costs, fees and expenses awarded against or recoverable from the Insured) arising from any Claim made against that Insured, which would otherwise be excluded by reason of Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts). Provided always that:

(a) such indemnity shall not be provided to any Insured who committed or condoned any act, error or omission excluded by reason of Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts);

(b) such indemnity shall not apply to any Claim against any Insured directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

(i) the loss of money, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes;

(ii) the loss of an electronic record which represents a current and transferable obligation of a person to pay the holder of the electronic record an amount or amounts of money described in the electronic record in exchange for delivery, adjustment or cancellation of the electronic record; or

(iii) a transaction, direction or dealing involving or in any way relating to a right to be paid money or to have any of the items referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this paragraph (b) delivered, negotiated
3.8 Joint Venture

If the name of a Joint Venture is included in the Schedule under ‘Joint Ventures’, then, We will indemnify the Insured for the Insured’s joint and individual civil liability, arising out of the conduct of the professional activities and duties of such Joint Venture.

If the name of the Joint Venture is not included in the Schedule under ‘Joint Ventures’, then, We will indemnify the Insured only for the Insured’s individual civil liability and not for the Insured’s joint civil liability arising out of the conduct of the professional activities and duties of such Joint Venture. PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT the business of such Joint Venture is the same as the Insured’s Business (as defined in clause 8.9 Insured’s Business).

3.9 Loss of Documents

We agree to indemnify the Insured in respect of certain loss described in this clause arising from the loss of any Documents (including but not limited to Documents which are the property of the Insured) which have been destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid and, after diligent search and attempt to recover, cannot be found. Provided always that:

(a) such loss of Documents was first discovered by the Insured during the Policy Period and was notified in writing to Us as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of such discovery (but never beyond the expiry date of the Policy Period); and

(b) such indemnity shall be limited to the costs, charges and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by the Insured in replacing and/or restoring such Documents and any claim for such costs, charges and expenses shall be supported by bills and/or accounts which shall be subject to approval by a competent person nominated by Us and agreed to by the Insured; and

(c) such indemnity shall be limited to the loss of any Documents:

(i) which were in the physical custody or control of the Insured or any person to whom the Insured entrusted, lodged or deposited such Documents in the ordinary course of business; or

(ii) which occurred whilst such Documents were in transit.

3.10 Newly created or acquired Subsidiary

We agree to include in the definition of Insured (clause 8.9) any Subsidiary created or acquired by the Named Insured during the Policy Period for a period of up to thirty (30) days (but never beyond the expiry date of the Policy Period) from the date of such creation or acquisition.

Provided always that:

(a) this Policy Extension will only apply in respect of Claim(s) against the Subsidiary arising from an act, error or omission occurring subsequent to the date of creation or acquisition of the Subsidiary; and

(b) the business of such Subsidiary is the same as or substantially similar to the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business (as defined in clause 8.10 Insured’s Business).

The Insured may apply to Us, within such thirty (30) day period, to vary this Policy to continue the cover provided by this Policy Extension until the expiry date of the Policy Period. The Insured shall supply Us with such additional information relating to the new Subsidiary and pay any reasonable additional premium as may be required by Us.

3.11 Official Investigations and Enquiries – costs and expenses

We agree to pay Investigation Costs and Expenses.

Provided always that:

(a) We shall be entitled, at Our discretion, to appoint legal representation to represent the Insured in the investigation, examination or enquiry;

(b) the notice of intended investigation, examination or enquiry is served upon the Insured during the Policy Period and is notified to Us during the same Policy Period;

(c) in the event that a claim for payment of Investigation Costs and Expenses is withdrawn or indemnity under this Policy Extension is subsequently withdrawn or denied, We shall cease to advance Investigation Costs and Expenses and the Insured shall refund any Investigation Costs and Expenses advanced by Us to the extent that the Insured was not entitled to such Investigation Costs and Expenses, unless We agree in writing to waive recovery of such Investigation Costs and Expenses; and
(d) Our total liability in respect of Investigation Costs and Expenses for all claims made under this Policy Extension shall not exceed $250,000.

For the purpose of this Policy Extension, an official investigation, examination or enquiry includes but is not limited to:

(i) any investigation, examination or enquiry by way of a Royal Commission or Coronial Enquiry, or conducted by a regulatory authority such as the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

(ii) any investigation, examination or enquiry conducted by any disciplinary committee of any association, industry or professional body of which the Insured is a member.

3.12 Public Relations Expenses

Where the Insured retains the services of a public relations consultant for the sole purpose of protecting the Insured’s reputation that has been brought into question as a direct result of a Claim covered by this Policy, We agree to pay any reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such public relations consultant. Provided always that:

(a) the Insured notifies Us within twenty-eight (28) days of first becoming aware of the Insured’s reputation being brought into question, and provide full written details outlining the circumstances surrounding the event, and

(b) We have given prior written consent (which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld) to retain the services of such public relations consultant; and

(c) Our total aggregate liability during any one Policy Period for all public relations expenses shall not exceed $50,000.

3.13 Run off cover until expiry of the Period of Cover

We agree that in the event that an Insured entity ceased or ceases to exist or operate or be a Subsidiary or became or becomes consolidated with, merged into or acquired by any other entity either before or during the Policy Period then the coverage provided under this Policy with respect to such Insured entity shall continue until the expiry date of the Policy Period.

Provided always that such coverage shall only apply in respect of Claim(s) arising from any act, error or omission occurring prior to the effective date that such Insured entity ceased to exist or operate or was consolidated with, merged into or acquired by another entity.

3.14 Severability

We agree that where any Insured:

(a) failed to comply with the duty of disclosure contained in the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Commonwealth); or

(b) made a misrepresentation to Us before this contract of insurance was entered into; or

(c) fails to comply with any conditions of this Policy,

the right of any other Insured to indemnity under this Policy shall not be prejudiced thereby. Provided always that this Policy Extension shall only apply when:

(i) such other Insured shall be entirely innocent of and has no prior knowledge of any such conduct; and

(ii) such other Insured shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable upon becoming aware of any such conduct, advise Us in writing of all known facts in relation to such conduct.

Notwithstanding the above, any fact or knowledge possessed by any past or present partner, principal, director, chairman, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, company secretary, chief legal officer or the holder of any similar or equivalent positions shall be imputed to the Named Insured.

Section 4: Optional Extensions

Preamble

It is agreed that:

(a) the indemnity provided by each Optional Extension is subject to the Schedule, Insuring Clauses, Conditions, Definitions, Exclusions, Excess and other terms of this Policy (unless otherwise expressly stated herein);

(b) the inclusion of any Optional Extension shall not increase the Limit of Indemnity;

(c) the inclusion of any Optional Extension shall be at Our absolute discretion; and

(d) where an Optional Extension is not specified as included in the Schedule then this Policy shall not provide any indemnity in relation to coverage specified under such Optional Extension.

4.1 Fidelity

Notwithstanding Exclusion 5.6 (Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts) We agree to provide indemnity to the Insured against loss of money, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes belonging to the Insured or for which the Insured
is legally liable where any such loss is sustained in consequence of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission of any Insured. PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:

(a) such loss is first discovered by the Insured during the Policy Period and is notified in writing to Us as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of such discovery (but never beyond the expiry date of the Policy Period);

(b) We shall not be liable for any loss sustained in consequence of any act or omission occurring after the date of the discovery of, or the reasonable cause for suspicion of, dishonest or fraudulent conduct on the part of the Insured concerned;

(c) We shall not be liable to indemnify any Insured who committed or condoned any dishonest or fraudulent conduct in consequence of which the loss occurred;

(d) the Insured shall bear the burden of adducing satisfactory proof to substantiate any loss hereunder (including any legal, investigative, accounting or other costs incurred in such process) and We will be under no obligation to provide indemnity to the Insured until such time as We are satisfied that such loss has, in fact, been sustained;

(e) all interrelated individual dishonest or fraudulent acts or omissions shall be deemed to constitute a single loss and a single Excess shall apply to such loss; and

(f) Our liability for each loss under this Optional Extension and Our aggregate liability for all losses under this Optional Extension shall not exceed $250,000.

4.2 Previous Business

We agree to provide indemnity in respect of any Claim made against any person who is or becomes or ceases to be during the Policy Period a principal, partner or director of the Named Insured in respect of any kind of civil liability incurred or alleged to have been incurred on the part of such person in the conduct of any professional activities and duties, which were the same as or substantially similar to the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business, before that person joined the Named Insured.

4.3 Multi-year run-off after merger, takeover, sale, winding up of Named Insured

If the Named Insured is subject to a merger, takeover, sale or winding up, then, We agree to extend the Policy Period up to seven (7) years immediately following the expiry of the Period of Cover.

Provided always that:

(a) this Policy Extension will only apply with respect to any Claim(s) arising from any act, error or omission occurring prior to the effective date of such merger, takeover, sale or winding up, and

(b) on such terms and Conditions, and for such additional premium as We may reasonably require.

Section 5: Exclusions

We shall not be liable under this Policy to provide indemnity in respect of any:

5.1 Aircraft, motor vehicles and watercraft

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the ownership, lease, operation or use of any aircraft, motor vehicle or watercraft by an Insured.

5.2 Contractual Liability

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any duty or obligation assumed by an Insured by way of any contractual undertaking, warranty, guarantee or indemnity, to the extent that such liability exceeds the liability the Insured would have incurred in the absence of such contractual undertaking, warranty, guarantee or indemnity.

5.3 Asbestos

Claim which would not have arisen but for the existence of asbestos.

5.4 Directors and Officers Liability or Trustees Liability

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any activities as a trustee, director, secretary or officer unless that liability would have arisen if the Insured had not held that position as a trustee, director, secretary or officer.

5.5 Fines and Penalties

Claim for punitive, aggravated, multiple or exemplary damages, or fines or penalties imposed by law, provided always that this exclusion shall not apply to compensatory civil penalties. Our total liability for the payment of compensatory civil penalties during any one Policy Period shall not exceed $250,000 in the aggregate, which amount shall form part of and not increase the Limit of Indemnity. Provided further that We will not be liable to indemnify the Insured for any compensatory civil penalty.
(i) for which We are legally prohibited from indemnifying the Insured under Australian law.

(ii) based upon, attributable to or in consequence of any:

(a) wilful, intentional or deliberate failure to comply with any lawful notice, direction, enforcement action or proceeding under any legislation.

(b) recklessness.

(c) requirement to pay taxes, rates, duties, levies, charges, fees or any other revenue or impost.

5.6 Fraud, Dishonesty or Intentional Acts

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

(a) any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or omission of an Insured or their consultants, sub-contractors or agents; or

(b) any act or omission of an Insured or their consultants, sub-contractors, or agents with the intention of causing a third party loss, damage or injury or committed with a reckless disregard for the consequences thereof; or

(c) any wilful breach of any statute, contract or duty by an Insured or their consultants, sub-contractors or agents.

Provided always that this exclusion shall not apply unless and until:

(i) the Insured makes an admission in writing of any conduct described in clauses (a), (b) and/or (c) above, or

(ii) it has been established through a judicial process that the Insured has committed any conduct described in clauses (a), (b) and/or (c) above.

5.7 Jurisdictional Limits

Claim:

(a) brought in a court of law within the territorial limits of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates; or

(b) arising out of the enforcement of any judgment, order or award obtained within, or determined pursuant to, the laws of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates.

5.8 Radioactivity and Nuclear Hazards

Claim arising from:

(a) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear material, or

(b) the hazardous properties of any nuclear explosive, assembly or component.

5.9 Obligations to Workers

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

(a) Bodily injury of any Worker of an Insured or damage to or destruction of any property of any Worker of an Insured, including loss of use of property, arising out of, or in the course of, their employment.

(b) any actual or alleged Employment Practice Breach (as defined in clause 8.7).

For the purpose of Exclusions 5.9(a) and 5.9(b) only, the term "Worker" means any person employed by, or is deemed to be employed by, the Insured pursuant to any Workers’ Compensation Law.

5.10 Occupier’s liability

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any liability incurred or alleged to have been incurred as a result of occupation, control, management or ownership of any real property by an Insured.

5.11 Pollutants

Claim directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of Pollutants into or upon land, the atmosphere, or any water course or body of water.

5.12 Known Claims and Known Circumstances

(a) known Claims (or losses or claims) as at the inception date of this Policy, or

(b) Claims (or losses or claims) arising from any Known Circumstance(s); or

(c) Claims (or losses or claims) disclosed in the Proposal form.

5.13 Product Liability

Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the manufacture, preparation, modification, repair, supply, maintenance or treatment of any goods or products sold, supplied or distributed by the Insured, except where such Claim arises solely and directly from any advice, design or specification prepared by the Insured in the conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business.
5.14 **Related or associated entities**
Claim brought or maintained by or on behalf of an Insured or any Subsidiary or parent of an Insured.

5.15 **Territorial limits**
Claim based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of an act, error or omission occurring within the territorial limits of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates.

5.16 **Terrorism**
Claim directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:
   (a) any act of Terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss, damage, illness, injury, death, cost or expense, or
   (b) any action in controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against, or responding to any act of Terrorism.

5.17 **Trading debts**
Claim directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:
   (a) any trading debt incurred by an Insured or any guarantee given by an Insured for a debt; or
   (b) the refund of the Insured’s professional fees or charges (by way of damages or otherwise).

5.18 **War and Uprisings**
Claim arising directly or indirectly from:
   (a) war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, civil or military uprisings, hostilities (even if war is not declared), or government power being taken unlawfully, or
   (b) property being taken, damaged or destroyed by a government or public or local authority.

5.19 **Restrictive Trade Practices**
Claim directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any actual or alleged restrictive trade practices, restraint of trade or unfair competition.

**Section 6: Claims Conditions**

6.1 **Claims mitigation and co-operation**
   (a) If the Insured, either prior to or during the Policy Period becomes aware of a situation which could, if not rectified, lead to a Claim or increase the quantum of a Claim, the Insured shall use due diligence and do and concur in doing all things reasonably practicable to avoid or diminish any liability hereunder. Costs and expenses incurred by the Insured in compliance with this clause 6.1(a) shall be at the Insured’s cost, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Us.
   (b) The Insured shall frankly and honestly disclose to Us all relevant information and, in addition shall provide assistance to Us, as We may require to enable Us to investigate and to defend any Claim under this Policy and/or to enable Us to determine Our liability under this Policy. Costs and expenses incurred by the Insured in compliance with this clause 6.1(b) shall be paid by Us in accordance with Policy Extension 3.1 - Claims Preparation Costs.
   (c) Costs and expenses incurred by Us to enable Us to determine Our liability under this Policy shall be at Our own cost.

6.2 **Defence and settlement**
   (a) The Insured shall not settle any Claim, incur any Costs and Expenses or Investigation Costs and Expenses, make any admission, offer or payment or otherwise assume any contractual obligation with respect to any Claim or loss without Our written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. We shall not be liable for any settlement, Costs and Expenses, Investigation Costs and Expenses, admission, offer or payment, or assumed obligation to which We have not consented in writing.
   (b) We shall be entitled if We so desire, to take over and conduct, in the name of the Insured, the defence or settlement of any Claim at any time. In the event that this occurs, We will then have sole control of the Claim.
   (c) If We retain lawyers to conduct, in the name of the Insured, the investigation, defence or settlement of any Claim, those lawyers will only act on behalf of Us in relation to any issue regarding the Insured’s entitlement to indemnity from Us and they will not act on the Insured’s behalf in respect of any such issue. Any information that is received by lawyers retained by Us in the course of investigating, defending or settling any Claim against the Insured can be provided to Us and relied upon by Us in relation to any issue that may arise regarding Our liability to indemnify the Insured. In relation to any such information, the Insured waives any claim that it may have for legal professional privilege as between
the Insured, the lawyers We retained and Us.

(d) The lawyers retained by Us to conduct the investigation, defence or settlement of any Claim, may provide advice to Us on any issue regarding Our liability to indemnify the Insured and, whilst doing so, may continue to act in the investigation, defence or settlement of the Claim on behalf of both Us and the Insured.

(e) The Insured agrees that all communications between Us and lawyers retained by Us to act in the conduct of the investigation, defence or settlement of any Claim which relate to the Insured’s entitlement to indemnity from Us are privileged as between Us and the lawyers and the Insured agrees that it is not entitled, under any circumstances, to access or obtain any such communications.

(f) If any actual or apparent conflict arises between Our interests and the Insured’s interests, the lawyers retained by Us to conduct the investigation, defence or settlement of any Claim may cease acting on behalf of the Insured and may continue to act on behalf of Us in relation to any dispute between Us and the Insured with respect to the Insured’s entitlement to indemnity from Us.

6.3 Insured’s right to contest
In the event that We recommend a settlement in respect of any Claim and the Insured does not agree that such Claim should be settled, then the Insured may elect to contest such Claim. PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT Our liability in connection with such Claim shall not exceed the amount for which the Claim could have been so settled plus the Costs and Expenses incurred with Our written consent up to the date of such election, less the Excess.

6.4 Reporting and notice
(a) The Insured shall give to Us written notice as soon as practicable of any Claim made against an Insured provided always that such written notice is given to Us during the Policy Period in which the Claim is made.

(b) Notice of any Claim shall be given in writing to Us, and delivered to:

6.5 Senior Counsel clause
(a) We shall not require the Insured to contest any Claim unless a Senior Counsel (to be mutually agreed upon by the Insured and Us) shall advise that such Claim should be contested.

(b) In formulating such advice, Senior Counsel shall take into consideration the economics of the matter, the damages and costs which are likely to be recovered by the plaintiff, the likely Costs and Expenses and the prospects of the Insured successfully defending the Claim.

(c) The cost of such Senior Counsel’s opinion shall be paid by Us in addition to the Limit of Indemnity.

6.6 Subrogation and Allocation of the Proceeds of Recoveries
In respect of any Claim covered by this Policy, and without limiting Our rights at law, We shall be subrogated to all the Insured’s rights of recovery, and the Insured shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of documents necessary to enable Us effectively to bring suit in the name of the Insured.

The Insured shall not, without first obtaining Our written consent, do anything or fail to do anything which excludes, limits or prejudices Our rights of subrogation. In particular, without limiting the operation of this provision, the Insured shall not enter into any contract or agreement which excludes, limits or prejudices a right of recovery which the Insured may have in respect of any Claim covered by this Policy.

Should the Insured incur any legal liability which is not covered by this insurance:

(a) due to the application of any Excess, and/or

(b) where the amount(s) of any judgment(s) or settlement(s) exceed(s) the Limit of Indemnity or any applicable sub-limit;

the Insured will be entitled to the first call on the proceeds of all recoveries made, by either the Insured or Us, on account of such legal liability until fully reimbursed for such uninsured amount or amounts (less the actual costs of making such recoveries where those costs are incurred by Us) and any remaining amount(s) will be applied to Our reimbursement.
6.7 Foreign Currency
All amounts referred to in this Policy are in Australian Dollars.

If the Insured incurs liability to settle any Claim for an amount stated in the local currency of any country or territory outside the Commonwealth of Australia, where an award is made or a settlement is agreed upon, then, the amount payable by Us shall be the value of such award or settlement together with costs awarded or payable to any claimant converted to Australian Dollars at the free rate of exchange published in the Australian Financial Review on the date on which We pay to the Insured (or some other person at the Insured’s direction) the indemnity in respect of such award or settlement; subject always to the Limit of Indemnity.

Section 7: General Conditions

7.1 Alteration to risk
The Insured shall give to Us written notice as soon as practicable of any material alteration to the risk during the Policy Period including but not limited to:

(a) an Insured going into voluntary bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation or any other form of external administration or an Insured failing to pay debts or breaching any other obligation giving rise to the appointment of a receiver or bankruptcy or winding-up proceedings;

(b) any material change in the nature of the professional services offered by an Insured.

Where such notice is given and/or where there is any material alteration to the risk We shall be entitled to cancel this Policy in accordance with the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Commonwealth). Provided always that in the event that the Insured should become bankrupt or insolvent, We shall not be relieved thereby of the payment of any Claim hereunder because of such bankruptcy or insolvency.

7.2 Assignment of interest
No change in, or modification of, or assignment of interest under this Policy shall be effective except when made by written endorsement to this Policy and signed by an authorised employee of Us.

7.3 Cancellation
(a) The Insured may cancel this Policy at any time by notifying Us in writing.

(b) We may cancel this Policy in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Commonwealth). Such cancellation shall take effect thirty (30) days from the time of receipt of notification by the Insured or the Insured’s insurance broker.

(c) In the event of cancellation by the Insured or by Us, We will allow a pro-rata refund of Premium for the unexpired Policy Period.

7.4 Excess
(a) In respect of each Claim made against the Insured (or each loss or claim incurred by the Insured in respect of Policy Extensions 3.1 Claims Preparation Costs, 3.9 Loss of Documents and 3.11 Official Investigations and Enquiries - costs and expenses) the amount of the Excess shall be borne by the Insured at their own risk and We shall only be liable to indemnify the Insured for that part of any Claim (or any loss or claim) which is in excess of the Excess.

(b) In the event of a Claim by the Insured under this Policy, the Insured shall, if directed by Us, pay to Us (or as is directed by Us) the Excess within fourteen (14) working days. Any delay, failure or refusal by the Insured to pay the Excess will entitle Us to deduct such amount from any amount(s) required to settle any Claim or judgment, order, or any other payment to be made by Us under this Policy. In the event that a failure or refusal to grant access to monies for any Excess results in a failure of a settlement or an increase in Costs and Expenses, Our liability in connection with such Claim shall not exceed the amount for which the Claim could have been so settled plus the Costs and Expenses incurred with Our written consent up to the date of such failure, less the Excess.

(c) Where We have elected to pay all or part of the Excess in respect of any Claim (or any loss or claim), the Insured shall, within fourteen (14) working days from the date of such payment, reimburse Us for such payment.

(d) In respect of any Claim (or any loss or claim) where the amount of the Claim (or any loss or claim) is less than the amount of the Excess, the Insured shall bear all Costs and Expenses associated therewith unless We shall have agreed to meet such Costs and Expenses pursuant to Insuring Clause B.

(e) Where the Excess is expressed in the Schedule to be inclusive of Costs and Expenses then the Insured will pay all Costs and Expenses, up to the amount of
the Excess, incurred by Us pursuant to the engagement of advisers considered necessary by Us to determine the liability of the Insured and to resolve the Claim (or loss or claim).

(f) Any Costs and Expenses incurred by Us to determine whether We have a liability to indemnify the Insured under this Policy shall not be subject to the Excess but shall be borne by Us.

7.5 Limit of Indemnity
(a) Our total liability under this Policy shall not exceed:

(i) in respect of any one Claim covered by this Policy, the Limit of Indemnity specified in the Schedule.

(ii) in respect of all Claims covered by this Policy, the Aggregate Limit of Indemnity provided always that if there is any extra insurance in excess of the Limit of Indemnity, then cover in excess of the Limit of Indemnity is only available for so much of the liability (otherwise covered by this Policy) which is not covered by the extra insurance.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in the Schedule or by endorsement to this Policy, the Limit of Indemnity specified in the Schedule is exclusive of Costs and Expenses and We agree to pay Costs and Expenses in addition to the Limit of Indemnity. Provided always that if a payment is made to dispose of a Claim which is in excess of the Limit of Indemnity available under this Policy, Our liability for such Costs and Expenses shall be such proportion thereof as the Limit of Indemnity available under this Policy bears to the amount paid to dispose of the Claim.

7.6 Multiple claims
(a) All causally connected or interrelated acts, errors or omissions shall jointly constitute a single act, error or omission under this Policy.

(b) Where a single act, error, or omission gives rise to more than one Claim, all such Claim(s) shall jointly constitute one Claim under this Policy.

7.7 Policy construction and interpretation
(a) The construction, interpretation and meaning of the provisions of this Policy shall be determined in accordance with the laws of Australia and the States and Territories thereof. Each party agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of any Court of competent jurisdiction in a State or Territory of Australia and to comply with all requirements necessary to give such Court jurisdiction. All disputes arising under this Policy shall be determined in accordance with the law and practice of such Court.

(b) The marginal notes and titles of paragraphs in this Policy are included for descriptive purposes only and do not form part of this Policy for the purpose of its construction or interpretation.

(c) Under this Policy, the masculine includes the feminine and the singular includes the plural and vice versa and reference to a person includes a body corporate, an authority, an association or a Joint Venture (whether incorporated or unincorporated), a partnership and a trust.

Section 8: Definitions

8.1 Aggregate Limit of Indemnity
"Aggregate Limit of Indemnity" shall mean twice the Limit of Indemnity specified in the Schedule.

8.2 Bodily Injury
"Bodily Injury" shall mean physical injury, sickness, disease, death, mental anguish, nervous shock or emotional distress of any person.

8.3 Claim
"Claim" shall mean:

(a) The receipt by the Insured of any written or oral demand for compensation made by a third party against the Insured.

(b) Any writ, statement of claim, summons, application or other originating legal or arbitral process, cross-claim, counterclaim or third or similar party notice served upon the Insured which seeks compensatory relief made by a third party against the Insured.

(c) for the purpose of Policy Extension 3.9 only, any losses described in that clause arising from loss of any Documents.

(d) for the purpose of Policy Extension 3.11 only, any attendance by the Insured at an investigation, examination or enquiry.

8.4 Costs and Expenses
"Costs and Expenses" shall mean the reasonable legal costs and other expenses (including but not limited to legal counsels’ fees and experts’ fees) incurred by or on behalf of the Insured with Our prior written consent (which shall not be
unreasonably withheld) or by Us in the investigation, defence or settlement of a Claim, or in bringing or defending appeals in connection with a Claim.

8.5 Documents
“Documents” shall mean deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, books, letters, policies, certificates, forms and documents of any nature whatsoever, whether written, printed or reproduced by any method including computer records and electronic data material but shall not include bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes or any other negotiable instrument.

8.6 Employee
“Employee” shall mean any person employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship.

8.7 Employment Practice Breach
“Employment Practice Breach” shall mean any employment practices liability, including but not limited to:

(a) employment related discrimination against any Worker or applicant for employment whether because of race, colour, age, sex, disability, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual preference or otherwise,

(b) wrongful dismissal of any Worker;

(c) workplace harassment whether sexual or otherwise, including bullying, of any Worker;

(d) breach of any oral or written employment contract;

(e) wrongful demotion, failure to promote, wrongful deprivation of career opportunity, wrongful discipline, negligent evaluation or failure to grant tenure of employment to any Worker;

(f) failure to provide or adhere to adequate employment policies or procedures;

(g) defamation arising from employment related matters;

(h) employment related invasion of privacy;

(i) false or misleading advertising or representation involving terms and conditions of employment;

(j) violation of any Federal, State or local statute or regulation governing employment practices; and/or

(k) denial of natural justice to any Worker concerning employment.

8.8 Excess
“Excess” shall mean the amount shown as the Excess in the Schedule.

8.9 Insured
“Insured” shall mean:

(a) the Named Insured;

(b) any predecessor in business of the Named Insured;

(c) any person who is, during the Policy Period, a principal, partner or director of the Named Insured but only in respect of work performed while a principal, partner or director of the Named Insured;

(d) any person who is, during the Policy Period, an Employee of the Named Insured but only in respect of work performed while an Employee of the Named Insured;

(e) any former principal, partner, director or Employee of the Named Insured, but only in respect of work performed while such person was a principal, partner, director or Employee of the Named Insured; and/or

(f) any consultant, sub-contractor or agent but only to the extent that they are indemnified under Policy Extension 3.2.

8.10 Insured’s Business
“Insured’s Business” shall mean the business which is conducted by the Named Insured:

(a) as specified in the Schedule, and/or

(b) as described in the nature of business/activities/professional services question in the Proposal.

If the Named Insured should change its name and there is no other change which materially alters the risk, the Insured’s Business will continue to be covered by this Policy.

8.11 Investigation Costs and Expenses
“Investigation Costs and Expenses” shall mean reasonable legal costs and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Insured with Our prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or by Us arising out of any attendance by an Insured at any official investigation, examination or enquiry where such attendance relates to the conduct of the professional activities and duties of the Insured’s Business and such investigation, examination or enquiry may lead to a recommendation or finding which might give rise to a Claim.

“Investigation Costs and Expenses” does not include any fine, penalty or order for the payment of monetary compensation.
8.12 Joint Venture
“Joint Venture” shall mean the entering into of a venture (by whatever name called) which the Named Insured carries on together with any other person, company, corporation, partnership or other entity not otherwise deemed to be an Insured under this Policy.

8.13 Known Circumstance
“Known Circumstance” shall mean any fact, situation or circumstance which:

(a) an Insured knew at any time before this Policy began or before this Policy was amended/endorsed; or
(b) a reasonable person in the Insured's professional position would have thought, at any time before this Policy began or before this Policy was amended/endorsed;

might result in someone making a Claim against the Insured, that might be covered by this Policy or the amendment/endorsement to this Policy.

For the purposes of this Definition 8.13, 'Insured' does not include 'Employee' (as defined in clause 8.6) or any consultant, sub-contractor or agent (as referred to in sub clause (f) of Definition 8.9 Insured).

8.14 Limit of Indemnity
“Limit of Indemnity” shall mean the limit of Our liability under this Policy as specified in the Schedule.

8.15 Named Insured
“Named Insured” shall mean the person, persons, partnership, company, corporation or other entity specified as the Named Insured in the Schedule.

8.16 Policy
“Policy” shall mean:

(a) the Schedule, Insuring Clauses, Extensions, Conditions, Definitions, Exclusions and other terms contained herein;
(b) any endorsement attaching to and forming part of this Policy either at inception or during the Policy Period; and
(c) the Proposal.

8.17 Policy Period
“Policy Period” shall mean the period specified in the Schedule.

8.18 Pollutants
“Pollutants” shall mean:

(a) any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including but not limited to smoke, vapour, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals; or
(b) any waste materials including materials recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed; or
(c) any other air emission, odour, waste water, oil, oil products, infectious or medical waste or any noise emission.

8.19 Premium
“Premium” shall mean the premium specified in the Schedule or in any endorsement to the Schedule.

8.20 Proposal
“Proposal” shall mean the written proposal made by the Insured to Us containing particulars and statements which, together with other information provided by the Insured, are considered as incorporated herein.

8.21 Schedule
“Schedule” shall mean the schedule to this Policy signed and issued by Pen Underwriting Pty Ltd.

8.22 Senior Counsel
“Senior Counsel” shall mean a barrister in active practice who is entitled to use the post-nominals QC or SC in any one or more superior court in the Commonwealth of Australia or the Dominion of New Zealand.

8.23 Subsidiary
“Subsidiary” shall mean:

(a) any entity which by virtue of any applicable legislation or law is deemed to be a subsidiary of the Named Insured specified in the Schedule; or
(b) any entity over which a Named Insured is in a position to exercise effective direction or control.

8.24 Taxable Percentage
“Taxable Percentage” is the Insured’s entitlement to an Input Tax Credit on the Premium as a percentage of the total GST on that premium.

8.25 Terrorism
“Terrorism” includes any act, or preparation in respect of action, or threat of action designed to influence the government de jure or de facto of any nation or any political division thereof, or in pursuit of political, religious, ideological, or similar purposes to intimidate the public or a section of the public of any nation by any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) de jure or de facto, and which:

(a) involves violence against one or more persons; or
(b) involves damage to property; or
(c) endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or
(d) creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
(e) is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

8.26 We or Our or Us
“We or Us or Our or Insurers” shall mean certain Underwriters at Lloyd’s and insurers subscribing to this insurance.