



Professional Indemnity Insurance

Policy Wording

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In this document, you'll find all the information about this policy including what it covers, what's excluded, and your responsibilities as the 'Insured'.

Please refer to your Policy Schedule for the specifics of your policy, including policy limits, sums insured, period of insurance, and excess.

Good to Know

This insurance policy has been arranged by Qdos and is underwritten by HCC International Insurance Co PLC.

Please check your documents carefully to ensure you understand the limitations of your cover and that this policy meets your requirements. If you notice any error or need further clarification, please contact your Qdos Account Manager or our customer services team.

Need to make a claim?

If you need to make a claim, contact us via phone or email using the following details:

Telephone: 0116 478 3419

Email: claims@goqdos.com

Please notify Qdos as soon as possible in the event of a claim, or circumstances which could give rise to a claim.

For more details, please see pages 15 and 16.

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The logo consists of three concentric circles in shades of blue, with the word "Qdos" in white text centered within the innermost circle.

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Understanding your policy

Use the following definitions to fully understand your cover. For the purposes of this Policy, where a word or term appears in **bold** it should be interpreted as follows:

Circumstance

Shall mean any circumstance, incident, occurrence, fact, matter, act, omission, state of affairs or event which is likely to give rise to a claim against the **Insured** or a claim by the **Insured** under the Policy.

Computer system

Shall mean any computer, data processing equipment, media or part thereof, or system of data storage and retrieval, or communications system, network, protocol or part thereof, or any computer software (including but not limited to application software, operating systems, runtime environments or compilers), firmware or microcode, or any electronic documents utilised in the ownership, security and management of the **Insured's** electronic communications system, world-wide web site, internet site, intranet site, extranet site or web address(es).

Damages

Shall mean monetary relief.

Defence costs and expenses

Shall mean all reasonable costs and expenses incurred, with the **Insurer's** prior written consent, in the investigation, defence and settlement of any claim first made against the **Insured** or of any **Circumstance** first notified during the **Period of insurance**. It does not include the **Insured's** own overhead costs and expenses.

Documents

Shall mean digitised data, information recorded or stored in a format for use with a computer, microcode, deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, records, written or printed books, letters, certificates, written or printed documents or forms of any nature whatsoever (excluding any bearer bonds or coupons, bank or currency notes, share certificates, stamps or other negotiable paper).

Employee

is:

- a. any person employed by the **Insured** under a contract of service, training or apprenticeship; and
- b. any voluntary worker; and
- c. any locum, seasonal or temporary personnel; and
- d. any self-employed person, who is not an independent contractor (For the purposes of this definition "independent contractor" shall not include Self Employed Independent Contractors); and
- e. any person supplied or remunerated through a contract hire company or agency, who is not an independent contractor but is employed by the contract hire company on a supply only basis, working as a member of the **Insured's** staff;

but only if such person is working under the **Insured's** direction, control and supervision.

Excess

is the first amount paid in respect of each claim and shall be (save where stated otherwise) the amount stated in the Schedule. The **Excess** is not payable in respect of **Defence costs and expenses**. The **Indemnity limit** is additional to the **Excess**.

Financially associated person or entity

shall mean:

- a. any business controlled or managed by the **Insured** or in which the **Insured** has an executive interest;
- b. any company in which the **Insured** directly or indirectly owns or controls more than 15% of the issued share capital;
- c. any person having an executive or managerial role in the **Insured** or who would be considered to be a shadow director (as defined in s.251 of the Insolvency Act 1986) of the **Insured**;
- d. any company that directly or indirectly owns or controls any of the issued share capital of the **Insured** or any of whose issued share capital is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any other company or person who directly or indirectly owns or controls any of the issued share capital of the **Insured**.

Indemnity limit

shall mean the **Insurer's** total liability to pay **Damages** and claimant's costs, and **Defence costs and expenses** and shall not exceed the sum(s) stated in the Schedule in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising out of one originating cause and in total for all claims first made during the **Period of insurance** and regardless of the number of persons claiming an indemnity from the **Insurer** under the terms of this Policy.

Insured

Is any person or firm stated in the Schedule and includes any current or previous partner, director, principal, member or **Employee** of any firm or company stated in the Schedule and any other person who becomes a partner, director, principal, member or **Employee** of the firm.

Insurer

Means HCC International Insurance Company PLC.

Jurisdiction

Means the jurisdiction stated in the Schedule. Where no jurisdiction is stated in the schedule then the **Jurisdiction** shall be Worldwide but excluding the United States of America (including its territories and /or possessions) and Canada.

Period of insurance

Is that as stated in the Schedule.

Professional services

is the performance of any:

- a. design or specification;
- b. supervision of construction or installation works;
- c. feasibility study;
- d. technical calculation;
- e. surveying;

provided that it is undertaken only by or under the direction and direct control of a properly qualified Architect, Engineer or Surveyor or any person with not less than five years' experience relevant to the specific **Professional service** being performed.

Professional services shall not include the supervision by the **Insured** of its own work, the work of any **Financially associated person or entity** or the work of its building or engineering sub-contractors where such supervision is undertaken in its capacity as building or engineering contractor.

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Qdos Broker & Underwriting Services Limited trading as Qdos, who administers and manages this insurance on behalf of the **Insurer**.

Virus

shall mean any unauthorised executable code uploaded to, or replicated through, a **Computer system** or network whether termed a virus or known by any other name and whether it is self-replicating or non-replicating which causes damage or loss to data or the **Computer system**.

Insuring Clauses

The consideration of the premium having been paid to the **Insurer**, the **Insured** is indemnified, up to the **Indemnity limit**, as follows:

1. Indemnity

For **Damages** and claimant's costs for which the **Insured** is legally liable to pay together with **Defence costs and expenses** resulting from claims first made against the **Insured** during the **Period of insurance** and arising out of the performance of any **Professional services**, in consequence of:

- a. any negligent act error or omission of the **Insured**;
- b. any negligent act error or omission of any specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors of the **Insured** provided that the rights of recourse against such specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors have not been waived or otherwise impaired;
- c. any negligent act error or omission of any specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors for whom the **Insured** has assumed liability under a novation agreement provided that:
 - i. the **Insured** has undertaken a satisfactory due diligence exercise;
 - ii. the novation agreement includes a full indemnity in favour of the **Insured** in respect of any liability the **Insured** may incur for any and all pre-novation services undertaken by such specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors or the **Insured's** contract with its employer expressly excludes the **Insured's** liability for any and all pre-novation services undertaken by such specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors;
 - iii. rights of recourse against such specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors have not been waived or otherwise impaired;
 - iv. no indemnity shall be provided in relation to any claim arising out of any circumstances of which the **Insured** was, or ought reasonably to have been aware at the time such liability was assumed.
- d. failure by the **Insured** to warn any client or clients of any inadequacy or deficiency (alleged or otherwise) in any design, specification or formula supplied by the client.
- e. any dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act or omission of any former or present **Employee** (which term, for the purpose of this clause alone, shall not include any principal, partner, member or director of the **Insured**) provided that no indemnity shall be given under this Policy in the event that any principal, partner, member or director of the **Insured** conspired to commit or condoned any such dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act or omission;
- f. libel or slander or defamation;;
- g. unintentional breach of confidentiality or other invasion, misuse of private information, infringement or interference with rights of privacy or publicity including false light and the public disclosure of private facts including misuse of any information which is either confidential or subject to statutory restrictions;

- h. unintentional infringement of intellectual property rights except patents;
- i. the loss of or damage to **Documents**.

2. Costs for prosecuting infringement of the Insured's intellectual property rights

Up to a maximum of GBP 25,000 in the aggregate in the **Period of insurance**, for the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by the **Insured**, with the **Insurer's** prior written consent, in the pursuance of any claim first made by the **Insured** against a third party during the **Period of insurance**, for infringement of intellectual property rights first discovered by the **Insured** during the **Period of insurance** where the ownership of such rights is vested in the **Insured**.

For the purposes of this Insuring Clause **Insurers** will only give prior consent where the **Insured** has provided, at their own expense, an opinion from a solicitor, barrister or suitably qualified intellectual property agent evidencing the existence of the **Insured's** intellectual property rights, the infringement of those rights, a measurable loss and a reasonable prospect of success.

3. Costs of criminal proceedings

For legal costs and expenses incurred with the **Insurer's** prior consent in the defence of any proceedings brought under the prevailing listed building, building regulation or health and safety legislation and any applicable orders or regulations made pursuant to that legislation or any applicable codes of practice or procedures issued by any governing body concerned with health and safety provided always that:

- a. the act, error or omission giving rise to the proceedings shall have been committed by the **Insured** in the performance of any **Professional service**;

- b. the **Insurer** shall be entitled to appoint solicitors and counsel to act on behalf of the **Insured**;
- c. the **Insurer** shall have no liability to pay costs incurred subsequent to a plea or finding of guilt on the part of the **Insured**, or in the event that Counsel should advise that there are no reasonable prospects of successfully defending the proceedings, except for costs incurred solely for the purpose of making a plea in mitigation before sentencing or costs incurred in making an appeal if Counsel shall advise that the prospects of a successful appeal following a finding of guilt are reasonable;

The **Insurer's** total liability under Insuring Clauses 3) and 4) shall not exceed GBP 250,000 in the aggregate in the **Period of insurance** and the **Insurer** shall have no liability to pay for the **Insured's** own costs and expenses.

4. Costs for representation

For all reasonable and necessary legal costs incurred by the **Insured** with the **Insurer's** prior written consent for representation at any inquiry or other proceeding which has, in the **Insurer's** sole opinion, a direct relevance to any claim, **Circumstance** or event which could form the subject of indemnity under this Policy. For the avoidance of doubt Costs for Representation cover does not apply to Insuring Clause 2.

The **Insurer's** total liability under Insuring Clauses 3) and 4) shall not exceed GBP 250,000 in the aggregate in the **Period of insurance** and the **Insurer** shall have no liability to pay for the **Insured's** own costs and expenses.

5. Collateral warranties

Up to the **Indemnity limit** for claims first made against the **Insured** during the **Period of insurance** for which the Insured is legally liable to pay **Damages** and claimant's costs together with **Defence costs and expenses** and arising out of the performance of any **Professional service** in consequence of or arising from entering into any collateral warranty, duty of care agreement or any similar agreement provided that, in so doing, the **Insured** does not make itself liable:

- a. to provide a level of service or produce a result beyond the scope of any duty that would otherwise be implied by common law or statute; or
- b. to any greater extent or for any longer a period than is the case under the agreement with the person or party with whom the **Insured** originally contracted to perform the same work; or
- c. under any financial guarantee, for any contractual penalty or for liquidated damages.

6. Mitigation of loss

Up to the **Indemnity limit** for reasonable costs and expenses incurred with the **Insurer's** prior consent in respect of any action taken to mitigate or avoid a loss or potential loss prior to practical completion that otherwise would be the subject of a claim under this Policy.

7. Data protection defence costs

Up to a maximum of GBP 250,000 in the aggregate in the **Period of insurance**, in respect of legal costs and expenses incurred with the **Insurer's** prior written consent in the defence of any criminal proceedings brought against the **Insured**, during the **Period of insurance** under The Data Protection Act or amending or superseding legislation provided always that:

- a. the act, error or omission giving rise to the proceedings shall have been committed by the **Insured** in the performance of any **Professional service**;
- b. The **Insurer** shall be entitled to appoint solicitors and counsel to act on behalf of the **Insured**;
- c. The **Insurer** shall have no liability to pay costs incurred subsequent to a plea or finding of guilt on the part of the **Insured**, or in the event that Counsel should advise that there are no reasonable prospects of successfully defending the proceedings, except for costs incurred solely for the purpose of making a plea in mitigation before sentencing or costs incurred in making an appeal if Counsel shall advise that the prospects of a successful appeal following a finding of guilt are reasonable.

For the avoidance of doubt the indemnity provided under Insuring Clauses 2), 3), 4), and 7) is not additional to and shall not increase the **Indemnity limit**.

What isn't covered

The **Insurer** shall not be liable to indemnify the **Insured** against any claim:

1. Employers Liability

Arising directly or indirectly from bodily injury, sickness, disease, psychological injury, emotional distress, nervous shock or death sustained by any **Employee** arising out of or in the course of their employment by the **Insured**, or for any breach of any obligation owed by the **Insured** as an employer to any partner, principal, director, member or **Employee** or applicant for employment;

2. Bodily injury/property damage

For bodily injury, sickness, disease, psychological injury, emotional distress, nervous shock or death sustained by any person or any loss, damage or destruction of property unless such claim arises out of negligent design, specification, survey or any other activity as stated in the Schedule under Other Activities;

3. Land buildings etc.

Arising directly or indirectly from the ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the **Insured** of any land, buildings, aircraft, watercraft, vessel or mechanically propelled vehicle;

4. Dishonesty

Arising directly or indirectly from any dishonest, fraudulent, malicious or illegal act or omission of the **Insured**, except as covered by Insuring Clause 1e);

5. Contractual liability

arising directly or indirectly from any breach or alleged breach of any contractual duty or duty of care owed or alleged to have been owed by the **Insured** to any third party but only to the extent that such duty is more onerous than any duty that would otherwise be implied by common law or statute, except as covered by Insuring Clause 5;

6. Products

Arising out of or relating to:

- a. goods or products sold, supplied, repaired, altered, manufactured, installed or maintained; or
- b. buildings, building works or physical structures constructed, repaired, installed, erected, removed or demolished;

by the **Insured** or any **Financially associated person or entity** or sub-contractor of the **Insured** unless such claim is the direct consequence of any negligent act, error or omission arising out of the performance of any **Professional service**;

7. Insolvency/bankruptcy of Insured

Arising out of or relating directly or indirectly to the insolvency, liquidation, receivership or bankruptcy of the **Insured**;

8. Seepage and pollution

Based upon, arising out of or relating directly or indirectly to, in consequence of or in any way involving seepage, pollution or contamination of any kind;

9. Claims or Circumstances known at inception

Arising directly or indirectly from any claim or **Circumstance** of which the **Insured** was, or ought reasonably to have been, aware prior to inception of this Policy, whether notified under any other insurance or not;

10. Other insurance

In respect of which the **Insured** is, or but for the existence of this Policy would be, entitled to indemnity under any other insurance except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which is payable under such other insurance;

11. Geographical limits

In respect of work carried out outside the Geographical Limits stated in the Schedule;

12. Legal action

In respect of an action for **Damages**:

- a. brought outside the **Jurisdiction** (including the enforcement within the **Jurisdiction** of a judgment or finding of another court or tribunal that is not within the **Jurisdiction**);
- b. in which it is contended that the governing law is outside the **Jurisdiction**;
- c. brought outside the **Jurisdiction** to enforce a judgment or finding of a court or other tribunal in any other jurisdiction;

13. Fines and penalties

For penalties, fines, multiple, exemplary, liquidated or other non-compensatory **Damages** awarded other than in actions brought for libel, slander or defamation in so far as they are covered by this Policy;

14. Claims by financially associated persons or entities

Made against the **Insured** by any **Financially associated person or entity** whether alone or jointly with any other person or entity. However, this exclusion shall not apply to any claim brought against such **Financially associated person or entity** by an independent third party which would, but for this exclusion, be covered by this Policy;

15. Retroactive date

Made by or against or incurred by the **Insured** arising from any act or omission or originating cause that occurred prior to the Retroactive Date stated in the Schedule;

16. Radioactive contamination or explosive nuclear assemblies

Directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by 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;

17. Excess

For the amount of or less than the **Excess**. The **Excess** shall be deducted from each and every claim paid under this Policy;

18. War

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

19. Terrorism

Arising directly or indirectly out of, happening through or in consequence of any act or acts of force or violence for political, religious or other ends directed towards the overthrowing or influencing of any government, or for the purpose of putting the public in fear by any person or persons acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation.

*In the event of any dispute as to whether or not this exclusion applies the **Insured** shall have the burden of proving that this exclusion does not apply;*

20. Asbestos

Arising directly or indirectly out of or resulting from or in consequence of or in any way involving asbestos or any materials containing asbestos in whatever form or quantity;

21. Other appointments

Made against any **Insured** in the capacity as:

- a. director or officer of the **Insured** or of any other company or arising out of the management of the **Insured** or of any other company; or
- b. trustee of any trust or as officer or employee of any pension fund or any other employee benefit scheme, whether for the benefit of members or **Employees** of the **Insured** or otherwise;

22. Trading losses

Arising out of:

- a. any trading loss or trading liability incurred by any business managed or carried on by the **Insured** (including the loss of any client account or business);
- b. loss caused by the **Insured** in consequence of a share or asset sale to any prospective purchaser, associated business, merger partner, joint venture partner or similar because of any misstatement or misrepresentation made by the

Insured;

- c. the actual or alleged over-charging or improper receipt of fees by the **Insured;**

23. Virus

arising directly or indirectly from any **Virus**;

24. Patents

Arising directly or indirectly from the infringement of any patent;

25. Project partnering

arising out of or in respect of work carried out by any project partnership of which all or any of the **Insured** form part unless the claim or loss emanates from the acts or omissions of the **Insured**;

26. Joint ventures

arising out of or in respect of work carried out by or in the name of a consortium of professional people or firms or other association formed of which all or any of the **Insured** form part for the purpose of undertaking any joint venture or any other profit-sharing arrangement unless the claim or loss emanates from the acts or omissions of the **Insured**;

27. Valuation reports

arising from any valuation report prepared by or on behalf of the **Insured** except for the purpose of certifying payments due to contractors or measuring quantities;

28. Insurance, finance and costs

arising directly or indirectly out of or in any way connected with:

- a. the arranging or maintenance of insurance, sureties or bonds or the provision of finance or advice on financial matters;
- b. estimates of construction costs;

29. Workmanship

arising directly or indirectly from or relating to:

- a. defective workmanship;
- b. defective or deleterious materials;
- c. manual labour operations;

30. Deliberate acts

arising directly or indirectly from any deliberate or reckless breach, act, omission or infringement committed, condoned or ignored by the **Insured**, except as covered under Insuring Clause 1e);

31. Claims by Employees

made against the **Insured** by any present or former **Employee**;

32. Combustibility and Fire Safety

arising directly or indirectly out of or in any way involving the combustibility or fire safety requirements of any cladding, glazing, doors, balconies, roofs, roof voids, roof cavities, external wall system (including anything attached thereto) and/or internal wall system (including ceilings and floors) of any building or structure; including any component or material used in the manufacture, assembly or construction thereof.

Special Notification Conditions

The Insured shall, as a condition precedent to their right to indemnity under this Policy, comply with the Special Notification Conditions below, the Insurer only being liable to indemnify the Insured in respect of any notification(s) made to the Insurer during the Period of insurance.

For the purposes of these Special Notification Conditions **Adjudication notice** shall mean any adjudication notice pursuant to contract (including a “Notice of Adjudication” and/or “referral notice” pursuant to the Scheme For Construction Contracts (England & Wales) Regulations 1998 and/or the Scheme For Construction Contracts (England & Wales) Regulations 1998 (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2011 and/or The Scheme for Construction Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 1998) and “adjudication” and “adjudicator shall be construed in that context:-

1. The **Insured** shall give the **Insurer** *written notice within 2 working days* of:
 - a. the receipt of any such **Adjudication notice**;
 - b. the receipt of any indication, whether in writing or otherwise, of an intention on the part of any party to serve the **Insured** with an **Adjudication notice**;
 - c. becoming aware of circumstances in which the commencement of an adjudication involving the **Insured** is likely.

This notice must be given during the **Period of insurance**.
2. The **Insured** must promptly supply the **Insurer** with all details relating to any references to adjudication, including copies of all documentation made available to the **Insured**.
3. The **Insured** must:
 - a. allow the **Insurer** to appoint advisors and to have conduct of the adjudication as they deem appropriate;
 - b. co-operate with the **Insurer** and their advisors in the conduct of the adjudication;
 - c. meet any request, direction or timetable of the adjudicator;
 - d. not agree to accept the decision of the adjudicator as finally determining the dispute without the prior written consent of the **Insurer**.
4. The adjudication provisions in the Contract (if any) or otherwise applying to the Contract must:
 - a. provide that the adjudicator must be independent of the parties to the dispute;
 - b. not allow for the adjudicator’s decision to finally determine the dispute;
 - c. not allow the adjudicator to disregard the legal entitlements of the parties in order to reach a decision based on commercial or other considerations;
 - d. not place restrictions upon the timing of the commencement of legal or arbitration proceedings (for the sake of clarity this does not apply to adjudication proceedings).

Further condition

The Insurer shall be entitled to pursue legal proceedings, arbitration or other proceedings in the name of and on behalf of the Insured to challenge, appeal, re-open or amend any decision, direction, award or exercise of any power of the adjudicator or to stay the enforcement of any such decision, direction, award or exercise of power. The Insured shall give all such assistance as the Insurer may reasonably require in relation to such proceedings or arbitration.

Making a Claim

1. Claim/Circumstance Notification

As conditions precedent to their right to be indemnified under this Policy the **Insured**.

- 1.1. shall inform **Qdos** as soon as possible, and in any event within 28 working days (provided always that such notification is received by Qdos before the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**) of the receipt, awareness or discovery of:-
 - a. any claim made against them
 - b. any notice of intention to make a claim against them
 - c. any **Circumstance**
 - d. the discovery of reasonable cause for suspicion of dishonesty or fraud.

provided always that such notification is received by the **Insurer** before the expiry of the **Period of insurance**, or if the **Insured** renews this Policy with the **Insurer**, within 7 days after its expiry.

Such notice having been given as required in b), c) or d) above, any subsequent claim made shall be deemed to have been made during the **Period of insurance**;

- 1.2. shall not, in the event of a claim, or the discovery of information which may give rise to a claim, admit liability for or settle any claim, or incur any costs or expenses in connection therewith, without the written consent of the **Insurer**; and
- 1.3. shall, as soon as practicable given the circumstances, give all such information and assistance as the **Insurer** may require and provide their full co-operation in the defence or settlement of any such claim.

Every letter of claim, writ, summons or process and all documents relating thereto and any other written notification of claim shall be forwarded, unanswered, to the Insurer immediately they are received. The **Insured** shall at all times, in addition to their obligations set out above, afford such information to and co-operate with the **Insurer** to allow the **Insurer** to be able to comply with such relevant Practice Directions and Pre-Action Protocols as may be issued and approved from time to time by the Head of Civil Justice.

2. Notifications

Any and all notifications of **Circumstances** and claims shall be notified to Qdos by either (a) e-mail (b) telephone or (c) first class post.

If by email then such must be addressed to PI Claims and sent to **claims@goqdos.com**

If by telephone, please dial the following number:

Telephone: 0116 478 3419

If by post:

PI Claims

Qdos

The Grange, Grange Avenue, Rearsby, Leicester, LE7 4FY

3. Conduct of Claims

- 3.1 Following notification under condition 1. above the **Insurer** shall be entitled at its own expense to take over and within its sole discretion to conduct in the name of the **Insured** the defence and settlement of any such claim. Nevertheless neither the **Insured** nor the **Insurer** shall be required to contest any legal proceedings unless a Queens Counsel (to be mutually agreed upon by the **Insured** and the **Insurer**) shall advise that such proceedings should be contested.
- 3.2 The **Insurer** may at any time in connection with any claim made, pay to the **Insured** the **Indemnity** limit (after deduction of any sums already paid) or any lesser sum for which, in the sole opinion of the **Insurer**, the claim can be settled and upon such payment being made the **Insurer** shall relinquish the conduct and control of and have no further liability in connection with the claim.

General Conditions

1. Policy construction and disputes

Any phrase or word in this Policy and the Schedule will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. The Policy and the Schedule shall be read together as one contract and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of this Policy or the Schedule shall bear such specific meaning wherever it may appear.

Any dispute concerning the interpretation of the terms, Conditions or Exclusions contained herein is understood and agreed by both the **Insured** and the **Insurer** to be subject to the laws of England and Wales. Each party agrees to refer any such dispute to a mediator to be agreed between the **Insured** and the **Insurer** within 14 working days of any dispute arising under the Policy. If a mediator is not agreed then either party may apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ('CEDR') for the appointment of a mediator. The parties agree to share equally the costs of CEDR and of the mediator and that the reference of the dispute to mediation will be conducted in confidence.

The **Insured** and the **Insurer** agree to perform their respective continuing obligations under this Policy while the dispute is resolved unless the nature of the dispute prevents such continued performance of those obligations. If any such dispute is not resolved by mediation or the **Insured** and the **Insurer** cannot agree upon the appointment of a mediator or the form that the mediation will take the dispute will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction within England and Wales and each party agrees to comply with all requirements necessary to give such court

jurisdiction. All matters arising hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the law and practice of such court.

2. Waiver of subrogation against employees

The **Insurer** shall not exercise any right of subrogation against any former or present **Employee**, unless the **Insurer** shall have made a payment caused or contributed to by any act or omission of the **Employee** or former **Employee** which was dishonest, fraudulent or malicious or the **Employee** or former **Employee** conspired to commit or condoned any such dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act or omission.

3. Dishonest or fraudulent act or omission

In the event of a loss or claim which involves the dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act or omission of any former or present **Employee** the **Insured** shall take all reasonable action (including legal proceedings) to obtain reimbursement from the **Employee** concerned (and from any **Employee** who may have conspired to commit or have condoned such act or omission) or from the estate or legal representatives of such **Employee**. Any monies which but for such dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act or omission would be due to such **Employee** from the **Insured** or any monies held by the **Insured** for such **Employee** shall be deducted from any amount payable under this Policy.

4. Fraudulent Claims

If the **Insured** shall make any claim knowing the same to be fraudulent or false as regards the amount or otherwise (including the provision of false or fraudulent documents or statements) then

The **Insurer** will:

- i. refuse to pay the whole of the claim; and
- ii. recover from the Insured any sums that it has already paid in respect of the claim.

The **Insurer** may also notify the **Insured** that it will be treating (all sections of) this policy as having terminated with effect from the date of the earliest of any of the fraudulent act. In that event the **Insured** will:

- a. have no cover under the Policy from the date of termination; and
- b. not be entitled to any refund of premium.

5. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

The **Insured** and the **Insurer** are the only parties to this contract and no other person has any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Policy but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

6. Cancellation

This Policy may be cancelled by or on behalf of the **Insurer** by fourteen days notice given in writing to the **Insured**.

7. Invalidity

If any provision of this Policy is found by any court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable this will not affect the other provisions of this Policy which will remain in full force and effect.

8. Notices

Notice shall be deemed to be duly received in the course of post if sent by pre-paid letter post properly addressed to:

- a. in the case of the **Insured**, either to the **Insured's** last known address or the last known address of the **Insured's** broker.
- b. in the case of the **Insurer**, to Tokio Marine HCC – at The St Botolph Building, 138-139 Houndsditch, London, EC3A 7BT.

9. Reasonable steps to avoid loss

Without prejudice to the Notification and Claims Conditions in this Policy, the **Insured** shall take all reasonable steps to avoid or mitigate any loss, damage or liability that may result in any claim or **Circumstance** notifiable under this Policy.

10. Mergers and acquisitions

If during the **Period of Insurance** the **Insured**:

- a. purchases assets or acquires liabilities from another entity in an amount no greater than 10% of the assets of the **Insured** as listed in its most recent financial statement; or
- b. acquires another entity whose annual revenues are no more than 10% of the annual revenues of the **Insured** for their last completed financial year; and
- c. there is no material deviation to the **Insured's Professional business**; and
- d. prior to the acquisition of the acquired company not being aware of any professional indemnity claims or circumstances that could give rise to a claim

then this Policy shall automatically include such entity as an **Insured** but only in respect of any act or omission occurring on or after the date of merger or acquisition unless otherwise agreed by the **Insurer**.

11. Assignment

This policy of insurance (including any benefits it provides) are not assignable to any third party without the express approval of the **Insurer** confirmed in writing by the **Insurer**.

12. Change of control

In the event that the **Insured** merges into or consolidates with or sells all or substantially all of its assets or shares to a third party (whether a company, corporation or any other legal entity or person) or there is any acquisition of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting share capital of the **Insured** by a third party (whether a company, corporation or any other legal entity or person) the **Insured** shall give written notice of such event prior to its execution. Upon receipt of such notice, the **Insurers** may at their absolute discretion agree to continuation of the policy of insurance, to be confirmed by way of a written endorsement to the policy. In the absence of such agreement and/or if notice is not forthcoming as required under this General Condition 12 – Change of control, the cover provided by this policy of insurance shall cease with immediate effect at the date of the change of control.

For the avoidance of doubt, the **Insured** shall not be entitled to an indemnity in respect of any claims made under this policy of insurance where notification of the claim occurs after a change in control (as referred to in this General Condition 12 – Change of control) where the change of control was not reported to **Insurers** and approved in accordance with this General Condition 12.

13. International Sanctions

The **Insurer** will not provide cover, be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit if to do so would expose the **Insurer** (or any parent company, direct or indirect holding company of the **Insurer**) to any penalty or restriction (including extraterritorial penalties or restrictions so far as such do not contradict laws applicable to the **Insurer**), arising out of any trade and economic sanctions laws or regulations which are applicable to it.

Complaints

We want to ensure that you are always dealt with promptly, efficiently, and fairly. At all times providing you with the highest standard of service.

In the event that you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this Policy or the services provided by Qdos, please write to:

Email

feedback@goqdos.com

Telephone

0116 269 0999

Post

**The Nominated Complaints Handler
Qdos, The Grange. Grange Avenue, Rearsby,
Leicester, LE7 4FY**

If it is not possible to reach an agreement, you have the right to make an appeal to the Financial Ombudsman Service. This also applies if you are insured in a business capacity and have an annual turnover of less than €2 million and fewer than ten staff. You may contact the Financial Ombudsman Service at:

Post

**The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange
Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14
9SR**

Telephone

0845 080 1800

Email

complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website

www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The above complaints procedure is in addition to your statutory rights as a consumer. For further information about your statutory rights contact your local authority Trading Standards Service or Citizens Advice Bureau.

Compensation Scheme

HCC International Insurance Co PLC is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If they are unable to meet their obligations, you may be entitled to compensation from the scheme, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information is available from the FSCS at www.fscs.org.uk or by contacting them 10th Floor Beaufort House 15 St Botolph Street London EC3A 7QU or by telephone on 0800 678 1100 .

Data Protection Notice

Tokio Marine HCC respects your right to privacy. In our Privacy Notice (available at <https://www.tmhcc.com/en/legal/privacy-policy>) we explain who we are, how we collect, share and use personal information about you, and how you can exercise your privacy rights. If you have any questions or concerns about our use of your personal information, then please contact DPO@tmhcc.com.

We may collect your personal information such as name, email address, postal address, telephone number, gender and date of birth. We need the personal information to enter into and perform a contract with you. We retain personal information we collect from you where we have an ongoing legitimate business need to do so (please note that reference to “you” or “your” herein encompasses non-exhaustively “you, your company, employees and/or customers”).

We may disclose your personal information to:

- a) our **group companies**;
- b) **third party services providers and partners** who provide data processing services to us or who otherwise process personal information for purposes that are described in our Privacy Notice or notified to you when we collect your personal information;
- c) any **competent law enforcement body, regulatory, government agency, court or other third party** where we believe disclosure is necessary (i) as a matter of applicable law or regulation, (ii) to exercise, establish or defend our legal rights, or (iii) to protect your interests or those of any other person;
- d) a **potential buyer** (and its agents and advisers) in connection with any proposed purchase, merger or acquisition of any part of our business, provided that we inform the buyer it must use your personal information only for the purposes disclosed in our Privacy Policy; or
- e) any **other person with your consent** to the disclosure.

Your personal information may be transferred to, and processed in, countries other than the country in which you are resident. These countries may have data protection laws that are different to the laws of your country. We transfer data within the Tokio Marine group of companies by virtue of our Intra Group Data Transfer Agreement, which includes the EU Standard Contractual Clauses.

We use appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the personal information that we collect and process about you. The measures we use are designed to provide a level of security appropriate to the risk of processing your personal information.

You are entitled to know what data is held on you and to make what is referred to as a Data Subject Access Request (**‘DSAR’**). You are also entitled to request that your data be **corrected** in order that we hold accurate records. In certain circumstances, you have other data protection rights such as that of **requesting deletion, objecting to processing, restricting processing** and in some cases **requesting portability**. Further information on your rights is included in our Privacy Policy.

You can **opt-out of marketing communications** we send you at any time. You can exercise this right by clicking on the “unsubscribe” or “opt-out” link in the marketing e-mails we send you. Similarly, if we have collected and processed your personal information with your consent, then you can **withdraw your consent** at any time. Withdrawing your consent will not affect the lawfulness of any processing we conducted prior to your withdrawal, nor will it affect processing of your personal information conducted in reliance on lawful processing grounds other than consent. You have the **right to complain to a data protection authority** about our collection and use of your personal information.