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Public Liability

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Definitions

The following Definitions apply to this Section in addition to the General Definitions at the front of this policy and keep the same meaning wherever they appear in the Section, unless an alternative definition is stated to apply.

Asbestos

Asbestos, asbestos fibres or any derivatives of asbestos.

Compensation

Damages including interest.

Computer System

Any computer, hardware, software, communications system, electronic device (including, but not limited to, smart phone, laptop, tablet, wearable device), server, cloud or microcontroller including any similar system or any configuration of the aforementioned and including any associated input, output, data storage device, networking equipment or back up facility.

Clean Up Costs

- (a) Testing for or monitoring of **Pollution or Contamination**
- (b) The costs of **Remediation** required by any **Enforcing Authority** to a standard reasonably achievable by the methods available at the time that such **Remediation** commences.

Communicable Disease

- (a) Coronavirus being:
 - (i) any coronavirus; or
 - (ii) any disease caused by any coronavirus; or
 - (iii) any mutation or variation of any coronavirus or of any disease caused by any coronavirus.
- (b) Any other infectious disease in humans which has been determined or declared to:
 - (i) constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern under the International Health Regulations (2005) (as amended or replaced from time to time); and/or
 - (ii) an outbreak identified as a major health incident in the United Kingdom, for which a Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies has been activated by the Cabinet Office Briefing Room

Costs and Expenses

- (a) Claimants' legal costs for which **You** are legally liable
- (b) All costs and expenses incurred with **Our** written consent in defending any claim
- (c) The solicitor's fees incurred with **Our** written consent for representation at proceedings in any court of summary jurisdiction in respect of any alleged act causing or relating to any occurrence which may be the subject of indemnity under this Section or at any coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.

Cyber Act

An unauthorised, malicious or criminal act or series of related unauthorised, malicious or criminal acts, regardless of time and place, or the threat or hoax thereof involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any **Computer System**.

Cyber Incident

- (a) Any error or omission or series of related errors or omissions involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any **Computer System**; or
- (b) Any partial or total unavailability or failure or series of related partial or total unavailability or failures to access, process, use or operate any **Computer System**.

Data

Information, facts, concepts, code or any other information of any kind that is recorded or transmitted in a form to be used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a **Computer System**.

Enforcing Authority

Any government or statutory authority or body implementing or enforcing environmental protection legislation within the **Territorial Limits**.

Offshore Installation

Any:

- (a) installation in the sea or tidal waters which is intended for underwater exploitation of mineral resources or exploration with a view to such exploitation
- (b) installation in the sea or tidal waters which is intended for the storage or recovery of gas or generation of electricity
- (c) pipe or system of pipes in the sea or tidal waters
- (d) accommodation installation for persons who work on or from the locations specified above.

Pollutants

Any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including but not limited to smoke, vapour, soot fumes, acid, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes material to be recycled reconditioned or reclaimed.

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Pollution or Contamination

- (a) All pollution or contamination of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere and
- (b) All **Bodily Injury** or **Damage** directly or indirectly caused by such pollution or contamination arising from any **Pollutants**.

Remediation

Remediating the effects of **Pollution or Contamination** including primary, complementary and compensatory actions as specified in the Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009.

Cover

We will indemnify **You** against:

1. legal liability to pay **Compensation**
- and

2. **Costs and Expenses**

in respect of:

- (a) accidental **Bodily Injury** to any person
- (b) **Damage** to material property
- (c) accidental nuisance or trespass, obstruction, loss of amenities or interference with any right of way light air or water
- (d) wrongful arrest detention imprisonment or eviction of any person malicious prosecution or invasion of the right of privacy occurring in connection with the **Business**:
 - (i) during the **Period of Insurance**
 - (ii) within the **Territorial Limits**
 - (iii) within any member country of the European Union in respect of any journey or temporary visit in connection with the **Business** by **You** or any of **Your** directors, partners or **Employees** normally resident within the **Territorial Limits**
- (iv) elsewhere in the world in respect of any journey or temporary visit in connection with the **Business** by **You** or any of **Your** directors, partners or **Employees** normally resident within the **Territorial Limits**, provided such journey or visit is not for the purpose of performing manual work.

Limit of Indemnity

Our liability to pay **Compensation** in respect of any one claim or series of claims against **You** arising out of one original cause shall not exceed the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**.

Our liability under this Section for all **Compensation** payable in respect of all occurrences arising directly or indirectly from **Communicable Disease** during any one **Period of Insurance** and in the aggregate shall not exceed £1,000,000 inclusive of all **Costs and Expenses**. This limit will form part of and not be in addition to the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**.

Where indemnity is provided for liability in respect of claims brought in the United States of America or Canada or their dependencies or trust territories the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule** shall be the maximum amount payable by **Us** inclusive of all **Costs and Expenses**.

Extensions

The following Extensions apply to this Section.

Contingent Motor Liability

Notwithstanding Exclusion 2(b) **We** will indemnify **You** in respect of liability arising out of the use in the course of the **Business** of any vehicle not belonging to or provided by **You**.

Provided **We** will not be liable:

- (a) for **Damage** to such vehicle or to goods being carried
- (b) for **Bodily Injury** to any person or loss of property arising while the vehicle is being driven by **You** or by any person who to **Your** knowledge does not hold a licence to drive such vehicle
- (c) in respect of liability more specifically insured under any other insurance
- (d) in respect of liability arising outside the **Territorial Limits**.

Contractual Liability

Liability assumed by **You** under contract or agreement which would not have attached in the absence of such contract or agreement will be the subject of indemnity under this Section provided that:

- (a) **We** shall retain sole conduct and control of all claim
- (b) **You** shall arrange for such other parties as may be indemnified by any such contract or agreement, to observe and fulfil the terms and conditions of this insurance so far as they can apply.

We will not indemnify any person or entity falling within the definition of the **Policyholder** other than **You** for any contractual liability, unless such liability would have attached in the absence of any contract or agreement.

Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007

We will indemnify **You** in respect of:

- (a) legal costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior written consent and
- (b) prosecution costs awarded against **You** in the defence of criminal proceedings including an appeal against conviction arising from such proceedings brought under The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 as a result of death to any person other than an **Employee** happening in connection with the **Business** during the **Period of Insurance** and which may be the subject of payment under this Section provided that:
 - (i) **Our** liability will not exceed £5,000,000 or the Limit of Indemnity shown in the **Schedule**, whichever is the lower, during any one **Period of Insurance**
 - (ii) all amounts payable under this Extension will form part of and not be in addition to the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**
 - (iii) where **We** have already provided a payment in respect of any legal costs or expenses incurred in connection with the defence of any criminal proceedings including appeals against conviction arising from such proceedings brought under The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 arising out of the same occurrence which give rise to such proceedings any amount paid or payable by **Us** will be deducted from the amount payable under this Section

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- (iv) **We** agreed in writing to the appointment of any solicitor or counsel who is to act on **Your** behalf prior to their appointment.

We will not be liable for:

- (a) any fines or penalties or the cost of implementing any remedial order or publicity order
- (b) an appeal against any fines penalties remedial order or publicity order
- (c) any costs incurred which result from the failure to comply with any remedial order or publicity order
- (d) costs and expenses in connection with any appeal unless advice has been obtained from solicitors or counsel approved by **Us** that there are strong prospects of success
- (e) costs and expenses in connection with the defence of any criminal proceedings resulting from any deliberate or intentional criminal act or omission by **You** or any other director partner or **Employee** of **Yours**
- (f) costs and expenses provided by any other source or any other insurance or where but for the existence of this Extension would have been provided by such source or insurance
- (g) costs and expenses in connection with the defence of any criminal proceedings brought in any country outside the **Territorial Limits**.

Court Attendance Compensation

We will pay **You** the daily rates stated below if any of the following are required to attend court as a witness at **Our** request:

- (a) **You**, any director or business partner £750
- (b) any **Employee** £250

Cross Liabilities

Where there is more than one person named as the **Policyholder** in the **Schedule** this Section will apply separately to each named person as if each is insured by a separate policy, provided always that **Our** maximum liability in the aggregate for damages to all parties insured will not exceed the Limit of Indemnity shown in the **Schedule**.

General Data Protection Regulations

We will indemnify **You** in respect of legal liability under Article 82 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the "General Data Protection Regulation" or the "GDPR") and the equivalent provision under the Data Protection Act 2018 (all as amended, updated or re-enacted from time to time), in connection with personal data (as defined in the Regulation) processed by **You** provided that **We** will not be liable for:

- (a) the payment of fines and penalties
- (b) the cost of replacing reinstating rectifying or erasing any personal data.

Our liability shall not exceed £1,000,000 or the Limit of Indemnity shown in the **Schedule**, whichever is the lower, during any one **Period of Insurance** inclusive of all **Costs and Expenses**.

Defective Premises Act 1972

We will indemnify **You** in respect of liability incurred by **You** under the terms of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 in connection with any business premises or land which have been disposed of by **You**.

We will not be liable:

- (a) for the cost of repairing or rectifying any defect or alleged defect in such buildings
- (b) in respect of liability more specifically insured under any other insurance.

Environmental Clean Up Costs

We will indemnify **You** in respect of all sums including statutory debts that **You** are legally liable to pay in respect of **Clean Up Costs** arising from environmental **Damage** caused by **Pollution or Contamination** where such liability arises under an environmental directive, statute or statutory instrument.

Provided that:

- (a) liability arises from **Pollution or Contamination** caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **Period of Insurance**. All **Pollution or Contamination** which arises out of one incident will be deemed to have occurred at the same time such incident takes place
- (b) immediate loss prevention or salvage action is taken and the appropriate authorities are notified
- (c) **We** will not provide indemnity:
 - (i) in respect of **Clean Up Costs** for **Damage** to **Your** land, premises, watercourse or body of water whether owned, leased, hired, tenanted or otherwise in **Your** care, custody or control
 - (ii) for **Damage** connected with pre-existing contaminated property
 - (iii) for **Damage** caused by a succession of several events where such individual event would not warrant immediate action
 - (iv) in respect of removal of any risk of an adverse effect on human health on **Your** land, premises, watercourse or body of water whether owned, leased, hired, tenanted or otherwise in **Your** care, custody or control
 - (v) in respect of costs in achieving an improvement or alteration in the condition of the land, atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water beyond that required under any relevant and applicable law or statutory enactment at the time **Remediation** commences
 - (vi) in respect of costs for prevention of imminent threat of environmental **Damage** where such costs are incurred without there being **Pollution or Contamination** caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident
 - (vii) for **Damage** resulting from an alteration to subterranean stores of groundwater or to flow patterns
 - (viii) in respect of costs for the reinstatement or reintroduction of flora or fauna, natural habitats or species

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- (ix) for **Damage** caused deliberately or intentionally by **You** or where **You** have knowingly deviated from environmental protection rulings or where **You** have knowingly omitted to inspect, maintain or perform necessary repairs to plant or machinery for which **You** are responsible
- (x) in respect of fines or penalties of any kind
- (xi) for **Damage** caused by the ownership or operation on **Your** behalf of any mining operations or storage, treatment or disposal of waste or waste products other than caused by composting, purification or pre- treatment of waste water
- (xii) for **Damage** which is covered by a more specific insurance policy
- (xiii) for **Damage** caused by persons aware of the defectiveness or harmfulness of products they have placed on the market or works or other services they have performed
- (xiv) for **Damage** caused by disease in animals belonging to or kept or sold by **You**.

Our liability will not exceed the Limit of Indemnity shown in the **Schedule** for any one occurrence and in the aggregate in any one **Period of Insurance** inclusive of all **Costs and Expenses**. This limit will form part of and not be in addition to the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**.

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

We will indemnify **You** and at **Your** request, any director, partner or **Employee** against legal costs and expenses incurred with **Our** written consent in the defence of any criminal proceedings brought in respect of a breach of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or similar legislation in Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, committed or alleged to have been committed during the **Period of Insurance**, including legal costs and expenses incurred with **Our** written consent in an appeal against conviction arising from such proceedings.

We will not be liable for:

- (a) fines or penalties of any kind
- (b) proceedings or appeals in respect of any deliberate or intentional criminal act or omission
- (c) costs and expenses insured by any other policy.

Indemnity to Other Persons

We will at **Your** request indemnify:

- (a) any of **Your** directors, partners or **Employees**
- (b) any officer, committee member or other person employed by **Your** catering, social, sports, educational or welfare organisations or first-aid, medical, ambulance, fire or security services
- (c) any director, partner or official for whom with **Your** consent an **Employee** is undertaking private work
- (d) any principal or public or local authority as far as is necessary to meet the requirements of any contract or agreement entered into by **You** for the performance of work
- (e) any legal representative of any of the above in the event of their death

for amounts which they are legally liable in respect of which **You** would have been entitled to payment under this policy if the claim had been made against **You**.

Provided that:

- (i) any person is not entitled to be paid under any other insurance
- (ii) any person will observe, fulfil and be subject to the terms and conditions of the policy as far as they can apply
- (iii) **We** will retain the sole conduct and control of any claim
- (iv) the total amount **We** will pay for damages to **You** and any such persons will not exceed the Limit of Indemnity shown in the **Schedule**.

Legionella

Section Exclusion 9 will not apply to any discharge release or escape of Legionella or other airborne pathogens from water tanks, water systems, air conditioning plants, cooling towers and the like.

All **Pollution or Contamination** which arises out of or as a consequence of any discharge release or escape of Legionella or other airborne pathogens from water tanks, water systems, air conditioning plants, cooling towers and the like will be deemed to have occurred on the date that **You** first become aware of circumstances which have given rise to such **Pollution or Contamination**.

This indemnity only applies to claims first made against **You** during the **Period of Insurance** or within 30 days after the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**. **You** shall give notice in writing to **Us** immediately on becoming aware of circumstances which have given or may give rise to a claim under this Extension.

We will not be liable:

- (a) if before the current **Period of Insurance** **You** had become aware of circumstances which have or may give rise to such **Pollution or Contamination**
- (b) if **You** have failed to comply with the Health and Safety Executives Approved Code of Practice – Legionnaires Disease: The control of legionella bacteria in water systems – or any subsequent amending Code of Practice.

It is a condition precedent to **Our** liability that **You** keep records evidencing compliance for **Our** inspection or produce copies of such records immediately on request.

Our liability will not exceed £500,000 for any one occurrence and in the aggregate in any one **Period of Insurance** inclusive of all **Costs and Expenses**. This limit will form part of and not be in addition to the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**.

Libel and Slander

We will indemnify **You** for claims made during the **Period of Insurance** arising from any act of libel or slander committed in good faith by **You** during the **Period of Insurance** in the course of the **Business** provided that **Our** liability will apply solely to **Your** in house publications including websites and trade publications.

Our liability will not exceed £100,000 in any one **Period of Insurance**.

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Member to Member Liability

We will indemnify any member of **Your** sports or social organisations in respect of liability for accidental **Bodily Injury** or **Damage to Property** sustained by fellow members of such organisations while engaged in the activities of such organisations.

Overseas Personal Liability

We will indemnify **You** or at **Your** request any director or partner or any **Employee** or spouse of such person in respect of any amount for which they will be legally liable incurred in a personal capacity whilst temporarily outside the **Territorial Limits** in connection with the **Business**.

Provided that this indemnity shall not apply in respect of:

- (a) ownership or occupation of land and buildings
- (b) liability more specifically insured under any other insurance.

Property in Your Custody and Control

We will indemnify **You** in respect of legal liability for **Damage** to premises including fixtures and fittings leased, hired or rented to **You** or those in **Your** custody and control.

We will not be liable for legal liability under a contract unless legal liability would have attached to **You** in the absence of such contract.

Conditions

The following Conditions apply to this Section, in addition to the General Conditions and Claims Conditions at the front of this policy.

Discharge of Liability

We may at any time pay to **You** in connection with any claim or series of claims:

- (a) the amount of the Limit of Indemnity or
- (b) any lesser amount for which such claim or claims can be settled less any sum or sums already paid as **Compensation**.

On payment **We** shall relinquish the conduct and control of and be under no further liability in connection with such claim or claims except for the payment of **Costs and Expenses** incurred prior to the date of such payment.

Exclusions

The following Exclusions apply to this Section in addition to the General Exclusions at the front of this policy.

We will not be liable under this Section in respect of:

1. **Bodily Injury** to any **Employee** arising out of and in the course of their employment in the **Business**
2. **Bodily Injury** or **Damage** arising from the ownership possession or use by **You** or on **Your** behalf of:
 - (a) any aircraft, aerospace device, hovercraft or watercraft other than hand propelled watercraft and other watercraft not exceeding 7 metres in length
 - (b) any mechanically propelled vehicle (or trailer attached thereto) licensed for road use other than liability arising from:
 - (i) the use of plant as a tool of the trade on site or at the **Premises**
 - (ii) in respect of the loading or unloading of such vehicle; or
 - (iii) the movement of any such vehicle not the property of **You** which is interfering with the performance of the **Business**but this indemnity shall not apply if, in respect of such liability, compulsory insurance or security is required under any legislation governing the use of the vehicle
3. **Damage** to:
 - (a) property owned by or leased, hired or rented to **You** other than as insured under Property in Your Custody or Control Extension of this Section
 - (b) property belonging to **You** or held in **Your** care, custody or control other than:
 - (i) personal property of directors, partners or **Employees**
 - (ii) the property of customers or visitors temporarily on or about the **Premise**
 - (iii) as insured under Property in Your Custody or Control Extension
4. **Products** other than:
 - (a) food or beverages for consumption on the **Premises** by **Your** directors, partners, **Employees** or visitors
 - (b) the disposal of furniture and office equipment originally intended solely for use by **You** in connection with the **Business** and which is no longer required for that purpose
5. **Damage to Products** or the cost of making good or recalling such **Products** or the cost of rectifying defective work
6. **Damage** to property which **You** or any of **Your Employees** are or have been working on
7. fines, penalties or liquidated, punitive or exemplary damages or any additional damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages or other non-compensatory damages

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8. liability arising from or caused by the provision of advice or any plan, design, formula or specification given separately for a fee or for which a fee is normally charged
9. liability in respect of **Pollution or Contamination** other than that caused by a sudden identifiable unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during any one **Period of Insurance** provided that:
 - (a) all **Pollution or Contamination** which arises out of any one incident shall be deemed to have occurred at the time such incident takes place
 - (b) **Our** liability for all **Compensation** payable in respect of all **Pollution or Contamination** which is deemed to have occurred during any one **Period of Insurance** shall not exceed in the aggregate the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**
 - (c) this exclusion does not apply to the United States of America and/or Canada and/or their dependencies or trust territories.
10. liability in respect of **Pollution or Contamination** occurring in the United States of America and/or Canada and/or their dependencies or trust territories
11. liability arising in connection with any visits to or work on any **Offshore Installation** or any support vessel for any **Offshore Installation** or whilst in transit to or from any **Offshore Installation** or support vessel
12.
 - (a) exposure to
 - (b) inhalation of
 - (c) fears of the consequences of exposure to or inhalation of
 - (d) the costs incurred by anyone in repairing removing replacing recalling rectifying reinstating or managing (including those of any persons under any statutory duty to manage) any property arising out of the presence of **Asbestos** including any products containing **Asbestos**.
13. liability directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or arising out of or in connection with:
 - (a) any **Cyber Act** or **Cyber Incident** including but not limited to any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or remediating any **Cyber Act** or **Cyber Incident**
 - (b) loss of use, reduction of functionality, repair, replacement, restoration or reproduction of any **Data**, including any amount pertaining to the value of such **Data**

This Exclusion shall not apply in respect of:

 - (i) **Bodily Injury**
 - (ii) physical damage to material property directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with a **Cyber Act** or a **Cyber Incident**.

14. any liability which is insured by or would but for the existence of this Section be insured by any other policy except in respect of any excess beyond the amount payable under such other section had this insurance not been effected
15. the **Excess** shown in the **Schedule**.