

DUAL

CORPORATE RISKS

This is to certify that in accordance with the authorisation granted under Contract to the undersigned by Arch Insurance Company (Europe) Limited and in consideration of the premium specified in the Schedule We, the Insurers named below, are hereby bound to insure in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon.

We hereby agree, to the extent and in the manner hereinafter provided, to indemnify or otherwise pay *You* in respect of the contingencies or events specified in the sections of the Certificate. However this Certificate only applies to those Sections as indicated in the Schedule attached to this Certificate.

The Certificate, Schedule, Exclusions and General Conditions shall be read together as one contract and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of the Certificate, Schedule, Exclusions and General Conditions shall bear the same meaning wherever it may appear.

Please read **this Certificate** and, if it is incorrect, return it immediately for alteration.

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Signed by **DUAL CORPORATE RISKS LIMITED** acting for
Arch Insurance Company (Europe) Limited

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Insurance (Europe)[™]

PARTNERSHIP

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

In consideration of the payment of premium, We agree to insure *You* in accordance with the terms of this Certificate.

Section 1: Standard Cover

- 1.1** We will pay *Loss* as incurred by *You* or on your behalf in respect of any *Claim* made against *You* during the *Certificate Period* (or a *Discovery Period*, if applicable) for a *Wrongful Act*. If the *Partnership* pays *Loss* on your behalf in respect of any *Claim* made against *You* for a *Wrongful Act* then We will pay such *Loss* on behalf of the *Partnership* instead. This also applies to any of the Additional Covers detailed in Section 2 below. However, the *Partnership* is not insured in its own right under this Certificate.

Section 2: Additional Cover

2.1 Public Relations Cover

In the event that *You* or the *Partnership* reasonably consider that the services of a public relations consultancy are required urgently in order to prevent or minimise the risk of a *Claim* which would be covered under this Certificate, then We will reimburse reasonable fees and costs incurred as a result of *You* instructing an appropriate consultancy up to a maximum limit of GBP 50,000 in the aggregate for all such *Claims*. This limit shall be in addition to the *Limit of Liability* stated in Item 3 of the Schedule. Your entitlement to this additional cover is conditional on *You* or the *Partnership* providing *Us* with full written details of the appropriate action taken no later than 30 days after *You* or the *Partnership* first become aware of any occurrence that requires the services of a public relations consultancy.

2.2 Retirement Cover

If the *Partnership* does not renew this Certificate or replace it with any other insurance providing partnership management liability coverage and one of the *Discovery Period Options* detailed in Section 2.3 of this Certificate has not been purchased then *You* will be automatically entitled to a 72 month extension to the *Certificate Period* at no additional premium after the expiry of the *Certificate Period* provided that *You* retired prior to the expiry date of the *Certificate Period*.

For the purposes of this Section 2.2 “retired” means that *You* ceased to hold your position with the *Partnership* for whatever reason.

It is agreed, however, that this Section 2.2 will be of no effect in relation to *You* if *You* retired due to an occurrence taking place as described in Section 8.2 of this Certificate.

2.3 Discovery Period Options (Bilateral)

- 2.3.1** If We refuse to offer to renew this Certificate, then the *Partnership* or *You* shall be entitled to purchase an extension to the *Certificate Period* (a “*Discovery Period*”) of either:
- (a) 12 months from the expiry of the *Certificate Period* upon payment of an additional premium of 100% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule; or
 - (b) 24 months from the expiry of the *Certificate Period* upon payment of an additional premium of 175% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule.
- 2.3.2** Alternatively, if the *Partnership* or *You* choose not to renew this Certificate, then the *Partnership* or *You* shall be entitled to purchase an a *Discovery Period* of 12 months from the expiry of the *Certificate Period* upon payment of 100% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule.
- 2.3.3** If the *Partnership* or *You* do not purchase a *Discovery Period* of 12 or 24 months, then *You* shall be entitled for no additional premium to a *Discovery Period* of 30 days.
- 2.3.4** The cover granted during a *Discovery Period* applies only to a *Claim* made against *You* during a *Discovery Period* for a *Wrongful Act* committed prior to the expiry of the *Certificate Period*.
- 2.3.5** The *Partnership* or *You* are not entitled to a *Discovery Period* in the event of an occurrence taking place as described in Section 8.3 of this Certificate. In this case, however, the *Partnership* or *You* may be entitled to purchase a further policy from *Us* as described in Section 2.4 of this Certificate.
- 2.3.6** The provision of a *Discovery Period* is conditional upon:
- (a) *You* or the *Partnership* or *You* giving *Us* written confirmation of the *Discovery Option* required within 30 days of the expiry of the *Certificate Period*; and

- (b) payment of the additional premium for a Discovery Period within 30 days of the expiry of the *Certificate Period*; and
- (c) this Certificate not being replaced by any other insurance affording partnership management liability cover (however this condition shall not apply where the *Partnership* purchases a Discovery Period in accordance with Section 2.3.2); and
- (d) this Certificate not being cancelled in accordance with Section 8.3.

2.3.7. Any offer by *Us* of renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those in this Certificate does not constitute a refusal to offer to renew.

2.3.8 If a Discovery Period is effected, the *Limit of Liability* shall not be increased in any way.

2.3.9 A Discovery Period may not be cancelled and the additional premium for a Discovery Period is not refundable.

2.4 Pre-Agreed Run-Off Coverage

In the event of an occurrence taking place as described in Section 8.2. the *Partnership* or *You* shall be entitled to request from *Us* a replacement run-off Certificate. In such event *We* agree to offer a replacement run-off Certificate:

- (a) for a period of 12 months for a premium of no more than 100% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule; or
- (b) for a period of 24 months for a premium of no more than 150% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule; or
- (c) for a period of 36 months for a premium of no more than 175% of the annual or annualised equivalent of the premium stated at Item 5 of the Schedule; or
- (d) for any other period or premium as may be mutually agreed between the *Partnership* and *Us*.

It is agreed, however, that if *You* or the *Partnership* have provided *Notification* or have made us aware of a *Wrongful Act* that could give rise to a *Claim*, then *We* are not bound to provide a replacement run-off Certificate for the premiums stated above. In this case, however, *We* may offer the *Partnership* a replacement run-off Certificate on such terms and conditions as *We* decide are appropriate and at our discretion.

If any such replacement Certificate is purchased, then:

- (i) it will have effect from the effective date of an occurrence as described in Section 8.2. of this Certificate; and
- (ii) it will only apply to *Wrongful Acts* actually or allegedly committed by *You* prior to the effective date of an occurrence as described in Section 8.2. of this Certificate; and
- (iii) *We* will refund the relevant proportion of the premium calculated pro rata as at the effective date of the merger, consolidation or acquisition (regardless of the provisions of Section 8.3 of this Certificate); and
- (iv) it may not be cancelled and the premium for it is not refundable (save that *We* may cancel it due to non-payment of premium in accordance with the terms of this Certificate by giving 30 days written notice to the *Partnership*); and
- (v) it will not provide Retirement Cover or a Discovery Period as provided for in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this Certificate (unless agreed by *Us* to the contrary).

2.5 Employment Practices Cover

We will pay *Loss* as incurred by *You* or on your behalf in respect of any *Claim* against *You* for an *Employment Practices Wrongful Act*.

2.6 Outside Directorship Cover

2.6.1 *We* will pay *Loss* as incurred by *You* or on your behalf in respect of a *Claim* made against *You* in your capacity as a director, officer, trustee or governor of any other company, corporation or organisation provided that *You* hold or held that position at the specific request of the *Partnership*.

2.6.2 This cover is specifically in excess of any other insurance protecting *You* and/or in excess of any other indemnity available to *You* while holding such position. If, however, such other insurance is provided by *Us* then the total aggregate *Limit of Liability* for all *Loss* covered by this extension shall be reduced by the amount of the limit of liability of such other insurance.

2.6.3 This additional cover does not apply to:

- (a) positions held in the USA; or

- (b) positions held in any other company, corporation or organisation which has, has had, or to the knowledge of any person insured under this Certificate intends to have its securities traded in the USA.

If *You* hold any such positions then *You* can provide *Us* with further information relating to them and *We* may then agree at our absolute discretion to extend cover in return for the payment of additional premium and/or amendments to the terms of this Certificate.

2.7 Official Investigation Costs

We will pay reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses incurred by *You* up to a maximum limit of GBP 250,000 in the aggregate for the *Certificate Period* (which limit shall be part of and not in addition to the *Limit of Liability*) resulting from any legally required attendance by *You* at any official investigation, examination, inquiry or other similar proceeding ordered or commissioned by any official body or institution that is legally empowered to investigate the affairs of the *Partnership* provided that *We* have consented in writing to *You* incurring such *Costs* before they are incurred. It is agreed that *We* will not unreasonably withhold that consent.

If *You* believe that as a result of any such official investigation, examination, inquiry or other similar proceeding, circumstances exist which may reasonably be expected to give rise to a *Claim*, notice must be given to *Us* in accordance with Section 6 Claim Reporting – Condition Precedent of this Certificate.

Section 3: Definitions

3.1 *Certificate Period* means:

The period of time specified in Item 2 of the Schedule, or any other period agreed in writing by the *Partnership* and *Us*.

3.2 *Claim* means:

- (a) any written demands made against *You* for monetary damages or other relief, including non-pecuniary relief; or
- (b) any allegation of a *Wrongful Act* communicated to *You* or the *Partnership*; or
- (c) any criminal, civil or arbitration proceedings (including extradition proceedings) against *You*; or
- (d) any regulatory or administrative proceedings or any other official investigation with regard to any allegation of a *Wrongful Act* committed by *You*.

Any number of *Claims* which arise out of or are attributable to or are in any way connected with a single *Wrongful Act* shall constitute a single *Claim* for the purposes of this Certificate.

3.3 *Costs* means:

All reasonable fees, including disbursements, incurred by *You* or on your behalf in the investigation, mitigation, defence, adjustment and appeals of any *Claim* (including the reasonable premium and cost required for a bail bond or other similar obligation) provided that *We* have consented in writing to *You* incurring such *Costs* before they are incurred. *We* will not unreasonably withhold that consent.

Reasonable travel costs and living expenses incurred by *You* when giving evidence to defend a *Claim* provided that *We* have consented in writing before such costs are incurred and subject to a sub-limit of GBP 5,000 per individual and in the aggregate.

Costs does not mean overhead or benefit expenses associated with your salary, wages or fees.

3.4 *Deductible* means:

The amount stated in Item 4 of the Schedule. For the purposes of determining the applicable *Deductible* the *Partnership* shall be deemed to have indemnified *You* to the extent that it is permitted to do so.

3.5 *Employment Practices Wrongful Act* means:

Any actual or alleged wrongful dismissal, termination or discharge of employment (either actual or constructive, including breach of an implied contract), employment-related misrepresentation, wrongful failure to employ or promote, failure to grant tenure, discrimination, harassment, retaliation (including lockouts), employment-related humiliation, defamation, invasion of privacy, wrongful deprivation of career opportunity, wrongful demotion or negligent employee evaluation (including the provision of negative or defamatory statements in connection with an employee reference) which relate solely to the *Partnership*, its employees or applicants for employment by the *Partnership*.

3.6 *Limit of Liability* means:

The amount stated in Item 3 of the Schedule.

3.7 Loss means:

Damages, judgement awards, settlement awards and Costs.

Loss also means:

- (a) punitive or exemplary damages or civil fines or penalties but only where these are legally insurable in the jurisdiction where a *Claim* is made; or
- (b) exemplary damages for libel and slander in respect of a *Claim* brought or maintained entirely outside the USA or Canada).

Loss, however, does not mean:

- (a) criminal fines or penalties; or
- (b) taxes; or
- (c) matters which are uninsurable in the jurisdiction where a *Claim* is made.

3.8 Notification means:

Written notice of any *Claim* given to the nominee shown in Item 8 of the Schedule.

3.9 Partner means:

Any natural person who is, was prior to or becomes during the *Certificate Period* a partner (as established by the Partnership Act 1890 and all amendments thereto, or the equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction) or a member (as established in the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2000 and all amendments thereto, or the equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction), of the *Partnership*.

3.10 Partnership means:

The organisation(s) named in Item 1 of the Schedule and any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate.

3.11 Pollutants means:

Any substance, solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant including, but not limited to smoke, vapours, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste materials. Waste materials include, but are not limited to, recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed materials.

3.12 USA means the United States of America, its territories, possessions and any state or political sub-division thereof.

3.13 We, Us or Our means:

The Insurers named in Item 10 of the Schedule.

3.14 Wrongful Act means:

Any actual or alleged libel, slander, error, misstatement, misleading statement, misrepresentation, omission, neglect, breach of duty, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust, breach of warranty of authority or other act attempted or committed by *You* when acting or serving in such capacity.

Wrongful Act includes any matter claimed against *You* solely by reason of *You* acting or serving in such capacity.

Wrongful Act includes an *Employment Practices Wrongful Act*.

3.15 You means:

Any natural person who is, was prior to or becomes during the *Certificate Period*:

- (a) a *Partner*; or
- (b) a director, officer, manager or trustee of any company included by endorsement to this Certificate; or
- (c) a shadow director of any company included by endorsement to this Certificate, as defined in S.741 (2) of the Companies Act 1985 or the equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction; or
- (d) a representative or appointee of the *Partnership* who is not included in Section 3.15(a) or Section 3.15 (b) but only in respect of *Loss* that is covered under Section 2.6 of this Certificate; or
- (e) a person employed by the *Partnership* exercising controlled functions 1 to 20, as are more fully set out and described under the terms of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 (or any equivalent or similar statute in any jurisdiction) whilst they are performing such functions; or

- (f) an employee of the *Partnership* who:
 - (i) carries out a managerial or supervisory function for the *Partnership*; or
 - (ii) has a *Claim* made against them for an *Employment Practices Wrongful Act*; or
 - (iii) is joined as a party to any *Claim* against any other person defined in (a) to (d) above.
- (g) the legal representatives, heirs, assigns or estate of a person defined in another sub-paragraph of this Section in the event of that person's death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy; or
- (h) the lawful spouse or domestic partner of a person defined in another sub-paragraph of this Section where recovery is sought solely because joint property is held or owned by or on behalf of the spouse or domestic partner (the spouse or domestic partner, however, is not insured under this Certificate in his or her own right).

The above definition does not include external auditors of the *Partnership*.

Section 4: Exclusions

We shall not be liable for *Loss* on account of any:

- 4.1 *Claims* arising from or attributable to any claims or circumstances notified to any certificate or policy of insurance which inception prior to the inception of this Certificate or which arise from matters substantially the same as alleged or established in such proceedings.
- 4.2 *Claims* arising from or attributable to proceedings which existed prior to or were pending at the earlier of (i) the inception date of this Certificate or (ii) the date of the first Certificate effected with *Us* and continually maintained with *Us* up to the inception date of this Certificate or (iii) any prior policy of insurance providing like coverage to this Certificate continually maintained up to the inception date of this Certificate, which *Claims* arise from matters substantially the same as alleged or established in such proceedings.
- 4.3 *Claims* for any actual or alleged violation of the responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by any retirement or pension legislation anywhere in the world including but not limited to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act 1974 (USA) or *Claims* against *You* acting in the capacity as trustee, fiduciary or administrator of any pension or employee benefit scheme. It is agreed, however, that this exclusion shall apply only to a *Claim* that relates to any pension or employee benefit scheme that has been or is established, arranged, maintained or sponsored by the *Partnership* for the benefit of its own employees.
- 4.4 *Claims* arising from or attributable to:
 - (a) any criminal act or omission; or
 - (b) any act or omission committed with the knowledge that it was in breach of any statute, contract, duty or other legal obligation; or
 - (c) the gain of any personal profit, remuneration or advantage to which *You* were not legally entitled including, but not limited to, profits made from the purchase or sale of the *Partnership's* securities within the meaning of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (USA) and/or any amendment to or re-enactment thereof.

This exclusion shall only apply if the act, omission or profit is established by a court, tribunal or any other final adjudication or by admission.

- 4.5 *Claims* for bodily injury, sickness, mental anguish or emotional distress or disturbance, disease or death of any person howsoever caused or damage to or destruction of any tangible property, including loss of use thereof. In relation to an *Employment Practice Claim* only, this exclusion shall not apply to *Claims* in respect of mental anguish or emotional distress or disturbance.
- 4.6 *Claims* arising from or attributable to:
 - (a) loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting from or arising therefrom or any consequential loss; or
 - (b) any legal liability of whatsoever nature
 directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:
 - (a) ionising radiations 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.

4.7 *Claims arising from or attributable to:*

- (a) the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release or escape of *Pollutants* whether such discharge, dispersal, release or escape is intentional or accidental; or
- (b) any direction or request to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralise *Pollutants*.

It is agreed, however, that this exclusion shall not apply to:

- (i) *Costs*; or
- (ii) *Claims* made against *You* by any *Partner* of the *Partnership* or shareholder of any company included by endorsement to this Certificate, either directly or derivatively

provided, however, that

- (i) on or before the earlier of (i) the inception date of this Certificate or (ii) the date of the first Certificate effected with *Us* and continually maintained with *Us* up to the inception date of this Certificate or (iii) any prior policy of insurance providing like coverage to this Certificate continually maintained up to the inception date of this Certificate, the *Partnership*, *You* or any person insured under this Certificate did not know of nor could have reasonably foreseen that there existed any situation, circumstance or *Wrongful Act* which could give rise to a *Claim*; and
- (ii) the incident(s) giving rise to the *Claim* occurred entirely outside the *USA* or *Canada* and the *Claim* is brought or maintained entirely outside the *USA* or *Canada*.

4.8 *Claims brought by or on behalf of the Partnership or any person insured under this Certificate in the USA except:*

- (a) any *Claim* by a person who is no longer employed by the *Partnership* against *You* provided that *You* remain employed by the *Partnership*;
- (b) any *Claim* brought or maintained by a liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver without the instigation, assistance or participation of the *Partnership* or any person insured under this Certificate;
- (c) any *Claim* brought or maintained by a person insured under this Certificate for contribution or indemnity if the *Claim* directly results from another *Claim* covered under this Certificate;
- (d) any shareholder derivative action brought by or maintained on behalf of any company included by endorsement to this Certificate, by any legally empowered entity or person, which is brought without the solicitation, assistance or participation or co-operation of any person insured under this Certificate;
- (e) any *Employment Practices Wrongful Act*;
- (f) *Costs*.

4.9 *Claims for You, the Partnership or any person insured under this Certificate carrying out, or failing to carry out, professional services.*

4.10 *Claims of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any of the following regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to Loss:*

- (a) war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
- (b) any act of terrorism.

For the purposes of this exclusion, an act of terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

This exclusion also excludes any *Loss* on account of any *Claims* of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to (a) and/or (b) above.

If We allege that by reason of this exclusion any *Loss* is not covered by this insurance, the burden of proving the contrary shall be upon *You* and/or the *Partnership*.

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

4.11 Claim arising from or attributable to:

- (a) any first or initial public sale or issue of any shares or other securities or similar instruments of the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate ; or
- (b) the preparation or release of any prospectus or offering document relating to any first or initial public sale or issue of any shares or other securities or similar instruments of the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate.

It is agreed, however, that We may agree to delete or amend this Clause provided that:

- (a) the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate provides Us with any prospectus or offering document (or other information) relating to any such first or initial public sale or issue of any shares or other securities or similar instruments of the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate for our assessment of the increased exposure; and
- (b) We shall then be entitled to amend the terms of this Certificate and/or charge a reasonable additional premium reflecting the increase in exposure.

In this event and at the request of the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate, We will enter into a confidentiality agreement relating to any information provided by the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate relating to any such public sale or issue of any shares or other securities or similar instruments of the *Partnership* or any company or partnership specifically covered by endorsement to this Certificate.

Section 5: Limit of Liability

5.1 The *Limit of Liability* set out in Item 3 of the Schedule is the total aggregate limit of our liability in respect of all *Loss* in respect of all *Claims* made during the *Certificate Period* (including any *Discovery Period*, if applicable) with the exception of any payments made under the Public Relations Cover detailed in Section 2.1.

5.2 We are only liable to pay *Loss* as incurred by *You* insofar as it exceeds the amount of the *Deductible*. However if there is:

- (a) a judgement which determines that no person insured under this Certificate is liable and all avenues of appeal have been waived or exhausted; or
- (b) a dismissal of the proceedings without any payment being made by or on behalf of any person insured under this Certificate,

then no *Deductible* will apply and We agree to reimburse any payments made in respect of the *Deductible* within 60 days.

5.3 We will not pay *Costs* if one or more of the Exclusions detailed in Section 4 applies to the *Claim* subject otherwise to the provisions of Sections 4.4, 7.1 and 8.1.

Section 6: Claim Reporting - Condition Precedent

6.1 As a condition precedent to our liability under this Certificate, *You* or the *Partnership* must provide *Notification* as soon as practicable.

6.2 If during the *Certificate Period* *You* first become aware of a *Wrongful Act* or first become aware of a situation that *You* consider may become a *Claim*, *You* or the *Partnership* must provide *Notification* as soon as practicable, in which case any *Claim* that is subsequently made will be treated as having been made during the *Certificate Period*.

Section 7: Defence and Settlement

7.1 We will pay *Costs* on an as incurred basis in excess of the *Deductible* prior to final determination or final adjudication or up until the time that a *Claim* is withdrawn. If at any time a *Claim* is deemed not to be covered under this Certificate or is found to be excluded then all such *Costs* must be returned to *Us* on demand.

7.2 *You* shall have the right and duty to defend and contest any *Claim*. We shall have the right to effectively associate with *You* and the *Partnership* in the defence and settlement of any *Claim* that appears reasonably likely to involve *Us*. This will include, but not be limited to, effectively associating in the negotiation of any settlement.

- 7.3** You shall not admit or assume any liability, enter into any settlement agreement, consent to any judgement or incur any Costs without our written consent as a condition precedent to our liability for Loss arising out of the Claim. Only those settlements, stipulated judgements and Costs to which We have consented shall be recoverable as Loss under this Certificate. Our consent shall not be unreasonably withheld provided that We shall be entitled to effectively assess the defence and negotiation of any settlement of any Claim in order to reach a decision as to reasonableness.
- 7.4** You and the Partnership shall give Us full co-operation and any information that We may reasonably require as a condition precedent to our liability for Loss arising out of a Claim.
- 7.5** In the event that a dispute arises as to whether or not to contest any legal proceedings, neither We nor You (or the Partnership) shall be required to contest any legal proceedings unless a Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon) shall advise that the proceedings should be contested. We will bear the cost of obtaining the advice of the Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon).

Section 8: General Conditions

8.1 Allocation

Where a Claim involves matters which give rise to Loss covered by this Certificate and matters which do not, or where a Claim is made against both You and any parties other than You, then We agree with You that we shall both use our best efforts to agree upon a fair and proper allocation of the proportion of the Loss covered under this Certificate. Only Loss incurred by You, and in the case of Costs those which are directly attributable to your defence, are covered. Loss incurred by, or attributable to the defence of, the Partnership is not covered.

If an allocation cannot be agreed then it shall be determined by a Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon). Such determination will be based upon written submissions only and will be final and binding. Pending that determination We may at our sole discretion meet the Loss on an interim basis. After the allocation has been determined, You or the Partnership (whichever is appropriate) will refund to Us any Loss which We have paid that exceeds the entitlement under this Certificate.

The costs of any reference to a Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon) under this section shall be borne by Us.

8.2 Merger/Acquisition

If the Partnership is merged, consolidated with or acquired by another entity which thereby either:

- (a) obtains ownership or control of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership; or
- (b) results in the Partnership no longer being carried on as a discrete entity,

Then this Certificate will only apply to *Wrongful Acts* committed prior to the effective date of such an occurrence.

For the purposes of this General Condition discrete entity means an entity that is not part of, owned by or controlled by another entity.

8.3 Termination/Cancellation

The Partnership may cancel this Certificate by giving notice in writing to Us at any time. If the Partnership cancels this Certificate, We will retain the proportion of the premium calculated pro rata as at the date of cancellation plus fifteen percent (15%) of that amount.

We may cancel this Certificate due to non-payment of premium in accordance with the terms of this Certificate by giving 30 days written notice to the Partnership.

This Certificate shall terminate at the expiry of the *Certificate Period* stated in Item 2 of the Schedule.

This Certificate may be cancelled in writing by mutual agreement of the Partnership and Us.

8.4 Other Insurance

This Certificate shall apply only in excess of any other valid and collectible insurance, with the sole exception of any Certificate written as specific excess insurance over the *Limit of Liability* provided by this Certificate.

8.5 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Certificate shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the country in which the Partnership is incorporated and it is agreed that the courts of that country shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any disputes which arise in relation to this Certificate.

8.6 Assignment of Certificate

This Certificate and any rights hereunder cannot be assigned without *Our* written consent.

8.7 Severability of Exclusions

For the purposes of determining the application of the *Exclusions*, no fact pertaining to or knowledge possessed by *You* shall be imputed to any other person insured under this Certificate and vice versa.

8.8 Severability of Proposal

The Proposal for this insurance shall be construed as a separate Proposal by each person insured under this Certificate. With respect to the declarations and statements contained in the Proposal, no statement in the Proposal or knowledge possessed by *You* shall be imputed to any other person insured under this Certificate and vice versa.

8.9 Unintentional Non-Disclosure and Late Notification

8.9.1 In the event of non-disclosure or misrepresentation of information to *Us*, then *We* agree not to avoid this Certificate provided that:

- (i) *You* or the *Partnership* are able to establish to the satisfaction of *Us* that such non-disclosure or misrepresentation was innocent and free from any fraudulent conduct or intent to deceive; and
- (ii) *We* shall be entitled to amend the terms, conditions and premium for this Certificate upon review of any information that has not (but should have) been disclosed to *Us* or upon re-review of any information that has been misrepresented to *Us*.

8.9.2 In the event that *You* or the *Partnership* fail to comply with the provisions of Section 6: Claim Reporting - Condition Precedent of this Certificate, then *We* agree not to avoid this Certificate or avoid a *Claim*. If, however, *We* believe that such failure has prejudiced our right to effectively associate with *You* and the *Partnership* in the defence and settlement of any *Claim*, then *We* reserve the right to deduct from any *Loss* an amount that *We* believe would not have been payable had such prejudice not occurred.

In such event, *We* agree with *You* that we shall both use our best efforts to agree upon a fair and proper amount of the proportion of any *Loss* that shall be deducted. If, however, such an amount cannot be agreed then it shall be determined by a Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon). Such determination will be based upon written submissions only and will be final and binding.

The costs of any reference to a Queen's Counsel (or an equivalent or like person to be mutually agreed upon) under this section shall be borne by *Us*.

8.10 Subrogation and Assignment of Rights

If any payments are made under this Certificate, *We* shall be subrogated to all rights of recovery in respect of such payments. In addition, *You* or the *Partnership* shall upon request execute all documentation that may be necessary to enable *Us* to bring an action or suit in your name or that of the *Partnership*. Any recovery received shall be applied first against any *Loss* insofar as it exceeds the *Limit of Liability*, then against any payment made by *Us*, and finally against the *Deductible*. *We* will not subrogate against any person insured under this Certificate unless that person is found to have committed a criminal act by final determination or by final adjudication.

8.11 Singular and Plural

Any reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

8.12 Authorisation of the Company

The *Partnership* shall act as agent on your behalf in respect of all matters of any nature relating to or affecting this Certificate. *We* shall be entitled to treat the *Partnership* as having such authority for all purposes connected with this Certificate.

8.13 Several Liability of Insurers

The obligations of the Insurers (where there is more than one) subscribing to this contract of insurance are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing Insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing Insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

8.14 Currency Equivalent

It is agreed that wherever an amount appears in this Certificate in GBP it shall be deemed to have the following words added after the amount "(or the equivalent amount in any other currency)".

8.15 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 Clause

The contract evidenced by this Certificate does not, and is not intended to, confer or create any right enforceable under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (or any equivalent or similar statute in any jurisdiction) by any person who is not a party to the contract and the parties to the contract evidenced by this Certificate reserve the right to amend or rescind the contract without giving notice to, or requiring the consent of, any third party.

Section 9: Declarations

It is understood and agreed that all statements and declarations made to *Us* have been relied upon by *Us* and are the basis of this Certificate and shall be deemed to be incorporated into and form part of this Certificate.