In consideration of payment of the premium and subject to the Declarations, the General Terms and Conditions, and the limitations, conditions, provisions and other terms of this coverage section, the Company and the Insureds agree as follows:

Insuring Clauses

Fiduciary Liability Coverage Insuring Clause 1

1. The Company shall pay, on behalf of the Insureds, Loss on account of any Fiduciary Claim first made against the Insureds during the Policy Period, or, if exercised, during the Extended Reporting Period, for a Wrongful Act committed, attempted or allegedly committed or attempted before or during the Policy Period by such Insureds, or by any person for whose Wrongful Acts the Insureds are legally responsible, but only if such Claim is reported to the Company in writing in the manner and within the time provided in Subsection 11 of this coverage section.

Voluntary Settlement Program Coverage Insuring Clause 2

2. The Company shall pay, on behalf of the Insureds, Settlement Fees and Defense Costs with respect to a Settlement Program Notice first given to the Company during the Policy Period, or, if exercised, during the Extended Reporting Period, provided (i) the Settlement Fees and Defense Costs are incurred after such Settlement Program Notice is first given to the Company, and (ii) the Company's maximum liability for all Settlement Fees and Defense Costs with respect to all Settlement Program Notices first given to the Company during the Policy Period (including the Extended Reporting Period, if applicable) shall be \$100,000. Such amount shall be part of, and not in addition to, the Limit of Liability otherwise applicable to this coverage section.

Definitions

3. When used in this coverage section:

Administration means:

- (1) advising, counseling or giving notice to **Employees**, participants or beneficiaries with respect to any **Plan**;
- (2) providing interpretations with respect to any **Plan**; or
- (3) handling of records or effecting enrollment, termination or cancellation of **Employees**, participants or beneficiaries under any **Plan**.

Application means all signed applications, including attachments and other materials submitted therewith or incorporated therein, submitted by the **Insureds** to the Company for this coverage section or for any coverage section or policy of which this coverage section is a direct or indirect renewal or replacement. All such applications, attachments and materials are deemed attached to, incorporated into and made a part of this coverage section.

Claim means for the purposes of coverage under:

- (1) Insuring Clause 1: any **Fiduciary Claim**; or
- (2) Insuring Clause 2: any Settlement Program Notice.

Defense Costs means that part of **Loss** consisting of reasonable costs, charges, fees (including but not limited to attorneys' fees and experts' fees) and expenses (other than regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees or benefits of the directors, officers or **Employees** of the **Organization**) incurred in defending any **Claim** and the premium for appeal, attachment or similar bonds.

Domestic Partner means any natural person qualifying as a domestic partner under the provisions of any applicable federal, state or local law or under the provisions of any formal program established by the **Organization**.

Employee means any natural person whose labor or service is engaged by and directed by the **Organization** or any **Plan**, including part-time, seasonal, leased and temporary employees as well as volunteers. **Employee** shall not include any independent contractor.

ERISA means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the English Pension Scheme Act 1993, the English Pensions Act 1995, all as amended, any similar common or statutory law anywhere in the world, and any rules or regulations promulgated under any such Acts or law.

Executive means any natural person who was, now is or shall become:

- (a) a duly elected or appointed director, officer, **Manager**, or in-house general counsel of any **Plan** or any **Organization** incorporated in the United States of America; or
- (b) a holder of a position equivalent to any position described in (a) above in an Organization that is chartered in any jurisdiction other than the United States of America.

Fiduciary Claim means:

- (a) a written demand for monetary damages or non-monetary relief;
- (b) a civil proceeding commenced by the service of a complaint or similar pleading;
- (c) a criminal proceeding commenced by a return of an indictment or information;
- (d) a formal civil administrative or civil regulatory proceeding commenced by the filing of a notice of charges or similar document or by the entry of a formal investigative order or similar document; or
- (e) a written notice of commencement of a fact-finding investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any similar governmental authority located outside the United States, including but not limited to, the Pensions Ombudsman appointed by the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Social Services, the United Kingdom Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority,

against any **Insured** for a **Wrongful Act**, including any appeal therefrom.

Except as may otherwise be provided in Subsection 9, Subsection 10(e), or Subsection 11(b) of this coverage section, a **Fiduciary Claim** will be deemed to have first been made when such **Fiduciary Claim** is commenced as set forth in this definition (or, in the case of a written demand or notice, when such demand or notice is first received by an **Insured**).

Financial Impairment means the status of an Organization resulting from:

- (a) the appointment by any state or federal official, agency or court of any receiver, conservator, liquidator, trustee, rehabilitator or similar official to take control of, supervise, manage or liquidate such **Organization**; or
- (b) such **Organization** becoming a debtor in possession under the United States bankruptcy law or the equivalent of a debtor in possession under the law of any other country.

Insured means the Organization, any Plan and any Insured Person.

Insured Person means:

- (a) any past, present or future **Executive**, **Employee** or natural person trustee of the **Organization** or of the **Sponsored Plan**; and
- (b) any past, present or future natural person trustee or fiduciary of a multi-employer plan, if such person in such capacity is added as an **Insured Person** by specific written endorsement to this coverage section.

Loss means the amount that any **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay on account of any covered **Claim**, including but not limited to damages (including punitive or exemplary damages, or the multiple portion of any multiplied damage award, if and to the extent such damages are insurable under the law of the jurisdiction most favorable to the insurability of such damages provided such jurisdiction has a substantial relationship to the relevant **Insureds**, to the Company, or to the **Claim** giving rise to the damages), judgments, settlements, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, **Defense Costs** and, solely with respect to Insuring Clause 2, **Settlement Fees**.

Loss does not include:

- (a) any amount not indemnified by the **Organization** for which the **Insured** is absolved from payment by reason of any covenant, agreement or court order;
- (b) any costs incurred by an **Organization** or **Plan** to comply with any order for injunctive or other non-monetary relief, or to comply with an agreement to provide such relief;
- (c) any amount incurred by an **Insured** in the defense or investigation of any action, proceeding, investigation or demand that is not then a **Claim** even if (i) such amount also benefits the defense of a covered **Claim**, or (ii) such action, proceeding, investigation or demand subsequently gives rise to a **Claim**;
- (d) taxes, fines or penalties, except as provided above with respect to punitive or exemplary damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damages, and except:

- the five percent (5%) or less, or the twenty percent (20%) or less, civil penalties imposed upon an **Insured** as a fiduciary under Section 502(i) or (I), respectively, of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;
- (ii) any civil penalties imposed by the Pension Ombudsman appointed by the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Social Services or by the United Kingdom Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority, pursuant to the English Pension Scheme Act 1993, the English Pensions Act 1995, or rules or regulations thereunder; provided any coverage for such civil penalties applies only if the funds or assets of the subject **Plan** are not used to fund, pay or reimburse the premium for this coverage section; or
- (iii) solely with respect to Insuring Clause (2), Settlement Fees;
- (e) any amount allocated to non-covered loss pursuant to Subsection 13 of this coverage section; or
- (f) any amount not insurable under the law pursuant to which this coverage section is construed, except as provided above with respect to punitive or exemplary damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damages.

Manager means any natural person who was, now is or shall become a manager, member of the Board of Managers or equivalent executive of an **Organization** that is a limited liability company.

Organization means, collectively, those organizations designated in Item 5 of the Declarations for this coverage section, including any such organization in its capacity as a debtor in possession under the United States bankruptcy law or in an equivalent status under the law of any other country.

Plan means:

- (a) any **Sponsored Plan**; and
- (b) any government-mandated insurance program for workers' compensation, unemployment, social security or disability benefits for **Employees**.

Pollutants means (a) any substance located anywhere in the world exhibiting any hazardous characteristics as defined by, or identified on a list of hazardous substances issued by, the United States Environmental Protection Agency or any state, county, municipality or locality counterpart thereof, including, without limitation, solids, liquids, gaseous or thermal irritants, contaminants or smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste materials, or (b) any other air emission, odor, waste water, oil or oil products, infectious or medical waste, asbestos or asbestos products or any noise.

Related Claims means all **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** based upon, arising from or in consequence of the same or related facts, circumstances, situations, transactions or events or the same or related series of facts, circumstances, situations, transactions or events.

Settlement Fees means any fees, fines, penalties or sanctions paid by an **Insured** to a governmental authority pursuant to a **Settlement Program** for the actual or alleged inadvertent non-compliance by a **Plan** with any statute, rule or regulation; provided

Settlement Fees shall not include (a) any costs to correct the non-compliance, or any other charges, expenses, taxes or damages; or (b) any fees, fines, penalties or sanctions relating to a **Plan** which, as of the earlier of the inception of this coverage section or the inception of the first policy in an uninterrupted series of policies issued by the Company of which this coverage section is a direct or indirect renewal or replacement, any **Insured Person** knew to be actually or allegedly non-compliant.

Settlement Program means any voluntary compliance resolution program or similar voluntary settlement program administered by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or the U.S. Department of Labor, including but not limited to, the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System, the Audit Closing Agreement Program, the Voluntary Compliance Resolution Program, the Walk-in Closing Agreement Program, the Administrative Policy Regarding Self-Correction, the Tax Sheltered Annuity Voluntary Correction Program, the Delinquent Filer Voluntary Compliance Program, and the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program, or any similar program administered by a governmental authority located outside the United States.

Settlement Program Notice means prior written notice to the Company by the Insured of the Insured's intent to enter into a Settlement Program.

Sponsored Plan means:

- (a) any Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Benefit Plan or Welfare Benefit Plan, as each are defined in ERISA, which is operated solely by the Organization or jointly by the Organization and a labor organization solely for the benefit of the Employees or Executives of the Organization located anywhere in the world and which existed on or before the inception date set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations of the General Terms and Conditions or which is created or acquired after such inception date; provided (i) any coverage with respect to any such Plan created or acquired during the Policy Period shall apply only for Wrongful Acts committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted after the effective date of such creation or acquisition and shall be subject to Subsection 15 of this coverage section, and (ii) any coverage with respect to an employee stock ownership plan created or acquired during the Policy Period shall be further subject to Subsection 19 of this coverage section;
- (b) any other employee benefit plan or program not subject to ERISA which is sponsored solely by the Organization for the benefit of the Employees or Executives, including any fringe benefit or excess benefit plan;
- (c) any other plan or program otherwise described in paragraphs (a) or (b) above while such plan or program is being actively developed, formed or proposed by the **Organization** prior to the formal creation of such plan or program; provided, however, no coverage is afforded under this coverage section for any **Claim** against an **Insured** in a settlor or similar uninsured capacity with respect to any plan or program; and
- (d) any other plan, fund, or program specifically included as a **Sponsored Plan** by endorsement to this coverage section.

Sponsored Plan shall not include any employee stock ownership plan created or acquired by the **Organization** during the **Policy Period** (except as otherwise provided in Subsection 19 of this coverage section), or any multi-employer plan created before or during the **Policy Period**.

Subsidiary, either in the singular or plural, means any organization while more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding securities or voting rights representing the present right to vote for election of or to appoint directors or **Managers** of such organization are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, in any combination, by one or more **Organizations**.

Wrongful Act means with respect to any Plan:

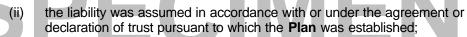
- (a) any breach of the responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by **ERISA** upon fiduciaries of the **Sponsored Plan** in their capacity as such fiduciaries;
- (b) any negligent act, error or omission in the **Administration** of any **Plan** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted by an **Insured** in the **Insured**'s capacity as such; or
- (c) any other matter claimed against an **Insured** solely by reason of the **Insured's** service as a fiduciary of any **Sponsored Plan**.

Exclusions

- 4. The Company shall not be liable for Loss on account of any Claim against an Insured:
 - (a) based upon, arising from or in consequence of any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or Wrongful Act that, before the inception date set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations of the General Terms and Conditions, was the subject of any notice given under any policy or coverage section of which this coverage section is a direct or indirect renewal or replacement;
 - (b) based upon, arising from or in consequence of any demand, suit, or other proceeding pending against, or order, decree or judgment entered for or against any **Insured**, on or prior to the applicable Pending or Prior Date set forth in Item 7 of the Declarations for this coverage section, or the same or substantially the same fact, circumstance or situation underlying or alleged therein;
 - (c) based upon, arising from or in consequence of:
 - (i) any actual, alleged, or threatened exposure to, or generation, storage, transportation, discharge, emission, release, dispersal, escape, treatment, removal or disposal of any **Pollutants**; or
 - (ii) any regulation, order, direction or request to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize any **Pollutants**, or any action taken in contemplation or anticipation of any such regulation, order, direction or request,

including but not limited to any **Claim** for financial loss to any **Organization** or **Plan** or creditors based upon, arising from or in consequence of any matter described in clause (i) or clause (ii) of this Exclusion 4(c); provided that this Exclusion 4(c) shall not apply to (A) any **Claim** by or on behalf of a beneficiary of or participant in any **Sponsored Plan** based upon, arising from or in consequence of the diminution in value of any securities owned by the **Sponsored Plan** in any organization other than the **Organization**, if such diminution in value is allegedly as a result of the matters described above in this Exclusion 4(c), or (B) **Loss** (other than fees and expenses incurred in testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing **Pollutants**) incurred by an **Insured Person** for which the **Organization** is not permitted by common or statutory law to indemnify or for which the **Organization** is not able to indemnify by reason of **Financial Impairment**;

- (d) for bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, sickness, disease or death of any person or damage to or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use thereof whether or not it is damaged or destroyed;
- (e) based upon, arising from or in consequence of the liability of others assumed by any Insured under any written or oral contract or agreement; provided that this Exclusion 4(e) shall not apply to the extent that:
 - (i) an **Insured** would have been liable in the absence of the contract or agreement; or



- (f) for the failure of the **Insured** to comply with any workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, social security or disability benefits law or any amendments thereto or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, or any similar provisions of any federal, state, or local statutory law or common law anywhere in the world, except (i) the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, (ii) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or (iii) any amendments to or any rules or regulations promulgated under such Acts;
- (g) made against a Subsidiary or an Insured Person of such Subsidiary for any Wrongful Act committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted during any time when such entity was not a Subsidiary; or
- (h) based upon, arising from or in consequence of:
 - (i) the committing in fact of any deliberately fraudulent act or omission or any willful violation of any statute or regulation by such **Insured**; or
 - (ii) such **Insured** having gained in fact any profit, remuneration or advantage to which such **Insured** was not legally entitled,

as evidenced by (A) any written statement or written document by any **Insured** or (B) any judgment or ruling in any judicial, administrative or alternative dispute resolution proceeding.

- 5. The Company shall not be liable for **Loss**, other than **Defense Costs**:
 - (a) which constitutes the return or reversion to an employer of any contribution or asset of a **Plan**;
 - (b) which constitutes (i) benefits due or to become due under any Plan, or (ii) benefits which would be due under any Plan if such Plan complied with all applicable law, except to the extent that:
 - (A) an **Insured** is a natural person and the benefits are payable by such **Insured** as a personal obligation; and
 - (B) recovery for the benefits is based upon a covered Wrongful Act; or
 - (c) which is based upon, arising from or in consequence of the failure to collect an employer's contributions owed to a **Plan** unless the failure is because of the negligence of any **Insured**.

Severability of Exclusions

- 6. (a) No fact pertaining to or knowledge possessed by any **Insured Person** shall be imputed to any other **Insured Person** for the purpose of applying Exclusion 4(h) of this coverage section.
 - (b) Only facts pertaining to and knowledge possessed by any **Executive** of an **Organization** or **Plan** shall be imputed to such **Organization** or **Plan** for the purpose of applying Exclusion 4(h) of this coverage section.

Spouses, Estates and Legal Representatives

- Subject otherwise to the General Terms and Conditions and the limitations, conditions, provisions and other terms of this coverage section, coverage shall extend to Claims for the Wrongful Acts of an Insured Person made against:
 - (a) the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of such Insured Person if such Insured Person is deceased or the legal representatives or assigns of such Insured Persons if such Insured Person is incompetent, insolvent or bankrupt; or
 - (b) the lawful spouse or Domestic Partner of such Insured Person solely by reason of such spouse or Domestic Partner's status as a spouse or Domestic Partner, or such spouse or Domestic Partner's ownership interest in property which the claimant seeks as recovery for an alleged Wrongful Act of such Insured Person.

All terms and conditions of this coverage section, including without limitation the Retention, applicable to **Loss** incurred by the **Insured Persons**, shall also apply to loss incurred by the estates, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, spouses and **Domestic Partners** of such **Insured Persons**. The coverage provided by this Subsection 7 shall not apply with respect to any loss arising from an act or omission by an **Insured Person's** estate, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, spouse or **Domestic Partner**.

Coordination with Employment Practices Liability Coverage Section

8. Any Loss otherwise covered by both (i) this coverage section and (ii) any employment practices liability coverage section or policy issued by the Company or by any affiliate of the Company (an "Employment Practices Liability Coverage"), first shall be covered as provided in, and shall be subject to the limit of liability, retention and coinsurance percentage applicable to the Employment Practices Liability Coverage. Any remaining Loss otherwise covered by this coverage section which is not paid under the Employment Practices Liability Coverage shall be covered as provided in, and shall be subject to the Limit of Liability and Retention applicable to this coverage section; provided the Retention applicable to such Loss under this coverage section shall be reduced by the amount of Loss otherwise covered by this coverage section which is paid by the Insureds as the retention under such Employment Practices Liability Coverage.

Extended Reporting Period

9. If the Company or the **Parent Organization** terminates or does not renew this coverage section, other than termination by the Company for nonpayment of premium, the Parent Organization and the Insureds shall have the right, upon payment of the additional premium set forth in Item 6(B) of the Declarations for this coverage section, to an extension of the coverage granted by this coverage section for Claims that are (i) first made during the period set forth in Item 6(A) of the Declarations for this coverage section (the "Extended Reporting Period") following the effective date of termination or nonrenewal, and (ii) reported to the Company in writing within the time provided in Subsection 11(a) of this coverage section, but only to the extent such Claims are for Wrongful Acts committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted before the earlier of the effective date of termination or nonrenewal or the date of the first merger, consolidation or acquisition event described in Subsection 16 below. The offer of renewal terms and conditions or premiums different from those in effect prior to renewal shall not constitute refusal to renew. The right to purchase an extension of coverage as described in this subsection shall lapse unless written notice of election to purchase the extension, together with payment of the additional premium due, is received by the Company within thirty (30) days after the effective date of termination or nonrenewal. Any Claim made during the Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed to have been made during the immediately preceding Policy Period. The entire additional premium for the Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed fully earned at the inception of such Extended Reporting Period.

Limit of Liability and Retention

10. (a) The Company's maximum liability for all Loss on account of each Claim covered under Insuring Clause 1 shall be the Limit of Liability set forth in Item 3(A) of the Declarations for this coverage section. The Company's maximum aggregate liability for all Loss on account of all Claims first made during the Policy Period, whether covered under one or both Insuring Clauses, shall be the Limit of Liability set forth in Item 3(B) of the Declarations for this coverage section. The Company's maximum liability for all Defense Costs and Settlement Fees with respect to each Settlement Program Notice for which coverage is provided under Insuring Clause 2, and the Company's maximum aggregate liability for all Defense Costs and Settlement Fees with respect to all such Settlement Program Notices first given to the Company during the Policy Period, shall be \$100,000, which amount is part of and not in

addition to the Limit of Liability for each **Policy Period** set forth in Item 3(B) of the Declarations for this coverage section.

- (b) Solely in the event that Defense Outside the Limits of Liability Coverage is purchased, as set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations for this coverage section, **Defense Costs** shall be in addition to, and not part of, the applicable Limit of Liability; provided that, when such Limit of Liability is exhausted by payment of **Loss**, other than **Defense Costs**, any obligation of the Company to pay **Defense Costs** or to defend or continue to defend any **Claim** shall cease. If Defense Outside the Limits of Liability Coverage is not purchased, **Defense Costs** shall be part of, and not in addition to, the Limits of Liability set forth in Item 3 of the Declarations for this coverage section, and the payment by the Company of **Defense Costs** shall reduce and may exhaust such applicable Limits of Liability.
- (c) No Retention shall apply to any Loss under this coverage section incurred by an Insured Person if such Loss can not be indemnified by an Organization or Plan because such Organization or Plan is either not legally permitted or required to indemnify, or is unable to indemnify, such Insured Person by reason of Financial Impairment. The Company's liability for all other covered Loss (as determined by Subsection 13 of this coverage section, if applicable) shall apply only to that part of Loss on account of each Claim which is excess of the applicable Retention set forth in Item 4 of the Declarations for this coverage section. Such Retention shall be reduced only by Loss otherwise covered under this coverage section and shall be borne by the Insureds uninsured and at their own risk.
- (d) If different parts of a single **Claim** are subject to different Retentions, the applicable Retentions will be applied separately to each part of such **Claim**, but the sum of such Retentions shall not exceed the largest applicable Retention.
- (e) All Related Claims shall be treated as a single Claim first made on the date the earliest of such Related Claims was first made, or on the date the earliest of such Related Claims is treated as having been made in accordance with Subsection 11(b) of this coverage section, regardless of whether such date is before or during the Policy Period.
- (f) The limit of liability available during the Extended Reporting Period (if exercised) shall be part of, and not in addition to, the Company's maximum aggregate limit of liability for all Loss on account of all Claims first made during the immediately preceding Policy Period.

Reporting and Notice

- 11. (a) The **Insureds** shall, as a condition precedent to exercising any right to coverage under this coverage section, give to the Company written notice of any **Fiduciary Claim** as soon as practicable, but in no event more than the earliest of the following dates:
 - sixty (60) days after the date on which any Organization's chief financial officer, in-house general counsel, risk manager, president, chief executive officer or chairperson first becomes aware that the Fiduciary Claim has been made;

- (ii) if this coverage section expires (or is otherwise terminated) without being renewed and if no Extended Reporting Period is purchased, sixty (60) days after the effective date of such expiration or termination; or
- (iii) the expiration date of the Extended Reporting Period, if purchased;

provided that if the Company sends written notice to the **Parent Organization**, at any time before the date set forth in (i) above with respect to any **Claim**, stating that this coverage section is being terminated for non-payment of premium, the **Insureds** shall give to the Company written notice of such **Claim** prior to the effective date of such termination.

(b) If during the **Policy Period** an **Insured**:

- (i) becomes aware of circumstances which could give rise to a **Fiduciary Claim** and gives written notice of such circumstances to the Company;
- (ii) receives a written request to toll or waive a statute of limitations applicable to Wrongful Acts committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted before or during the Policy Period and gives written notice of such request and of such alleged Wrongful Acts to the Company; or
- (iii) gives written notice to the Company of a Settlement Program Notice,

then any **Claim** subsequently arising from the circumstances referred to in (i) above, from the **Wrongful Acts** referred to in (ii) above, or from the **Settlement Program Notice** referred to in (iii) above, shall be deemed to have been first made during the **Policy Period** in which the written notice described in (i), (ii) or (iii) above was first given by an **Insured** to the Company, provided any such subsequent **Claim** is reported to the **Company** as set forth in Subsection 11(a) above. With respect to any such subsequent **Claim**, no coverage under this coverage section shall apply to loss incurred prior to the date such subsequent **Claim** is actually made.

(c) The **Insureds** shall, as a condition precedent to exercising any right to coverage under this coverage section, give to the Company such information and cooperation as the Company may reasonably require, and shall include in any notice under Subsection 11(a) or (b) a description of the **Claim** or circumstances, the nature of any alleged **Wrongful Acts**, the nature of the alleged or potential damage, the names of all actual or potential claimants, the names of all actual or potential defendants, and the manner in which such **Insured** first became aware of the **Claim** or circumstances.

Defense and Settlement

- 12. (a) The Company shall have the right and duty to defend any Claim covered by this coverage section, even if any of the allegations in such Claim are groundless, false or fraudulent. The Company's duty to defend any Claim shall cease upon exhaustion of the applicable Limit of Liability.
 - (b) The Company may make any investigation it deems necessary and may, with the consent of the **Insured**, make any settlement of any **Claim** it deems expedient. If

any **Insured** withholds consent to any settlement acceptable to the claimant in accordance with the Company's recommendation (a "Proposed Settlement"), the Company's liability for all **Loss**, including **Defense Costs**, from such **Claim** shall not exceed:

- the amount of the Proposed Settlement plus Defense Costs incurred up to the date of the Insured's refusal to consent to the Proposed Settlement of such Claim; plus
- (ii) seventy percent (70%) of any Loss, including Defense Costs, in excess of the amount referenced in paragraph (i) above, incurred in connection with such Claim; subject in all events to the applicable Retention and the available Limit of Liability for such Claim. The remaining thirty percent (30%) of any Loss, including Defense Costs, in excess of the amount referenced in paragraph (i) above will be borne by the Insured uninsured and at its own risk.
- (c) The Insureds agree not to settle or offer to settle any Claim, incur any Defense Costs or otherwise assume any contractual obligation or admit any liability with respect to any Claim without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Company shall not be liable for any Defense Costs, for any other element of Loss incurred, for any obligation assumed, or for any admission made, by any Insured without the Company's prior written consent.
- (d) The **Insureds** agree to provide the Company with all information, assistance and cooperation which the Company reasonably require and agree that in the event of a **Claim** the **Insureds** will do nothing that could prejudice the Company's position or its potential or actual rights of recovery.

Allocation

- 13. (a) If in any Claim the Insureds incur both Loss that is covered under this coverage section, and loss that is not covered under this coverage section, either because such Claim includes both covered and non-covered matters or because such Claim is made against both Insureds and others, the Insureds and the Company shall allocate such amount between covered Loss and non-covered loss based on the relative legal and financial exposures of the parties to covered and non-covered matters and, in the event of a settlement in such Claim, based also on the relative benefits to the parties from such settlement. The Company shall not be liable under this coverage section for the portion of such amount allocated to non-covered loss.
 - (b) If the **Insureds** and the Company cannot agree on an allocation of **Loss**:
 - (i) no presumption as to allocation shall exist in any arbitration, suit or other proceeding; and
 - (ii) the Company, if requested by the **Insureds**, shall submit the dispute to binding arbitration. The rules of the American Arbitration Association shall apply except with respect to the selection of the arbitration panel, which shall consist of one arbitrator selected by the **Insureds**, one arbitrator selected by the Company, and a third independent arbitrator selected by the first two arbitrators.

Other Insurance

14. If any **Loss** under this coverage section is insured under any other valid insurance policy(ies), then this coverage section shall cover such **Loss**, subject to its limitations, conditions, provisions and other terms, only to the extent that the amount of such **Loss** is in excess of the applicable retention (or deductible) and limit of liability under such other insurance, whether such other insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the Limits of Liability provided in this coverage section. Any payment by **Insureds** of a retention or deductible under such other insurance shall deplete, by the amount of such payment which would otherwise be covered under this coverage section, the applicable Retention under this coverage section.

Changes in Exposure

Acquisition/Creation of Another Organization

- 15. If before or during the **Policy Period** any **Organization**:
 - (a) acquires securities or voting rights in another organization or creates another organization, which as a result of such acquisition or creation becomes a Subsidiary; or
 - (b) acquires another organization by merger into or consolidation with an **Organization**, such that the **Organization** is the surviving entity,

such other organization and its **Insureds** shall be **Insureds** under this coverage section, but only with respect to **Wrongful Acts** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted after such acquisition or creation unless the Company agrees, after presentation of a complete application and all other appropriate information, to provide coverage by endorsement for **Wrongful Acts** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted before such acquisition or creation.

If the total assets of any such acquired organization or new **Subsidiary** exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total assets of the **Parent Organization** (as reflected in the most recent audited consolidated financial statements of such organization and the **Parent Organization**, respectively, as of the date of such acquisition or creation), the **Parent Organization** shall give written notice of such acquisition or creation to the Company as soon as practicable, but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the date of such acquisition or creation, together with such other information as the Company may require and shall pay any reasonable additional premium required by the Company. If the **Parent Organization** fails to give such notice within the time specified in the preceding sentence, or fails to pay the additional premium required by the Company, coverage for such acquired or created organization and its **Insureds** shall terminate with respect to **Claims** first made more than sixty (60) days after such acquisition or creation. Coverage for any acquired or created organization described in this paragraph, and for the **Insureds** of such organization, shall be subject to such additional or different terms, conditions and limitations of coverage as the Company in its sole discretion may require.

Acquisition by Another Organization

- 16. If:
 - (a) the **Parent Organization** merges into or consolidates with another organization and the **Parent Organization** is not the surviving entity; or
 - (b) another organization or person or group of organizations and/or persons acting in concert acquires securities or voting rights which result in ownership or voting control by the other organization(s) or person(s) of more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding securities or voting rights representing the present right to vote for the election of or to appoint directors or **Managers** of the **Parent Organization**,

coverage under this coverage section shall continue until termination of this coverage section, but only with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted before such merger, consolidation or acquisition. Upon the occurrence of any event described in (a) or (b) of this Subsection 16, the entire premium for this coverage section shall be deemed fully earned.

The **Parent Organization** shall give written notice of such merger, consolidation or acquisition to the Company as soon as practicable, but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the date of such merger, consolidation, or acquisition, together with such other information as the Company may require. Upon receipt of such notice and information and at the request of the **Parent Organization**, the Company shall provide to the **Parent Organization** a quotation for an extension of coverage (for such period as may be negotiated between the Company and the **Parent Organization**) with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted by **Insureds** before such merger, consolidation or acquisition. Any coverage extension pursuant to such quotation shall be subject to such additional or different terms, conditions and limitations of coverage and payment of such additional premium, as the Company in its sole discretion may require.

Cessation of Subsidiary

17. In the event an organization ceases to be a **Subsidiary** before or during the **Policy Period**, coverage with respect to such **Subsidiary** and its **Insureds** shall continue until termination of this coverage section, but only with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted while such organization was a **Subsidiary**.

Termination of Plan

18. If an Organization terminates a Plan before or after the inception date set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations of the General Terms and Conditions, coverage under this coverage section with respect to such terminated Plan and its Insureds shall continue until termination of this coverage section for those who were Insureds prior to or at the time of such Plan termination or who would have been Insureds at the time of such termination if this coverage section had then been in effect. Such continuation of coverage shall apply with respect to Claims for Wrongful Acts committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted prior to or after the date the Plan was terminated.

Creation or Acquisition of an ESOP

19. Notwithstanding anything in this coverage section to the contrary, if during the Policy Period the Organization creates or directly or indirectly acquires an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP"), the Organization shall promptly give to the Company written notice thereof together with such other information requested by the Company. The Company shall, at the request of the Organization, provide to the Organization a quotation for coverage for Claims based upon, arising from, or in consequence of such ESOP, subject to such terms, conditions, limitations of coverage and such additional premium as the Company, in its sole discretion, may require. Unless the Insureds accept such quotation and pay such additional premium within thirty (30) days after receipt of the quotation, no coverage will be available under this coverage section for Claims based upon, arising from or in consequence of such ESOP.

Representations and Severability

20. In issuing this coverage section the Company has relied upon the statements, representations and information in the **Application**. All of the **Insureds** acknowledge and agree that all such statements, representations and information (i) are true and accurate, (ii) were made or provided in order to induce the Company to issue this coverage section, and (iii) are material to the Company's acceptance of the risk to which this coverage section applies.

In the event that any of the statements, representations or information in the **Application** are not true and accurate, this coverage section shall be void with respect to (i) any **Insured** who knew as of the effective date of the **Application** the facts that were not truthfully and accurately disclosed (whether or not the **Insured** knew of such untruthful disclosure in the **Application**) or to whom knowledge of such facts is imputed, and (ii) the **Organization** to the extent it indemnifies an **Insured Person** who had such actual or imputed knowledge. For purposes of the preceding sentence:

- the knowledge of any **Insured Person** who is a past, present or future chief financial officer, in-house general counsel, chief executive officer, president or chairperson of any **Organization** shall be imputed to such **Organization** and its **Subsidiaries** and their respective **Plans**;
- (b) the knowledge of the person(s) who signed the **Application** for this coverage section shall be imputed to all of the **Insureds**; and
- (c) except as provided in (a) above, the knowledge of an **Insured Person** who did not sign the **Application** shall not be imputed to any other **Insured**.