

ARCH ESSENTIAL EXCESS FOR MPL

FOLLOW FORM EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

In consideration of the payment of the premium and in reliance upon the **Application**, including the statements made in the application and its attachments submitted therewith to any the insurers of **Underlying Insurance**, all of which are made a part hereof, the Insurer specified in the Declarations (the “**Insurer**”) and the **Insureds** agree as follows:

1. INSURING AGREEMENT

This Policy provides excess coverage after exhaustion of the **Underlying Limit**. Except as otherwise provided in this Policy, coverage under this Policy shall follow form to, and apply in conformance with, the provisions of the **Primary Policy** as of the inception of this Policy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Policy shall provide no broader coverage than the most restrictive policy of **Underlying Insurance**.

2. EXHAUSTION OF THE UNDERLYING LIMIT

- A. The **Underlying Limit** shall be exhausted by payment, in legal currency, of covered **Loss** by the insurers of **Underlying Insurance** or the **Insureds**.
- B. If this Policy becomes primary insurance because of the exhaustion of the **Underlying Limit**, the applicable deductible or retention of the **Primary Policy** shall apply to each **Claim** handled by the **Insurer** on a primary insurance basis. No deductible or retention shall apply to any **Claim** handled by the **Insurer** on an excess insurance basis.
- C. If any policy of **Underlying Insurance** grants any coverage subject to a sub-limit of liability, this Policy shall not offer such coverage. However, this Policy shall recognize any reduction of the **Underlying Limit** by any payment under such coverage.

3. DEFINITIONS

Whether used in the singular or plural, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

- A. “**Application**”, “**Claim**”, and “**Loss**”, shall have the same meanings specified for such terms in the **Primary Policy**. If the **Primary Policy** uses equivalent terms (i.e., proposal, damages, defense costs, claims expenses, etc.) in place of “**Application**”, “**Claim**”, and “**Loss**” then “**Application**”, “**Claim**”, and “**Loss**” shall have the same meaning as the equivalent terms in the **Primary Policy**.
- B. “**Insureds**” means all persons and entities entitled to coverage under the **Primary Policy**.
- C. “**Primary Policy**” and any “**Underlying Excess Policies**” are identified in Item 4 of the Declarations.
- D. “**Underlying Insurance**” means the **Primary Policy** and any **Underlying Excess Policies**.
- E. “**Underlying Limit**” means the aggregate sum of all limits of liability of all **Underlying Insurance**.

4. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The Limit of Liability specified in Item 3 of the Declarations is the maximum aggregate amount that the **Insurer** shall pay under this Policy for all covered **Loss**, including, without limitation, defense costs.

5. DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM

The **Insureds** shall give notice to the **Insurer** of any **Claim** or potential **Claim** in conformance with the notice provisions of the **Primary Policy** except that such notice shall be delivered to the address specified in Item 6 of the Declarations. The **Insurer** shall have the right to participate in the investigation, settlement and defense of any **Claim** noticed under this Policy, even if the **Underlying Limit** has not been exhausted. The **Insureds** shall give the **Insurer** all information and cooperation as the **Insurer** may reasonably request.

6. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

If the **Insureds** elect and are granted an extended reporting period or discovery period under all **Underlying Insurance**, then the **Insureds** shall also be entitled to elect an extended reporting period under this Policy. Such extended reporting period shall follow form to, and apply in conformance with, the provisions of the **Primary Policy** provided that the premium and duration of such extended reporting period shall be as specified in Item 5 of the Declarations.

7. MAINTENANCE OF UNDERLYING INSURANCE

All **Underlying Insurance** shall be maintained in full effect. Failure to maintain any **Underlying Insurance** shall: (i) result in the **Insureds** becoming self-insured for the limit of liability of any such **Underlying Insurance**; and (ii) not relieve the **Insurer** of any obligation under this Policy.

8. CHANGES

This Policy shall not be changed or assigned in any manner except by written agreement of the **Insurer**.