

## **National Casualty Company**

Scottsdale Indemnity Company

SCOTTSDALE SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY

### CLAIM REPORTING INFORMATION

Your insurance policy has been placed with the Scottsdale Insurance Group, a subsidiary of the Nationwide Insurance Company. The Scottsdale Insurance Group is a reliable, service-oriented group of companies that will help protect you against certain losses.

Our commitment to you is to provide fast, fair claim service. Promptly reporting an event that could lead to a claim, as required by your policy, helps us fulfill this commitment to you. Please refer to your policy for this and all other terms and conditions.

To report a claim, you may contact the Scottsdale Insurance Group 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 1-800-423-7675 or via our Web site at www.scottsdaleins.com.

Thank you for your business and as always, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

#### HOW TO REPORT A CLAIM

Call 1-800-423-7675 or visit our Web site at www.scottsdaleins.com

In order to expedite this process, please be prepared to furnish as much of the following information as possible:

- Your policy number
- Date, time and location of the loss/accident
- Details of the loss/accident
- Name, address and phone number of any involved parties
- If applicable, name of law enforcement agency or fire department along with the incident number

Please refer to your policy for specific claim reporting requirements.

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			STATESIDE UNDERWRI 29 SOUTH LASALLE ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 606	REET, SUITE 530
			Agent No.: 12532	
Item 2.	POLICY PERIOD	From:	To:	
		12:01 A.M. Standard Time at the	NAMED INSURED'S mailing address.	
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Item 4.	Limits of Liability:			
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	(C) Fair Labor Sta	andards Act Defense Sublimit		\$
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ltem 8.	Notice of CLAIM	shall be given to:		
	Claims Profes 8877 N	dale Insurance Company 5 Department sional Liability Unit North Gainey Center Drive dale, AZ 85258		

Item 9. Policy and Endorsements attached at inception:

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

A Stock Insurance Company, herein called the Company

#### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

**CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY** 

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY. Coverage is limited to only those CLAIMS that are first made against YOU and reported to US during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, as a result of any EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES which occurred prior to the end of the POLICY PERIOD. However, if the renewal policy is written by US, YOU will have sixty (60) days after the expiration date of this policy to report any CLAIM first made in this POLICY PERIOD.

#### **INSURING AGREEMENT**

WE will pay DAMAGES which YOU become legally obligated to pay and CLAIM EXPENSE as a result of CLAIMS first made against YOU for EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES and reported to US in writing during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, provided that:

- the EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES giving rise to the CLAIM occurred on or after the RETROACTIVE DATE shown in the Declarations and before the end of the POLICY PERIOD;
- notice of the EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES was not given nor required to be given to any prior insurer; and
- prior to the inception date of the first policy issued to YOU by US and continuously renewed by US, YOU had no reasonable basis to believe that such EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES had been committed or that a CLAIM would be made against YOU alleging such EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

WE will pay CLAIM EXPENSES only, in excess of the amount of the DEDUCTIBLE and any Coinsurance Percentage for CLAIMS first made against YOU and reported to US in writing during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, alleging breach of any express contract of employment or any express obligation to make payments in the event of termination of employment. This CLAIM EXPENSE is part of and not in addition to the Limits of Liability stated on the Declarations.

WE will not be liable to pay DAMAGES, wages or salary, fines, penalties, taxes, compensation including severance pay, disgorgements or other similar relief or plaintiff's attorney fees, costs or expenses in connection with such CLAIMS.

#### DEFENSE

WE have the right and duty to defend any suit against YOU seeking DAMAGES because of EMPLOYMENT **PRACTICES** even if any of the allegations in the suit are groundless, false or fraudulent. WE have the right to appoint counsel and investigate any CLAIM or suit. However, WE will not settle or compromise a CLAIM or suit without YOUR written consent. If consent is refused and **YOU** elect to contest the **CLAIM** or continue legal proceedings, then OUR liability for the CLAIM will not exceed the amount for which the CLAIM could have been settled, and CLAIM EXPENSE incurred up to the date of YOUR refusal, plus seventy percent (70%) of all DAMAGES and CLAIM EXPENSE incurred after YOUR refusal to consent to a settlement offer acceptable to US and the claimant. In no event shall OUR liability under this policy for DAMAGES and CLAIM EXPENSE exceed the remaining portion of the Annual Aggregate Limit of Liability. YOU shall be solely responsible for thirty percent (30%) of all DAMAGES in excess of the amount of the settlement offer acceptable to US and the claimant, and thirty percent (30%) of all CLAIM EXPENSE incurred after the date of YOUR refusal.

If the allegations are excluded under this policy, there shall be no duty to defend such **CLAIM**.

WE are not obligated to pay any DAMAGES or CLAIM EXPENSE or defend any suit after the applicable limits of OUR liability have been exhausted by payment of DAMAGES or CLAIM EXPENSE.

**WE** have the right, but no duty, to appeal any judgment.

**YOU,** except at **YOUR** own cost and for **YOUR** own account, will not:

- 1. make any payment;
- 2. admit any liability;

- 3. settle any CLAIM;
- 4. assume any obligation; or
- 5. incur any expense

without **OUR** written consent.

If **YOU** give **US** a specific written request at the time a **CLAIM** is first made, **YOU** may select one of **OUR** panel of Employment Law attorneys.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

WE will pay, in addition to OUR Limits of Liability:

- 1. All costs taxed against **YOU** in any suit **WE** defend.
- Interest only on that part of any judgment which does not exceed **OUR** Limit of Liability, which accrues after the entry of the judgment and before **WE** have paid, offered to pay or deposited in court that part of the judgment that does not exceed **OUR** Limit of Liability.
- 3. Premium on appeal bonds required in any suit **WE** defend and the cost of attachment or similar bonds.
- 4. Up to \$500 to each of YOU for each day or part of the day for YOUR attendance at a trial, hearing, arbitration proceeding, mediation or any other Alternative Dispute Resolutions at which WE request YOUR

attendance. The maximum amount payable by **US** during the **POLICY PERIOD** shall not exceed \$5,000 in the aggregate. The **DEDUCTIBLE** provision of this policy will not apply to the expenditures **WE** incur under this provision.

#### TERRITORY

This policy applies to **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** which happen anywhere in the world, provided the **CLAIM** is first made and the suit is brought within the United States, its possessions and its territories or Puerto Rico under the substantive law of the United States of America (both federal and state), its possessions and its territories or Puerto Rico.

#### DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this policy, the following words have these meanings:

1. **BODILY INJURY**—means injury to the human body, sickness or disease or illness sustained by any person, including resulting death at any time.

**BODILY INJURY** does not include mental anguish related to **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.** 

- 2. CLAIM(S)—means an oral or written notice from any EMPLOYEE, LEASED WORKER, TEMPORARY WORKER, volunteer or applicant for employment by YOU that it is their intention to hold YOU responsible for any EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. CLAIM(S) also means YOUR knowledge of circumstances which could reasonably be expected to give rise to such notice. YOU must tell us of such CLAIMS or circumstances in writing during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable. Notice includes, but is not limited to, service of suit, institution of arbitration proceedings or Alternative Dispute Resolutions. CLAIMS will also include OUR obligation to defend YOU for any civil proceeding in which fact finding will take place when it is the alleged result of EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES to which this policy applies. This includes any administrative proceedings established under applicable federal, state or local laws as may be applicable to EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.
- 3. **CLAIM EXPENSE**—means expenditures including, but not limited to:
  - a. all expense of lawyers **WE** are required by law to pay to defend **YOU**;
  - b. costs of investigations;
  - c. experts;
  - d. court costs; and
  - e. other similar expenses **WE** incur in the investigation, adjustment, defense or appeal of a **CLAIM** or suit.

#### CLAIM EXPENSE does not include:

- (1) salary, charges or expenses of **OUR** regular **EMPLOYEES**; or
- (2) payments made under the Supplemental Payments provision of this policy.
- 4. DAMAGES—means a monetary judgment, award or settlement which YOU are legally obligated to pay arising from a covered CLAIM. DAMAGES include punitive damages, exemplary damages or any damages which are a multiple of compensatory damages awarded against YOU, including double or treble damages unless uninsurable under the applicable law most favoring coverage for such damages.

DAMAGES do not include:

- Civil or criminal fines, sanctions, restitution or penalties, whether pursuant to any civil or criminal law or statute;
- Amounts paid to YOU as fees, costs or expenses for services performed which are to be reimbursed or discharged as part of the judgment or settlement;
- c. Taxes;
- d. Equitable relief, declaratory relief or any other relief or recovery that is not seeking monetary judgment, award or settlement; or
- e. Any fees, costs or expenses, including but not limited to claimant/plaintiff attorney fees, related to equitable relief, injunctive relief, declaratory relief or any other relief or recovery that is not seeking a monetary judgment, award or settlement.

However, **DAMAGES** do include fees, costs and expenses related to any service of suit, institution of arbitration proceedings, alternative dispute resolution, civil proceedings in which fact finding will take place or administrative proceedings established under federal, state or local law as described in Definition 2. **CLAIM(S)** of the **DEFINITIONS** section of the policy.

- 5. **DEDUCTIBLE**—means the amount **YOU** must pay for **DAMAGES** and **CLAIM EXPENSE**.
- 6. **EMPLOYEE**—means a person:
  - a. employed by YOU for wages or salary, or formerly employed by YOU for wages or salary, but only for CLAIMS resulting from EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed within the scope of their employment by YOU;
  - b. who is a current or former member of **YOUR** board of directors;
  - c. who is a **TEMPORARY WORKER**, part time employee or volunteer, but only for **CLAIMS** resulting from **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** committed within the scope of their employment by **YOU**; or
  - d. who is an independent contractor pursuant to a written independent contractor agreement.
- 7. **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**—means any of the following actual or alleged practices:
  - a. wrongful refusal to employ an applicant for employment;

- b. wrongful failure to promote or wrongful deprivation of career opportunity;
- c. wrongful demotion, negligent evaluation, negligent reassignment or wrongful discipline;
- d. wrongful termination of employment, including retaliatory or constructive discharge;
- e. employment-related misrepresentation;
- harassment. coercion. discrimination f. or humiliation as a consequence of race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, medical condition, gender, age, physical appearance, physical and/or mental impairments, pregnancy, sexual orientation or sexual preference or any other protected class or characteristic established by any applicable federal, state or local statute;
- g. oral or written publication of material that slanders, defames, libels or violates or invades a right of privacy;
- h. RETALIATION; or
- i. SEXUAL HARASSMENT;

which is directed against any of YOUR EMPLOYEES, LEASED WORKERS, TEMPORARY WORKERS, volunteers or any applicant for employment by YOU and for which a CLAIM, suit, remedy or action is brought by any of YOUR EMPLOYEES, LEASED WORKERS, TEMPORARY WORKERS, volunteers or any applicant for employment by YOU and for which remedy is sought under EEOC, any federal, state or local statutory or common civil employment law.

- 8. LEASED WORKER—means a person leased to YOU by a labor-leasing firm under an agreement between YOU and the labor-leasing firm, to perform duties related to the conduct of YOUR business. LEASED WORKER does not include TEMPORARY WORKER.
- 9. **NAMED INSURED**—means the person, entity or organization named in Item 1. of the Declarations.
- 10. **POLICY PERIOD**—means the period of time stated in Item 2. of the Declarations or any shorter period resulting from policy cancellation.
- 11. **POLLUTANTS**—means any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acid, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes material to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

12. **RETALIATION**—means any actual or alleged adverse employment action by **YOU** against **YOUR EM-**

PLOYEES, LEASED WORKERS, TEMPORARY WORKERS, volunteers or any applicant for employment by YOU because they:

- a. oppose or report any alleged unlawful practice by any of **YOU**;
- b. testify, assist or participate in any manner in an investigation or proceeding regarding any alleged unlawful practice by any of **YOU;** or
- c. exercise a right protected by law.
- 13. **RETROACTIVE DATE**—means the date specified in the Declarations. This policy shall not apply to any **CLAIM** arising from an **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE** which occurred prior to this date. If the term "Unlimited" is specified in the Declarations, it means that there is no time limitation of coverage for **YOU** based upon when the **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** occurred.
- 14. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**—means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
  - a. submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term and condition of an individual's employment;
  - b. submission to, or rejection of, such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting an individual; or
  - c. such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- 15. **SUBROGATION EXPENSES**—means expenditures including, but not limited to:
  - a. all expense of lawyers **WE** are required by law to pay to defend **YOU**;
  - b. costs of investigations;
  - c. experts;
  - d. court costs; and
  - e. other similar expenses **WE** incur in the subrogation process.
- 16. **SUBSIDIARY**—means any business enterprise in which the **NAMED INSURED** owns more than fifty

percent (50%) interest or fifty percent (50%) interest and voting control.

- 17. **TEMPORARY WORKER**—means a person who is furnished to **YOU** to substitute for a permanent **EMPLOYEE** on leave or to meet seasonal or shortterm workload conditions.
- 18. **WE, US** and **OUR**—means the Company providing this insurance.
- 19. YOU and YOUR-means Insured and includes:
  - a. the NAMED INSURED;
  - b. the entity named in the application that forms a part of this policy, but only for CLAIMS resulting from EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed within the scope of their employment by the NAMED INSURED;
  - c. any partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability corporation or limited liability partnership:
    - who becomes a partner, stockholder or EMPLOYEE of the NAMED INSURED during the POLICY PERIOD, but only for CLAIMS resulting from EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed within the scope of their employment by the NAMED INSURED; or
    - (2) who was formerly a partner, stockholder or EMPLOYEE of the NAMED INSURED, but only for CLAIMS that result from EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed within the scope of their employment by the NAMED INSURED;
  - any EMPLOYEE but only for work done within the scope of their employment for the NAMED INSURED;
  - e. the estate, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of anyone listed in a., b., c. or d. above in the event of their death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy, but only to the extent that they would otherwise be provided coverage under this policy;
  - f. a lawful spouse of a partner, stockholder or EMPLOYEE of the NAMED INSURED, but only for CLAIMS resulting from EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed by the partner, stockholder or EMPLOYEE within the scope of their employment by the NAMED INSURED; or
  - g. a SUBSIDIARY, but only if:

- (1) it is acquired during the POLICY PERIOD, and the increase in the number of YOUR EMPLOYEES does not exceed twenty percent (20%) (compared to the number of EMPLOYEES at inception of the policy) due to the acquisition of the new business enterprise; or
- (2) **WE** specifically endorse the policy to include the new business enterprise.

#### EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not apply:

- to any CLAIM based upon or arising out of any criminal or fraudulent acts committed by YOU. However, WE will defend such CLAIM until a judgment or other final adjudication by a trial court, jury or arbitration establishes that an EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE was criminal or fraudulent;
- to any CLAIM arising out of BODILY INJURY, sickness or death of any person or damage to or loss of any tangible property;
- to any CLAIM based on or arising out of YOUR capacity as an officer, director, partner, shareholder or EMPLOYEE of any entity other than the NAMED INSURED;
- to any CLAIM arising out of EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES from services or advice rendered by YOU in connection with any business enterprise not shown on the Declarations;
- 5. to any **CLAIM** arising out of any circumstances due to nuclear reaction, radiation or contamination, regardless of cause;
- a. to any CLAIM arising out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of POLLUTANTS at any time;
  - b. any loss, cost or expense arising out of any:
    - request, demand or order that YOU test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralize, or in any way respond to or assess the effects of POLLUTANTS; or
    - (2) CLAIM or suit by or on behalf of a governmental authority for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing, or in any way

responding to or assessing the effects of **POLLUTANTS**;

- 7. to any **CLAIM** based on or arising out of **YOUR** capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, its amendments and any regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or to any other employee benefit plan;
- 8. to any circumstances for which **YOU** or **WE** may be held liable under the National Labor Relations Act of 1938 (NLRA), the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), Social Security. anv workers' compensation, unemployment compensation or disability benefits law or under any similar law. This exclusion shall not apply to any CLAIM arising from or in consequence of any actual or alleged retaliatory treatment of the claimant by YOU on account of the claimant's exercise of rights under such laws;
- 9. to any CLAIM or circumstance for which YOU or WE may be held liable arising out of violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any state or common law wage or hour law including, but not limited to, laws governing minimum wages, hours worked, overtime compensation and including any record keeping and reporting of records. This exclusion includes actions or CLAIMS brought by or on behalf of individuals or agencies seeking wages, fines, penalties, taxes, disgorgement or other affirmative relief or compensation, but does not include CLAIMS based on the Equal Pay Act or RETALIATION;
- 10. to any **CLAIM** arising from a breach of any express contract of employment or any express obligation to make payments in the event of termination of employment. However, **WE** will pay **CLAIM EXPENSES** only, in excess of the amount of the **DEDUCTIBLE** and any Coinsurance Percentage for **CLAIMS** first made against **YOU** and reported to **US** in writing during the **POLICY PERIOD** or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, alleging breach of any express contract of employment or any express obligation to make payments in the event of termination of employment. This **CLAIM EXPENSE** is part of and not

in addition to the Limits of Liability stated on the Declarations.

WE will not be liable to pay DAMAGES, wages or salary, fines, penalties, taxes, compensation

including severance pay, disgorgements or other similar relief or plaintiff's attorney fees, costs or expenses in connection with such **CLAIMS**;

- 11. to any **CLAIM** arising from an obligation to pay **DAMAGES** by reason of the assumption of liability in any contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for **DAMAGES** that **YOU** would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- 12. to any **CLAIM** arising from costs of complying with physical modifications to **YOUR** premises or any changes to **YOUR** usual business operations mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 including any amendments or similar federal, state or local law;
- to any CLAIM arising from lockout, strike, picket line, related worker replacement(s) or other similar actions resulting from labor disputes or labor negotiations; or
- 14. to any CLAIM based upon or arising out of:
  - a. past EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES acts of a SUBSIDIARY, prior to the date such business enterprise became a SUBSIDIARY of the NAMED INSURED;
  - b. past EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES acts of a SUBSIDIARY acquired during the POLICY PERIOD, prior to the date such business enterprise became a SUBSIDIARY of the NAMED INSURED; or
  - c. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES acts of a SUBSIDIARY occurring after the date such business enterprise ceases to be a SUBSIDIARY of the NAMED INSURED.

#### **INNOCENT INSURED PROTECTION**

Whenever coverage under any provision of this policy would otherwise be excluded, suspended or lost because of:

- 1. EXCLUSIONS 1. relating to any CLAIM based upon or arising out of any fraudulent or criminal EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed by YOU; or
- 2. concealment of a CLAIM by any of YOU,

WE agree that the coverage as would be afforded by this policy will apply to each of YOU who did not personally commit or participate in the EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES or agree to the concealment.

For coverage to apply, **YOU** must notify **US** of the **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** or concealment as soon as **YOU** first become aware of them.

#### LIMITS OF LIABILITY

Regardless of the number of:

- a. YOU who are insured under the policy;
- b. persons or organizations who sustain **DAMAGES** payable under this policy; and/or
- c. suits brought on account of coverage afforded by the policy,

**OUR** liability is limited as follows:

- The Limit of Liability stated in Item 4.(A) of the Declarations is the limit of OUR liability for all DAMAGES and CLAIM EXPENSE arising out of each CLAIM first made and reported in writing during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if any.
- The Limit of Liability stated in Item 4.(B) of the Declarations is subject to the above provision respecting each CLAIM and is the maximum limit of OUR liability for each POLICY PERIOD. In no event will OUR total Limit of Liability be increased by any Extended Reporting Period.
- 3. **CLAIM EXPENSE** will be subtracted from the Limits of Liability first as it is incurred for each **CLAIM**. The remaining amount will be the amount available to pay **DAMAGES**.
- 4. Subject to the Limits of Liability, WE will only be liable to pay DAMAGES and CLAIM EXPENSE in excess of the **DEDUCTIBLE** stated in Item 5. of the Declarations, and in accordance with the Coinsurance Percentage stated in Item 6. of the Declarations, for each and every CLAIM. Each of YOU under the policy is individually liable for the payment of the **DEDUCTIBLE** and/or Coinsurance Percentage. In the event that WE expend funds for DAMAGES or CLAIM EXPENSE on YOUR behalf, YOU will reimburse US for such expenditures up to amount of the DEDUCTIBLE and/or the Coinsurance Percentage shown in the Declarations. Reimbursement of the DEDUCTIBLE and/or Coinsurance Percentage will be due within sixty (60) days from the date WE bill YOU.
- One or more CLAIMS based on or arising out of the same EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE or a series of related EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES of one or more of YOU will be considered a single CLAIM. Unless

otherwise endorsed, the **CLAIM** will be subject to the Limit of Liability in effect at the time such **CLAIM** was first reported to **US** in writing. Only one **DEDUCTIBLE** will apply to such **CLAIM**.

#### NOTIFICATION

- 1. If during the **POLICY PERIOD** or the Extended Reporting Period, if applicable:
  - a. YOU receive written or oral notice from any party that it is the intention of such party to hold YOU responsible for any EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; or
  - b. **YOU** become aware of circumstances which could reasonably be expected to give rise to such notice,

then YOU will tell US in writing as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the POLICY **PERIOD** or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable. Any subsequent CLAIM made against YOU arising out of such EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES shall be deemed to have been made during the POLICY PERIOD or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable. No coverage for such CLAIM shall exist under any subsequent policy written by US. However, if the renewal policy is written by US, YOU will have sixty (60) days after the expiration date of this policy to report any CLAIM first made during this POLICY PERIOD.

 In the event of any CLAIM occurring, written notice to US will be given by the person or firm(s) shown under Item 1. of the Declarations. Notice will be deemed to be received if sent by prepaid mail properly addressed to the address shown in Item 8. of the Declarations.

# INSURED'S DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF CLAIM OR SUIT

- 1. In the event of a **CLAIM**, the **NAMED INSURED** must give **US** written notice of:
  - a. the specific EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; and
  - b. the injury or damage which has or may result from the **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES;** and
  - c. the names and addresses of the claimants or potential claimants; and
  - d. the circumstances by which **YOU** first became aware of such **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**.

- If CLAIM is made or suit is brought against YOU, YOU will immediately forward to US every demand, notice, summons or other process received by YOU or YOUR representative.
- 3. **WE** will have full discretion in the handling of any CLAIM, and YOU will give full information and assistance as WE may reasonably require. YOU will cooperate with US and, at OUR request, consent to being examined and questioned by OUR representative, under oath, if necessary. At OUR request, YOU will attend hearings, depositions and trials and will assist in effecting settlement, securing and giving evidence, and obtaining the attendance of witnesses. YOU will cooperate in the conduct of suits as well as in giving written statements to OUR representatives and defense counsel.

#### EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

Only the **NAMED INSURED** can exercise the option to purchase one of the Supplemental Extended Reporting Periods described in Paragraph 3. of this provision.

- One or more Extended Reporting Periods described below will be provided if the policy is canceled or nonrenewed or if WE renew or replace coverage with insurance that provides coverage on other than a Claims Made basis.
- 2. A Basic Extended Reporting Period is automatically provided without additional charge. This period begins at the end of the **POLICY PERIOD** and lasts for

sixty (60) days. The Basic Extended Reporting Period does not apply to **CLAIMS** covered under any subsequent policy.

- 3. In addition, the **NAMED INSURED** may purchase one of the Supplemental Extended Reporting Periods described below if **YOU** are in compliance with all the terms and conditions of this policy:
  - a. A twelve (12) month Supplemental Extended Reporting Period for seventy-five percent (75%) of the full annual premium of this policy;
  - A twenty-four (24) month Supplemental Extended Reporting Period for one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the full annual premium of this policy; or
  - c. A thirty-six (36) month Supplemental Extended Reporting Period for one hundred seventy-five

percent (175%) of the full annual premium of this policy.

- 4. Coverage for a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period must be added by endorsement for which an additional premium charge must be paid. Such period starts sixty (60) days after the end of the **POLICY PERIOD.**
- 5. The right to purchase a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period will terminate unless:
  - a. **WE** receive a written request for a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period; and
  - b. the additional premium is paid

within sixty (60) days of the end of the **POLICY PERIOD.** 

The **NAMED INSURED'S** request must specify the length of the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period desired. Once in effect, Extended Reporting Periods may not be canceled.

- 6. An Extended Reporting Period does not extend the **POLICY PERIOD** or change the scope of coverage provided. Subject otherwise to the policy's terms, Limits of Liability, exclusions and conditions, the policy is extended to apply to CLAIMS first made against YOU and reported to US in writing during the Basic Extended Reporting Period or, if purchased, the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period, but CLAIMS to **EMPLOYMENT** only for due PRACTICES which happened on or after the RETROACTIVE DATE and on or before the expiration of the POLICY PERIOD.
- Extended Reporting Periods do not reinstate or increase the policy's Limits of Liability. CLAIMS which are first made and reported during the Basic Extended Reporting Period or the Supplemental Extended

Reporting Period, if it is in effect, will be deemed to have been made on the last day of the **POLICY PERIOD.** 

#### CONDITIONS

 CANCELLATION. This policy may be canceled by the NAMED INSURED by surrendering the policy to US or any of OUR authorized agents or by mailing written notice to US stating when the cancellation is to be effective. WE may cancel this policy only for nonpayment of premium by mailing to the NAMED INSURED at the address shown on the Declarations a written notice stating when, not less than ten (10) days thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective.

The mailing of notice will be sufficient proof of notice. The time of surrender or the effective date and hour of cancellation stated in the notice will become the end of the **POLICY PERIOD**. Delivery of written notice either by the **NAMED INSURED** or by **US** will be equivalent to mailing.

If the **NAMED INSURED** cancels, the refund will be the customary short rate proportion. **WE** will make the premium refund as soon as practicable after the date of cancellation. However, the premium refund is not a condition of cancellation.

Notice of cancellation will only be sent to the **NAMED INSURED** and will serve as notice to all of **YOU**.

- 2. NONRENEWAL. If WE do not renew this policy, WE will mail written notice to the NAMED INSURED at least sixty (60) days before the end of the POLICY PERIOD.
- 3. **ASSIGNMENT.** Assignment of interest under this policy will not bind **US** unless **WE** endorse the policy in writing assigning **YOUR** interest to another party.
- 4. **CHANGES.** The terms of this policy will not be waived or changed except by endorsement issued by **US** and made a part of this policy.
- 5. **MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS.** All mergers and acquisitions with other firms occurring throughout the **POLICY PERIOD** must be reported to **US** in writing within sixty (60) days of the merger or acquisition, or the next anniversary of this policy, whichever is sooner. **WE** shall have the right to adjust the premium,

terms, conditions and exclusions to reflect any shift in exposure created by such merger or acquisition. However, this condition does not apply to Definition 19. **YOU** and **YOUR**, Item g.(1).

#### If during the POLICY PERIOD:

- a. the **NAMED INSURED** merges into or consolidates with another entity such that the **NAMED INSURED** is not the surviving entity; or
- another entity, person or group of persons or entities, acting in concert acquires securities or voting rights which result in ownership or voting control by the other entity(ies) or person(s) of more than fifty percent (50%) of securities, voting rights or ownership of the NAMED INSURED,

then coverage under this policy will continue until the later of:

- (1) expiration of the POLICY PERIOD; or
- (2) any subsequent Extended Reporting Period,

but only with respect to **CLAIMS** for **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** taking place prior to such merger, consolidation or acquisition. Any Extended Reporting Period endorsement shown in (2) above shall require premium payment in full and is considered fully earned premium upon inception of the Extended Reporting Period endorsement. Any **CLAIM** made during the Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed to have been made during the **POLICY PERIOD** in which the merger, consolidation or acquisition occurred.

- 6. **CONFLICTING STATUTES.** Any part of this policy which is in conflict with the statutes of the state in which this policy is issued is amended to conform to such statutes.
- SUBROGATION CLAUSE. YOU will transfer to US YOUR rights of recovery against any other party for any DAMAGES WE have paid on YOUR behalf. YOU

must do everything necessary to secure these rights and do nothing that would jeopardize them.

WE will not exercise OUR right to recover against any of YOU unless the DAMAGES result from any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES committed by YOU.

Any amount recovered from subrogation shall be apportioned as follows:

Any amount recovered shall first, be used for repayment of **SUBROGATION EXPENSES**; second, to any **DAMAGES** and/or **CLAIM EXPENSE** paid by US; third, to any **DAMAGES** and **CLAIM EXPENSE** paid by an excess insurer on **YOUR** behalf; fourth, to any **DAMAGES** and **CLAIM EXPENSE** paid by any other primary insurer on **YOUR** behalf; and last, to repayment of **YOUR DEDUCTIBLE**.

8. **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** The application and any supplements or addendums, copies of which are attached to this policy, and the Declarations are part of this policy. They are to be considered as incorporated in and constituting part of this policy. The particulars and statements contained in the application and any supplements or addendums and the conditions and exclusions set forth in this policy

will be construed as a separate agreement with each of **YOU**. By acceptance of this policy, **YOU** agree that the statements in the application are **YOUR** representations, that they shall be deemed material and that this policy is issued upon the truth of such representations. Nothing in this provision will be construed to increase **OUR** Limits of Liability as set forth in the Declarations.

9. OTHER INSURANCE. If YOU have other insurance which applies to CLAIMS reported under this policy, WE will be excess of the amount of the applicable DEDUCTIBLE and any other valid and collectible insurance whether such other insurance is primary, pro rata, contributory, excess, contingent or any other basis, unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the Limit of Liability provided in this policy.

If a loss occurs involving two or more policies, each of which provides that its insurance will be excess, then each policy will contribute on a pro rata basis. This means that **WE** will pay no more than **OUR** percentage of the total amount of the insurance covering the **CLAIM**, less the **DEDUCTIBLE**. For example:

The limit of coverage under this policy is \$100,000. Another insurance policy with a limit of \$300,000 also covers a **CLAIM** covered by this policy. **WE** will not pay more than twenty-five percent (25%) (\$100,000/\$400,000) of the **DAMAGES** and **CLAIM EXPENSE**, less the **DEDUCTIBLE**.

- 10. **ACTION AGAINST US.** No action will lie against **US** unless **YOU** have fully complied with all the terms and Conditions of this policy prior to bringing the action.
- 11. **BANKRUPTCY.** In the event of **YOUR** bankruptcy or insolvency, **WE** will not be relieved of **OUR** obligations under the terms and conditions of this policy. In the event of **YOUR** bankruptcy or insolvency, **YOU** will notify **US** within sixty (60) days of the date of filing.
- 12. **SOLE AGENT.** By acceptance of this policy, the **NAMED INSURED** agrees to act on **YOUR** behalf with respect to:
  - a. exercising the option to purchase an Extended Reporting Period;
  - b. the giving and receiving of notice of **CLAIMS** or cancellation; and

c. the payment of premiums that may become due under this policy.

Each of **YOU** agree that the **NAMED INSURED** will act on **YOUR** behalf.

13. **PREMIUM.** All premiums for this policy shall be computed in accordance with **OUR** rules, rates, rating plans, premiums and minimum premiums applicable to the insurance afforded herein.



# ENDORSEMENT NO.

ATTACHED TO AND FORMING A PART OF POLICY NUMBER	ENDORSEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE (12:01 A.M. STANDARD TIME)	NAMED INSURED	AGENT NO.

#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

#### SERVICE OF SUIT CLAUSE

It is agreed that in the event of the failure of the Company to pay any amount claimed to be due under this policy, the Company at the request of the Insured (or reinsured), will submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction within the United States of America and will comply with all requirements necessary to give the Court jurisdiction. All matters which arise will be determined in accordance with the law and practice of the Court. In a suit instituted against any one of them under this contract, the Company agrees to abide by the final decision of the Court or of any Appellate Court in the event of an appeal.

Pursuant to any statute of any state, territory or district of the United States of America which makes a provision, the Company will designate the Superintendent, Commissioner or Director of Insurance or other officer specified for that purpose in the statute, or his successor or successors in office, as their true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served any lawful process in any action, suit, or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the Insured (or reinsured) or any beneficiary arising out of this contract of insurance (or reinsurance).

The officer named below is authorized and directed to accept service of process on behalf of the Company:

Having accepted service of process on behalf of the Company, the officer is authorized to mail the process or a true copy to:

Michael L. Horsman			
Name			
8877 N. Gainey Center Drive			
Street Address			
Scottsdale, AZ 85258			
City, State, Zip			



DATE



Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza • Columbus, Ohio 43215 Administrative Office: 8877 North Gainey Center Drive • Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 1-800-423-7675 A STOCK COMPANY

In Witness Whereof, the Company has caused this policy to be executed and attested.

W. Her

Secretary

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President

The information contained herein replaces any similar information contained elsewhere in the policy.

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