

# Association Liability Policy Wording

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Terms of our policy to cover your  
association liability

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## Important information about your FMG policy

### This policy operates on a 'claims made and notified' basis

Some covers in this policy operate on a 'claims made and notified' basis. This means that the claim must be made against the party insured under this policy and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

Additionally, this means that there is no cover under this policy for the following:

- Claims made against a party insured under this policy after the period of insurance ends even if the event giving rise to that claim occurred during the period of insurance, unless specified otherwise.
- Claims made against a party insured under this policy notified or arising out of circumstances notified (or which should have reasonably been notified) under a previous policy.
- Claims made against a party insured under this policy threatened or intimated before the period of insurance began.
- Circumstances that a party insured under this policy first became aware of before the period of insurance began which they knew (or should have reasonably known) had the potential to give rise to a claim under this policy.
- Claims arising out of circumstances noted on the written proposal or renewal declaration form for the period of insurance or equivalent form for any previous period of insurance.
- Claims arising from legal proceedings or an investigation, arbitration or adjudication that existed prior to or which were pending before the prior or pending litigation date shown on the certificate.

### Please read and file this document and your policy certificate

Please take the time to read carefully through this policy wording and the accompanying policy certificate. Together, these two documents form your insurance contract with us.

### The policy certificate shows what you are covered for

Your policy certificate is particularly important. If there is any inconsistency between your FMG policy wording and what is on the certificate, it is the certificate that prevails.

### We are here to help

Under this contract, you and FMG both have responsibilities to ensure everything runs smoothly. Read these documents to find out what they are. If there is anything that you don't understand, please contact us.

Please:

- tell us of any errors in your documentation
- contact us if there is anything you don't understand and would like explained
- keep this policy in a safe place along with your renewal notice(s).

### We will remind you when your policies need to be renewed

The date that cover ceases is shown on the policy certificate. If your policy is renewable, we will contact you about renewing your insurance before that date.

### We have defined the meanings of some words

In this document, we use italics to show that the words have the meanings given in the definitions section.

We also use the following common terms throughout the document, with the meanings shown:

- ***Certificate*** means the latest version of the policy certificate issued by us. The certificate contains details of the insurance cover under this policy.
- ***FMG*** means FMG Insurance Limited as shown on the certificate.
- ***Period of insurance*** means the duration of the policy, as shown on the certificate (unless the policy is ended earlier).
- ***We, us, or our*** means FMG.

## **You must provide information and pay your premium**

### **You agree to give us correct and complete information**

We have provided this policy based on the information you have disclosed to us. If you give us information that is incorrect or incomplete, you might not be covered under the policy.

You need to tell us:

- all material information before the cover starts, even if we don't specifically ask about it (material information is information that could change our decision if we knew about it)
- straight away if your circumstances change in any way while you are insured with us, both during the period of insurance and at renewal.

### **You agree to pay your premiums on time**

Cover under your policy will not start until you have paid, or have agreed to pay, the premium (including any government charges) for the period of insurance. If your premiums are not paid by the due date, your insurance could be cancelled and you will not be insured.

### **You agree to the exclusions and obligations detailed in the policy**

You are not covered for some items, events, and circumstances. These are called exclusions. Exclusions are detailed throughout the policy.

This policy also contains certain conditions and obligations that you must meet. If you don't, we may decline any claim you make. Any other person who is entitled to claim under this policy must also meet these conditions and obligations.

## **We will be fair in the way we provide this cover**

### **We provide the cover listed on the certificate**

The policies and benefits we agree to provide are listed on the certificate. This policy wording details the cover that this policy and benefits provide.

### **We are bound by the Fair Insurance Code**

FMG is a member of the Insurance Council of New Zealand and bound by the Council's Fair Insurance Code. For a copy of the Code, please call us on 0800 366 466.

### **We comply with the Privacy Act 1993**

We collect personal information about you, your business, or both. We asked you for personal information to fully evaluate and to administer this policy, and we may ask for more if you make a claim or renew the policy.

You also authorise us to:

- collect relevant information about you or your business from third parties, such as other insurers and EQC.
- disclose information about you in connection with insurance to third parties.

We fully understand the importance of protecting your personal, commercial and financial information. We store your information securely, within our organisation, and will not share it except in compliance with the Privacy Act 1993. You have rights under the Privacy Act 1993 to access and correct the information we hold about you.

For information about how we collect, use and store your personal information, see the full Privacy Statement on our website ([www.fmg.co.nz](http://www.fmg.co.nz)).

### **We provide a 30-day 'cool off' period**

We are confident this policy will be right for you. However, you may cancel this policy within 30 days of the start date if you are not entirely happy, without giving us a reason. We will refund any premium you have paid, provided you do not have a claim during this 30-day period.

## **We agree to cover you and the association's legal liability**

We agree to provide you with the insurance set out in this policy, if 'Association Liability' is shown on the certificate.

We cover your liability (section 1 of this policy) and your association's liability (section 2 of this policy).

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## **Section 1 – We cover you and office holders liability**

### **1. What liability you and office holders are insured for**

#### **1.1 We cover you for professional indemnity**

*You are insured for legal liability and costs arising from a claim of civil liability in the course of the professional business.*

There is no cover for dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions unless covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) under section 2 below.

#### **1.2 We cover office holders liability**

*Office holders are insured for legal liability and costs arising from a claim of civil liability for a wrongful act committed by them in the capacity as office holder.*

However, there is no cover for a claim alleging an *office holder* has returned remuneration paid to them without the prior approval of *Association's* members, in circumstances where a court holds that failing to get that prior approval violated the law.

For the purposes of determining whether these exclusions apply, any *Office holder's* conduct or knowledge will not be imputed to any other *Office holder*.

#### **1.3 We cover office holders liability for outside directorships**

An *Office holder* performing a directorial or management function in an *Outside Entity*, at the written request of the *Association*, is insured as if that *Outside Entity* was the *Association*, provided that:

- we have agreed to and noted this *Outside Entity*, and
- any additional premium charged by us in this respect has been paid.

This cover only operates in excess of any indemnity, insurance or cover available through or from the *Outside Entity*.

To be covered under clauses 1.1 to 1.3 above the allegation must be first made against *you* and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

No cover is available under clauses 1.2 and 1.3 above or any benefits under this section of the policy if the *Association* is permitted or required to indemnify you in respect of the liability or costs covered.



## 2. The cover also includes automatic benefits

Your insurance automatically includes the following benefits.

### 2.1 We cover your legal defence costs and legal representation expenses

You are insured for the *legal defence costs* or *legal representation expenses* you incur in respect of a *claim* first made against you and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

The *legal representation expenses* must relate to an investigation or inquiry instigated during the period of insurance as a result of you or the Association being served with a written request for you to attend a meeting, hearing or interview because of your role within the Association.

We will pay these costs and expenses:

- prior to the final judgment of the *claim*
- within 30 days of receipt of the invoice from defence counsel.

You must repay these costs or expenses back to us to the extent that we determine they are not covered under this policy. If the costs or expenses were incurred for the benefit of one person then only they are obliged to repay these costs or expenses. If the costs or expenses were incurred for the benefit of multiple people then each of them must repay a portion of the costs or expenses determined on a pro-rata basis.

### 2.2 We cover your emergency legal defence costs

You are insured for the *emergency legal defence costs* you incur during the period of insurance if it is not reasonably possible for you to get our prior written consent before incurring *legal defence costs*.

These emergency legal defence costs must be incurred within 14 days of you first receiving notice of the relevant claim.

You must repay these costs back to us to the extent that we determine they are not covered under this policy. If the costs or expenses were incurred for the benefit of one person then only they are obliged to repay these costs or expenses. If the costs or expenses were incurred for the benefit of multiple people then each of them must repay a portion of the costs or expenses determined on a pro-rata basis.

### 2.3 We cover office holders for employment related claims

*Office holders* are insured for the *legal liability and costs* they incur in respect of the following that involve an allegation of an *employment related wrongful act*:

- a written claim or demand for monetary compensation or non-pecuniary relief
- civil or arbitration proceedings including by counter-claim
- mediation, conciliation or other alternative dispute resolution process, or
- a formal regulatory, professional or administrative proceedings, *investigation* or inquiry.

This allegation must be first made against you and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

There is no cover for any claim for *employee benefits*.

## **2.4 We cover your pre-investigation costs**

You are insured for the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses you incur with our prior written consent directly in respect of:

- a *pre-investigation*, or
- the preparation of a written notice or report to an official body in connection with a *pre-investigation*.

The subject matter of this *pre-investigation* must be reasonably likely to give rise to a claim covered under clauses 1.2 (office holders) or 1.3 (outside directorships) above.

There is no cover for you or the Association's wages, salaries or other remuneration or internal costs or overheads.

## **2.5 We cover you for unintentional breaches of consumer legislation**

You are insured for the *legal liability and costs* you incur in respect of a *claim* for unintentional breaches of the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 or the Fair Trading Act 1986.

This allegation must be first made against you and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

There is no cover under the criminal provisions of these enactments.

## **2.6 We cover office holders' tax investigation expenses**

*Office holder(s)* are insured for the reasonable and necessary legal and accountancy fees, costs and expenses they incur with our prior written consent that are solely a result of a formal or informal investigation into their personal tax affairs by the Inland Revenue Department.

This investigation must begin or be first intimated during the period of insurance.

## **2.7 We cover you for unintentional breaches of privacy, confidentiality or intellectual property rights**

You are insured for the *legal liability and costs* you incur in respect of a *claim* arising from you or the Association unintentionally breaching or infringing the privacy, or breaching the confidentiality or *intellectual property rights*, of others in the course of the *professional business*.

This allegation must be first made against you and/or the Association (as applicable), and notified to us in writing, during the period of insurance.

There is no cover if you assisted or condoned this breach or infringement.

## **2.8 We cover your costs following a breach of others' privacy or confidentiality**

You are insured for the reasonable and necessary costs you incur with our prior written consent as a direct result of:

- an invasion, infringement or interference with the right to privacy, including disclosure of *data* that amounts to a breach of the Privacy Act 1993, or
- the unauthorised disclosure or use of *confidential information* in *data* form that is subject to a statutory restriction on its disclosure or use.

## 2.9 We cover loss of documents

You are insured for the *legal liability and costs you incur* in respect of a *claim* for damage to, or loss or destruction of, *documents*, provided that these documents are within the territorial limits of New Zealand and Australia during the period of insurance.

You must notify us in writing that these documents have been damaged, destroyed, or after a diligent search cannot be found, as soon as reasonably practicable after this is discovered.

The amount claimed under this benefit must be supported by invoices which a person, nominated by us and agreed to by *you*, has approved. If agreement is unable to be reached about who will complete this exercise, it will be undertaken by an *independent lawyer*.

There is no cover for:

- wear and tear, vermin, mould, mildew or any other cause involving gradual deterioration, or
- liability, costs or expenses covered under any other part of this policy.

## 2.10 We cover health and safety defence costs

We will pay the *legal defence costs you incur* with our prior written consent if:

- during the period of insurance *you* are legally compelled to attend an official *investigation* or other proceedings ordered or commissioned by an official body or institution, and
- this could give rise to an allegation that *you* breached the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

## 2.11 We cover your unintentional defamatory statements

You are insured for the *legal liability and costs you incur* in respect of a *claim* for an unintentional defamatory spoken or written statement *you* or the *Association* make in connection with the conduct of the *professional business*.

This allegation must be first made against *you* and/or the *Association* (as applicable), and notified to us in writing, during the period of insurance.

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## Section 2 – We cover your association liability

### 3. What liability the Association is insured for

#### 3.1 We cover the Association for professional indemnity

The Association is insured for *legal liability and costs* arising from a *claim* of civil liability in the course of the *professional business*.

#### 3.2 We cover the Association's Liability for wrongful acts by an Office holder

The Association is insured for *legal liability and costs* it is legally liable to pay due to a *wrongful act* committed by an *Office holder* that is not covered under clauses 1.2 (office holders) or 1.3 (outside directorships) under section 1 above.

#### 3.3 We cover the Association if it reimburses you

The Association is insured to the extent it is legally required or permitted to reimburse *you* for liability or costs which *you* are legally liable to pay due to a *claim* of civil liability for a *wrongful act* committed by *you* before or during the period of insurance.

No excess applies if the Association is unable to reimburse *you* due to its insolvency.

To be covered under clauses 3.1 to 3.3 above the allegation must be first be made against *you* and/or the Association (as applicable), and notified to us in writing, during the period of insurance.

### 4. The cover also includes automatic benefits

Your insurance automatically includes the following benefits.

#### 4.1 We cover the Association's emergency legal defence costs

The Association is insured for the *emergency legal defence costs* it incurs during the period of insurance in the event it is not reasonably possible for it to get our prior written consent before incurring *legal defence costs*.

These emergency legal defence costs must be incurred within 14 days of *you* or the Association first receiving notice of the relevant claim.

The Association must repay these costs back to us to the extent that we determine they are not covered under this policy.

#### 4.2 We cover the Association for employment related claims

The Association is insured for the *legal liability and costs* it incurs in respect of the following that involve an allegation of an *employment related wrongful act*:

- a written claim or demand for monetary compensation or non-pecuniary relief
- civil or arbitration proceedings including by counter-claim
- mediation, conciliation or other alternative dispute resolution process, or
- a formal regulatory, professional or administrative proceedings, *investigation* or inquiry.

This allegation must be first made against the Association and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.

There is no cover for any claim for *employee benefits*.

### 4.3 We cover the Association for loss due to crime

#### 4.3.1 What the Association is insured for

The Association is insured for association crime loss it first *discovers* during the period of insurance arising from the following:

- acts of fraud or dishonesty committed by an *employee* principally intended to cause association crime loss or for personal financial gain, whether acting alone or in collusion with others,
- *theft* or a *fraudulent act* by a *relevant individual*,
- electronic or computer crime by a *relevant individual*, or
- physical loss or damage to, or the disappearance of, the Association's *money* or *negotiable instruments* including loss or damage to safes or vaults.

The Association is also insured for its legal liability for direct financial loss of a third party's *money*, *negotiable instruments* or other physical property excluding any building and its fixtures and fittings, provided that this property was in the Association's care, custody or control during the period of insurance.

To be covered under this benefit the Association must first *discover* this loss and we must be notified about it in writing during the period of insurance.

#### 4.3.2 What we will pay

We will pay up to the amount shown on the certificate for all claims in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

We will pay no more than:

- In respect of *negotiable instruments*, *money* or precious metals, the lesser of:
  - the actual market value of this property at the close of business on the day the loss was first *discovered*, as determined by the value published on the [www.interest.co.nz](http://www.interest.co.nz) website, or
  - the actual cost of replacing this property on the day on which we settle the claim.
- In respect of the reproduction of books of accounts or other records, the cost of blank books, blank pages or other materials plus the cost of labour and computer time to transcribe or copy data provided by the Association.
- In respect of the reproduction of electronic data, the cost of labour to transcribe or copy electronic data provided by the Association.
- In respect of any other property, the lesser of:
  - the actual cash value of this property at the close of business on the day the loss was first *discovered*, or
  - the actual cost of replacing this property with property of an equivalent quality or value on the day the claim is settled.

#### 4.3.3 Exclusions

There is no cover for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses sustained after a *responsible person* first becomes aware that:

- a *relevant individual* has committed any *theft* or a *fraudulent act*
- an *employee* has committed any dishonest or *fraudulent act* either:
  - during the term of their employment with the Association
  - prior to their employment with the Association, provided that this involved *money*, *negotiable instruments* or other property valued at \$50,000 or more.

In respect of *theft* occurring while the property is in the care, custody and control of a security company or armoured motor vehicle company authorised by the Association, we will only cover an amount that exceeds the sums available to that security company or armoured motor vehicle company, whether through insurance, by way of indemnity, under contract or otherwise.

#### 4.3.4 Definitions

Association crime loss means direct financial loss sustained by the *Association*.

Electronic and computer crime means the theft of either:

- the *Association's* assets under the direct or indirect control of a computer by a *relevant individual* who is not authorised by the *Association* to access that computer by manipulating computer hardware or software programs of systems, or
- the *Association's* funds from an account it has at a financial institution which the *Association*, or person or organisation it has authorised, can transfer funds from. This must be the result of a *relevant individual* purporting to be the *Association*, or person or organisation it has authorised, fraudulently transmitting, issuing, altering or *forging* instructions to transfer funds from that account.

Computer means:

- a computer, data processing equipment media or a part of these
- a data storage and retrieval or communication system
- a network, protocol or part of these
- a storage device, microchip or integrated circuit
- real-time clock system or similar device, or
- computer software, firmware or microcode.

Computer also includes its components which are available to users, including memory, bandwidth, processor time, use of communication facilities and any other computer-connected equipment.

#### 4.4 We cover the Association's legal costs when there is a crime loss

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses to defend a written demand, claim, suit or legal proceedings which the *Association* subsequently establishes was a result of a claim covered or potentially covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) above.

We must be notified about these circumstances in writing during the period of insurance.

We will pay up to \$100,000 for all claims in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

#### 4.5. We cover the Association's specialist investigator fees when there is a crime loss

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable fees, costs and expenses it incurs with our prior written consent to retain a specialist investigator to investigate, report on or prove a claim covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) above.

In investigating and reporting on this matter, the specialist investigator will also:

- advise on when and how the *Association's* controls were or may have been breached, and
- summarise recommendations that may prevent similar loss in the future.

We have the right to attend the meetings between the *Association* and the specialist investigator and receive copies of the specialist investigator's reports.

We will pay up to \$100,000 for all claims in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

#### 4.6 We cover the Association for unintentional breaches of consumer legislation

The *Association* is insured for the *legal liability* and costs it incurs in respect of a *claim* for unintentional breaches of the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 or the Fair Trading Act 1986.

This allegation must be first made against the *Association* and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance. There is no cover under the criminal provisions of these enactments.

#### 4.7 We cover the Association's tax investigation expenses

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable and necessary legal and accountancy fees, costs and expenses it incurs with our prior written consent that are the result of an informal or formal investigation into the *Association's* tax affairs by the Inland Revenue Department.

This investigation must begin or be first intimated during the period of insurance.

#### 4.8 We cover the Association for unintentional breaches of privacy, confidentiality or intellectual property rights

The *Association* is insured for the *legal liability and costs* it incurs in respect of a *claim* arising from *you* or the *Association* unintentionally breaching or infringing privacy, or breaching confidentiality or *intellectual property rights*, of others in course of the *professional business*.

This allegation must be first made against *you* and/or the *Association* (as applicable), and notified to us in writing, during the period of insurance.

#### 4.9 We cover the Association's costs following a breach of privacy or confidentiality and liability due to a computer virus

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable and necessary costs it incurs with our prior written consent as a direct result of:

- an invasion, infringement or interference with the right to privacy, including disclosure of *data* that amounts to a breach of the Privacy Act 1993, or
- the unauthorised disclosure or use of *confidential information* in data form that is subject to a statutory restriction on its disclosure or use.

The *Association* is also insured for its legal liability for loss, damage, costs or expenses as a result of the transmission of a computer virus following a claim that was first made against the *Association* during the period of insurance.

Computer virus means a program or code:

- causing loss or damage to a computer system
- preventing or impairing a computer system from performing and/or functioning accurately and/or properly.

#### 4.10 We cover loss of documents

The *Association* is insured for the *legal liability and costs* it incurs in respect of a *claim* for damage to, or loss or destruction of, *documents*, provided that these documents are within the territorial limits of New Zealand and Australia during the period of insurance.

The *Association* must notify us in writing that these documents have been damaged, destroyed, or after a diligent search cannot be found, as soon as reasonably practicable after this is discovered.

The amount claimed under this benefit must be supported by invoices which a person, we have nominated and *you* have agreed to, has approved. If agreement is unable to be reached about who will complete this exercise, it will be undertaken by an *independent lawyer*.

This benefit does not cover:

- a claim in connection with wear and tear, vermin, mould, mildew or any other cause involving gradual deterioration, or
- liability, costs or expenses that *you* or the *Association* are entitled to have covered under another part of this policy.

#### **4.11 We cover the Association's crisis management costs**

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable and necessary costs it incurs with our prior written consent to retain a public relation firm due to a reputational concern arising out of a claim covered under the following:

- clause 3.3 (association reimbursement) above,
- automatic benefit 4.2 (employment related claims) in this section, or
- clause 10.7 (late claim or notification) in the 'how we manage your claim' section below to the extent this relates to a claim covered under clause 3.3 (association reimbursement) or automatic benefit 4.2 (employment related claims) above.

The *Association* must provide us with written notice of the reputational concern:

- within 14 days of it arising, and
- during the period of insurance.

The fact that we have not given our prior written consent will not affect the entitlement to cover under this benefit if the *Association* was prevented from seeking this consent by law or pressing and urgent necessity.

#### **4.12 We cover the Association's disruption expenses when Office holders or employees are required to attend hearings or inquiries**

The *Association* is insured for the expenses it incurs during the period of insurance when it is necessary for *you* to attend a court, arbitration or other formal regulatory, professional or administrative proceedings, *investigation* or inquiry as a witness for the defence of a claim covered under:

- automatic benefit 2.3 (employment related claims) of section 1
- clause 3.3 (association reimbursement) above, or
- automatic benefits 4.2 (employment related claims) or 4.11 (crisis management costs) in this section.

The witness must be required to attend the proceedings for a period exceeding five consecutive business days.

We will pay up to \$500 per day for each person.

#### **4.13 We cover the Association's legal defence costs in respect of a breach of contract**

The *Association* is insured for the *legal defence costs* it incurs in respect of a claim involving an actual or alleged breach by the *Association* of the term of an express oral or written contract.

#### **4.14 We cover the Association's costs if it is the victim of identity fraud**

The *Association* is insured for the reasonable fees, costs and expenses it incurs to establish that a fraudulent representation has occurred in the following circumstances:

- during the period of insurance a third party enters into an agreement with a *relevant individual* that fraudulently purports to have authority to bind the *Association*, and
- that third party then seeks to enforce that agreement against the *Association*.

The *Association* must notify us of these circumstances in writing during the period of insurance.

#### **4.15 We cover the Association's legal defence costs in respect of a pollution event**

The *Association* is insured for the *legal defence costs* it incurs in respect of a claim arising from a *pollution event*.

#### **4.16 We cover unintentional defamatory statements**

The *Association* is insured for the *legal liability and costs* it incurs in respect of a *claim* for an unintentional defamatory spoken or written statement the *Association* makes in connection with the conduct of the *professional business*. This allegation must be first made against the *Association* and notified to us in writing during the period of insurance.



## 5. You can choose to add the following optional benefits

These optional benefits only apply if they are available, have been selected and paid for (if appropriate). If applicable, these optional benefits apply to both section 1 and section 2 of this policy.

### 5.1 We provide extended notification period options when this policy is not renewed or replaced

#### 5.1.1 Extended notification period option if policy is not replaced

We will provide an *extended notification period* of 30 days from the expiry of the period of insurance for no additional premium if:

- this policy is not replaced with other insurance providing association liability cover, and
- there has not been a *merger or acquisition*.

If this option is selected, no further extended notification period may be purchased.

#### 5.1.2 Additional notification period options if this policy is not renewed

If we refuse to renew this policy, *you* or the *Association* may purchase an *extended notification period* of either:

- 12 months from the expiry of the period of insurance for additional premium amounting to 100% of the annual or annualised equivalent premium for this policy.
- 24 months from the expiry of the period of insurance for additional premium amounting to 175% of the annual or annualised equivalent premium for this policy.

If *you* or the *Association* do not renew this policy, *you* or the *Association* may purchase an *extended notification period* of 12 months from the expiry of the period of insurance for additional premium amounting to 100% of the annual or annualised equivalent premium for this policy.

#### 5.1.3 Conditions

Within 30 days prior to the expiry of the period of insurance *you* or the *Association* must:

- provide written confirmation of the option selected, and
- pay any additional premium applicable.

These options do not increase the amounts payable under this policy as set out in the 'what we will pay' section below. An option cannot be cancelled once selected.

### 5.2 We provide an extended notification period if you retire

*Office holder(s)* may request an *extended notification period* of 36 months from the date they retire for no additional premium provided that:

- they retire before the period of insurance expires and prior to any *merger or acquisition*, and
- we do not renew this policy and it is not replaced with other insurance providing association liability cover.

This option runs concurrently with any extended notification period option under optional benefit 5.1.1 (extended notification period if not replaced) above and does not increase the amounts payable under this policy as set out in the 'what we will pay' section below.

Retire means *you* have completely ceased to hold the position as *Office holder* on your own volition and without coercion. This excludes circumstances when you are disqualified or dismissed, either actively or constructively, from employment or office.

### **5.3 We can provide a run-off policy if the Association ceases to exist or is merged or acquired**

You and the Association may request a run-off policy from the date that the Association ceases to exist, or is merged or acquired by another entity, until the period of insurance expires.

This run-off policy will only insure you and the Association for acts, omissions and events that occurred before this cessation, *merger or acquisition*.

## **6. What we will pay**

This section applies to both section 1 and section 2 of this policy.

What we will pay depends on:

- whether the cover or benefit has a specific limit (clause 6.1),
- the maximum limit of indemnity (clause 6.2), and
- whether there is a right of reinstatement (clause 6.3).

Additionally, further amounts for legal defence costs and legal representation expenses may be payable if there is a charge on any amount payable under this policy under section 9 of the Law Reform Act 1936 (clause 6.4).

### **6.1 What we will pay depends on the specific limit**

Subject to the clause 6.2 below, when the certificate, cover or benefit refers to a specific limit for a cover or benefit that is the maximum we will pay in the aggregate for all claims under that cover or benefit during the period of insurance.

### **6.2 The maximum limit of indemnity that applies**

Subject to clause 6.4 below, the most we will pay for all claims under this policy in the aggregate during the period of insurance is the Maximum Limit of Indemnity shown on the certificate.

### **6.3 Right to reinstate limits for future claims when the maximum limit of indemnity is not exhausted**

If a specific limit of a cover or benefit is exhausted due to claims payments this may be reinstated for future claims, provided and to the extent that the Maximum Limit of Indemnity shown on the certificate has not also been exhausted due to these previous claims payments.

The amount available for reinstatement will be calculated by deducting the previous claims payments paid in the aggregate during the period of insurance from the Maximum Limit of Indemnity shown on the certificate.

### **6.4 Additional legal defence costs cover is available in the event there is a charge under section 9 of the Law Reform Act 1936**

*Legal defence costs or legal representation expenses* will be in addition to, rather than included in, the applicable limit for a cover or benefit if a charge under section 9 of the Law Reform Act 1936 applies to any cover under this policy, provided that:

- we have received notice of the existence of this charge, and
- we have assessed that the sum secured by the charge will exhaust the applicable limit.

The most we will pay in the aggregate during the period of insurance under this clause is the lesser of:

- 10% of the relevant limit, or
- \$1,000,000.

We may recover payments made under this clause or offset these as a deduction from amounts payable under this policy if, after payment is made under this clause, we determine that:

- the charge did not apply, is lifted or discharged,
- the sum secured by the charge did not exhaust the relevant limit, or
- there is no entitlement to such payment.

### 7. General Exclusions

#### 7.1 An excess may be payable

If we accept a claim under one or more of your FMG policies, there is no insurance for the amount of any excess on the certificate.

#### 7.2 There is no cover for independent contractors, brokers, merchants or external solicitors or accountants

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, the act, error or omission of:

- an independent contractor other than an *employee*
- a broker or merchant
- an external solicitor or accountant
- other similar agent or representative

This exclusion does not apply to any organisation that the *Association* has outsourced a normal administrative function to, under a written contract of engagement.

#### 7.3 There is no cover for employee benefits paid by the Association

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the following that are paid by the *Association* and earned in the normal course of employment:

- salaries, commissions or fees
- bonuses, awards, promotions or profit sharing, or
- superannuation or other *employee benefits*.

#### 7.4 There is no cover for proven criminal acts

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with *you* or the *Association* being involved in a proven criminal act.

If this exclusion applies, *you* and/or the *Association* must repay us *legal defence costs* or *emergency legal defence costs* we have paid *you* and/or the *Association* or on *your* and/or the *Association's* behalf. These amounts are repayable on demand once the final adjudication or admission has been made.

#### 7.5 There is no cover for misconduct

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with *you* or the *Association*:

- committing a wilful breach of duty, dishonesty, a fraudulent or malicious act or omission or other act or omission with criminal intent, or
- gaining personal advantage that it is not legally entitled to.

## **7.6 There is no cover for allegations of a sexual nature**

There is also no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with actual, attempted or alleged sexual abuse or misconduct by *you* or the *Association* unless covered under automatic benefit 2.3 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.2 of section 2 (employment related claims).

## **7.7 There is no cover for claims and circumstances that you were aware of before this policy was in place**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with:

- a claim that was first made against *you* or the *Association* before the inception of this policy
- a circumstance first *discovered* before the inception of this policy
- a claim or circumstance which has been notified under any other policy of insurance
- a claim or circumstance stated in a written proposal or renewal declaration form in relation to this policy or any earlier policy or contract, or
- civil, administrative, criminal or regulatory proceedings, an investigation, arbitration or adjudication that commenced prior to or that was pending before the prior or pending litigation date shown on the certificate.

For the purposes of determining whether this exclusion applies, *your* conduct or knowledge will not be imputed to anyone else insured under this policy and vice versa.

## **7.8 There is no cover for claims brought in North America**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with work carried out within, or to individuals or entities in:

- The United States of America
- Canada, or
- their territories, dependencies or protectorates.

There is also no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, a claim brought or maintained in full or in part within the jurisdiction or based upon the laws of:

- The United States of America
- Canada, or
- their territories, dependencies or protectorates.

## **7.9 There is no cover for professional services**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, a claim made against *you* or the *Association* for providing or failing to provide professional services or advice to customers or clients of the *Association* unless this was in the ordinary course of the *professional business*.

## **7.10 There is no cover when you or the Association are acting as a trustee of an employee benefits programme**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, a claim against *you* or the *Association* for:

- acting as a fiduciary, trustee or administrator of a plan, pension, superannuation, annuity, profit-sharing, health, welfare or other *employee benefits* programme *you* or the *Association* have established, or
- breaching legislation or regulations related to these activities.

### **7.11 There is no cover for pollution events**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from or attributable to a claim in connection with a *pollution event*, unless covered under automatic benefit 4.15 (pollution event defence costs) of section 2 above.

### **7.12 There is no cover after the Association has undergone a merger or acquisition**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, an act, error, omission or other matter *you* or the *Association* commit after the *Association* undergoes a *merger or acquisition*.

### **7.13 There is no cover for confiscation, nuclear materials, terrorism or war**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses in any way connected with:

- *confiscation* unless covered under automatic benefit 2.4 (pre-investigation expenses) under section 1 above
- *nuclear materials* unless covered under automatic benefit 4.15 (pollution event defence costs) under section 2 above
- *terrorism*
- *war*.

### **7.14 There is no cover for the Association's overheads or remuneration incurred due to a claim**

There is no cover under this policy for the overheads, wages or salaries, the *Association* incurs in relation to a claim, unless covered under automatic benefit 4.12 (disruption expenses) of section 2 above.

### **7.15 There is no cover for claims between you and the Association**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses in any way connected with a claim between any parties insured under this policy, including a claim brought on their behalf, or a claim by an entity an *Office holder* has a 10% or greater controlling interest in against any other *Office holder*, unless covered under:

- automatic benefit 2.11 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.16 of section 2 (defamation), or
- automatic benefits 2.3 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.2 of section 2 (employment related claims).

### **7.16 There is no cover for property loss or fire**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses:

- arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with damage to, or the impairment, destruction or loss of use of, physical property, or
- caused directly or indirectly by fire other than loss of *money*, *negotiable instruments*, safes or vaults.

These exclusions do not apply to the extent the claim is covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) under section 2 above.

### **7.17 There is no cover for forcible or violent theft**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses occurring after a *relevant individual* acting alone and without collusion with an *employee* commits theft after forcibly or violently entering premises occupied by the *Association*, unless covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) under section 2 above.

### **7.18 There is no cover for breaches of intellectual property rights or confidentiality**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with the infringement of *intellectual property rights*, proprietary information or confidential processing methods, plagiarism, breach of confidentiality, or the breach or infringement of privacy, unless covered under:

- automatic benefits 2.8 (breach of privacy or confidentiality) or 2.7 (intellectual property rights) of section 1 above, or
- automatic benefits 4.9 (breach of privacy or confidentiality and computer viruses) or 4.8 (intellectual property rights) of section 2 above.

### **7.19 There is no cover for securities claims**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses in any way connected with:

- a *securities* claim
- a proposed or actual public offering or private placement of *securities*, or
- *you* or the *Association* profiting from the purchase or sale of *securities*, or otherwise improperly benefitting from a *securities* transaction, as a result of having, or allegedly having, information not available to other sellers or purchasers of such *securities*.

*Securities* claim means a legal proceeding alleging the violation of any country's laws regulating securities that arises from:

- the sale or purchase of *securities*, or
- a shareholder's interest in *securities*.

*Securities* claim does not include a claim arising from, or attributable to, loss or failure to receive the benefit of *securities*.

### **7.20 There is no cover for bodily injury or death**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, actual or alleged bodily injury, disease, sickness, emotional distress or other mental, psychiatric, emotional or physical injury, unless covered under:

- automatic benefit 2.10 (health and safety defence costs) of section 1 above, or
- automatic benefit 2.3 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.2 of section 2 above (employment related claims).

There is also no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with the death of a person, unless covered under automatic benefit 2.10 (health and safety defence costs) of section 1 above.

### **7.21 There is no cover for asbestos**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with bodily injury, disease, sickness, emotional distress or other mental, psychiatric, emotional or physical injury, the death of a person or property damage related to:

- mining, processing, transporting, distributing or storing asbestos
- manufacturing asbestos products or processing materials containing asbestos, or
- any process of decontaminating, treating or controlling asbestos.

Property damage means:

- damage to, or the defect, impairment, destruction or loss of, physical property, including consequential loss or the loss of use of that property, or
- consequential loss relating to, or loss of use of, physical property not damaged as described above.

### **7.22 There is no cover for fungi, mould, spores or mycotoxins**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with the actual, potential, alleged or threatened formation, growth, presence, release or dispersal of fungi, moulds, spores or mycotoxins or the following in response:

- an action taken by any party, or
- a governmental or regulatory order, requirement, directive, mandate or decree that any party take action.

### **7.23 There is no cover for consequential losses**

There is no cover under this policy for liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, consequential or indirect loss including loss attributable to claims for apportionment, contribution or indemnity.

### **7.24 There is no cover for liability assumed by agreement**

There is no cover under this policy for liability, costs or expenses that *you* or the *Association* expressly accept under a contract unless:

- this liability would have arisen without that contract, or
- covered under automatic benefit 4.13 (contract defence costs) of section 2 above.

### **7.25 There is no cover for loss that can only be proved by computation or a comparison**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses that can only be proved by a:

- profit and loss comparison or computation, or
- comparison of inventory records with a physical count.

### **7.26 There is no cover for the publication of false material**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, the publication of material that *you* or the *Association* know is false.

### **7.27 There is no cover for lockouts or other industrial action**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, an act, error, omission or other matter committed during a lockout, strike, picket line, stand-down or other industrial action.

### **7.28 There is no cover for punitive or exemplary damages, taxes, fines or penalties**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with:

- punitive or exemplary damages
- fines or penalties imposed by law, or
- direct or indirect tax obligations, levies or duties, unless covered under automatic benefit 2.6 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.7 of section 2 (tax investigation expenses) above.

This exclusion does not apply to parts of a claim that are not punitive or exemplary damages, fines, penalties, tax obligations, levies or duties.

Additionally, in respect of a claim under clauses 1.1 (professional indemnity) or 1.2 (office holders) of section 1 or clauses 3.1 (professional indemnity) or 3.2 (association liability) of section 2 above, this exclusion does not apply to costs and expenses incurred in the successful defence of a legal action involving punitive or exemplary damages, fines, penalties, tax obligations, levies or duties.

### **7.29 There is no cover for contractual liability**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with any contractual liability, warranty or guarantee *you* or the *Association* have assumed or provided unless *you* or the *Association* (as applicable) would have been liable without that contractual liability, warranty or guarantee.

### **7.30 There is no cover for motor vehicles, marine craft, aircraft, land and buildings**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with the use, ownership, possession or destruction of, or damage to:

- a motor vehicle, a marine craft, an aircraft, or other means of transport.
- land, buildings, premises or structures, whether mobile or not.

### **7.31 There is no cover for voluntary exchanges or purchases**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly out of voluntarily tendering *money*, *negotiable instruments* or other property in an exchange or purchase, whether or not this is induced by deception, unless the *Association* has taken reasonable steps to prevent this.

### **7.32 There is no cover for loss that would expose us to sanctions**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses that would expose us to a sanction, prohibition or restriction under:

- United Nations resolutions or trade or economic sanctions, or
- the law of New Zealand, Australia, the European Union, the United Kingdom or the United States of America.

### **7.33 There is no cover for health and safety or worker compensation**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with an Act relating to workers compensation or health and safety, including *you* or the *Association* failing to comply with an improvement, prohibition, hazard or infringement notice issued to *you* or the *Association* under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, unless covered under:

- automatic benefit 2.10 (health and safety defence costs) of section 1 above, or
- automatic benefits 2.3 of section 1 or automatic benefit 4.2 of section 2 (employment related claims).

### **7.34 There is no cover for an action to enforce foreign judgments**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with an action brought in a New Zealand court to enforce a foreign judgment.

### **7.35 There is no cover for product liability**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with goods, products or merchandise, including their containers, manufactured, produced, processed, treated, sold, supplied, distributed, assembled, installed, serviced, handled or dealt with by, or on behalf of, *you* or the *Association*.

### **7.36 There is no cover for trading debts**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with:

- the payment of trading debts incurred by *you* or the *Association*, or
- the refund of *your* or the *Association's* professional fees or charges.



### **7.37 There is no cover for failing to arrange event insurance**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with failing to arrange appropriate liability insurance for events staged or organised by, or on behalf of, *you* or the *Association*.

### **7.38 There is no cover for financial services**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with advice or forecasting given by *you* or the *Association* concerning:

- the performance of an investment or asset, or
- the making of a discretionary fund decision.

### **7.39 There is no cover for medical services**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with:

- medical advice or treatment
- *you* or the *Association* providing medical services, or
- medical research.

### **7.40 There is no cover for computer firewalls or security systems being breached or for electronic funds being misused**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from, or in connection with:

- the breach of a computer firewall or security system, or
- the misuse or unauthorised use of the electronic transfer of funds or payments via the internet, including the failure to electronically transfer funds or payments.

This exclusion does not apply if the circumstances are covered under automatic benefit 4.3 (crime) of section 2 above.

### **7.41 There is no cover for the conduct of an entity while it is not a subsidiary of the association**

A *subsidiary* or *Office holder* of a *subsidiary* is not covered under this policy for acts, errors or omissions committed or occurring while that entity was not a *subsidiary*.

### **7.42 There is no cover for identity fraud**

There is no cover under this policy for loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from or attributable to a claim in connection with a third party entering into an agreement with a *relevant individual* that fraudulently purports to have authority to bind the *Association* where that third party subsequently seeks to enforce that agreement against the *Association*, unless covered under automatic benefit 4.14 (identity fraud costs) of section 2 above.

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## Making a claim

The conditions in this section are important. All conditions must be met before we will accept a claim under this policy.

### 8. What you and the Association must do

#### 8.1 You and the Association must let us know as soon as there is a claim or circumstance expected to give rise to one

*You and/or the Association* must let us know in writing as soon as reasonably practicable within the period of insurance or applicable extended notification period if there is a claim or circumstance which may be reasonably expected to give rise to a claim.

If, during the period of insurance or any applicable extended notification period, *you and/or the Association* become aware of and advise us in writing of a circumstance which may give rise to a claim against *you and/or the Association* and that circumstance does not give rise to a claim until after the end of the period of insurance or the applicable extended notification period, we will treat that claim as if it was first made against *you and/or the Association* during the period of insurance. *You and/or the Association* must provide the names of the potential claimants and the likely allegations.

*You and the Association* must use all due diligence and take all reasonable steps to minimise the claim and avoid any further claim.

*You and/or the Association* must make a complaint to the police if criminal activity is suspected.

#### 8.2 When communicating with us

*You and/or the Association* must notify us in writing, providing full particulars including relevant dates, events, circumstances and persons or entities involved and the amount of the alleged or potential loss.

*You and/or the Association* must immediately send us all relevant correspondence and court documentation.

*You* must authorise us to:

- get personal information about *you* from *you* and third parties in connection with your insurance
- disclose personal information about *you* to third parties in connection with your insurance.

For more information about how we collect, use and store your personal information, see the full Privacy Statement on our website ([www.fmg.co.nz](http://www.fmg.co.nz)).

### **8.3 You and the Association must fully co-operate with us**

*You* and the *Association* must fully co-operate with us regarding the investigation, defence and settlement of any claim.

*You* and/or the *Association* must provide us with any information and documentation we reasonably request at *your* and/or the *Association's* own cost. However, if the *Association* is insolvent we will pay its reasonable costs to comply with this obligation.

If we consider that *you* and/or the *Association* are not reasonably co-operating with us under this clause we may refer this matter to dispute resolution in accordance with clause 11.7 of the General Conditions section below. *You* and/or the *Association* must reasonably co-operate and/or provide the information and/or documentation reasonably requested.

### **8.4 When you have other insurance**

You must immediately notify us of any other insurance that covers you for any of the risks covered under this policy.

## **9. What you and the Association must not do**

### **9.1 You and the Association must not accept liability, settle things yourselves or incur defence costs**

*You* and/or the *Association* must not admit liability, waive a right to recovery or agree to settle a claim or part of a claim without our prior written consent.

Except for *emergency legal defence costs*, *you* and/or the *Association* must not incur legal defence costs or legal representation expenses without our prior written consent.

### **9.2 You and the Association must not make untrue statements**

*You* and/or the *Association* must ensure all statements made to us are true and complete.

If the claim is dishonest or fraudulent in any way, we are entitled to:

- decline your claim in whole or in part
- bring this policy to an end from the date of the dishonest or fraudulent act
- bring all other insurance you have with us to an end from the date of the dishonest or fraudulent act.

We may also notify the police, the Serious Fraud Office, or both.

## 10. How we will manage the claim

### 10.1 If two or more excesses apply, you need to pay the higher excess

If a claim is covered under multiple covers and/or benefits under this policy, you will have to pay only one excess. This will be the highest excess we can apply under these covers and/or benefits provided that this will not exceed the excess for clause 3.1 (professional indemnity) of section 2.

Additionally, if a claim is covered under more than one of your FMG policies, you will have to pay only one excess. This will be the highest excess we can apply under those policies.

### 10.2 We will pay the difference between another insurance and this one

You and/or the *Association* must immediately let us know if you have other insurance covering the risks covered under this policy.

We will only pay over and above the limit payable under that other insurance.

### 10.3 You and the Association have rights and responsibilities for the conduct of the defence and settlement

You and/or the *Association* (as applicable) have the duty to defend a claim against you and/or the *Association*.

You and/or the *Association* are not required to defend a claim unless an *independent lawyer*, advises that the claim should be defended taking into account the economics of the matter, including the likely costs of defending the claim, the amount of the claim and the prospects of a successful defence and cost recovery from the claimant.

You and/or the *Association* must not do the following without our prior written consent:

- settle a claim
- incur *legal defence costs* or *legal representation expenses*, except *emergency legal defence costs*, or
- assume a contractual obligation or admit liability with respect to a claim.

We have the right, and must be given an opportunity, to effectively associate with you and/or the *Association* in investigating, defending and settling a claim.

We also have the right at any time to take over the conduct of the investigation, defence or settlement of a claim in your and/or the *Association's* names.

We may also settle any claim where we consider this is expedient, provided you and/or the *Association* (as applicable) agree to this.

If you and/or the *Association* (as applicable) do not agree to the settlement of a claim that we have recommended, and continue with an action or proceedings in connection with that claim, subject to the cover limits set out in the 'what we will pay' section above, the cover available under this policy for that claim will not exceed:

- the amount the claim could have been settled for, and
- the amount of *legal defence costs* incurred with our prior written consent up until the date of you and/or the *Association's* refusal.

### 10.4 We will review legal defence costs

We will review *legal defence costs* and *legal representation expenses* as they are incurred to assess whether they are covered under this policy. We will advise you and/or the *Association* (as applicable) if they are not covered under this policy as soon as practicable.

### **10.5 Multiple claims arising out of the same conduct or events is treated as one claim**

Any two or more claims arising out of, based on, or attributable to, a single act, error or omission or which are attributable to continuous or repeated events or circumstances, or a series of interrelated or connected acts, errors or omissions, are treated as one claim.

### **10.6 When our prior written consent is required we will only withhold this if this is reasonable**

When *you* and/or the *Association* are required to obtain our prior written consent under this policy we will only withhold this when it is reasonable for us to do so.

### **10.7 In certain circumstances we will provide cover when there is a late claim or notification**

We will extend this policy to cover *you* in respect of a circumstance *you* and/or the *Association* knew about prior to the period of insurance beginning, provided that:

- there is no fraudulent non-disclosure or misrepresentation on *your* or the *Association's* part
- we were the insurer when *you* and/or the *Association* first became aware of that circumstance
- a claim was first made against *you* and/or the *Association* in relation to that circumstance during the period of insurance, or *you* and/or the *Association* notified us in writing about that circumstance during the period of insurance, and
- we have continuously been the insurer from the time that *you* and/or the *Association* first became aware of that circumstance.

This extension is available despite anything in this policy to the contrary. However, we reserve the right to reduce the cover under this clause to the extent that our interests are prejudiced by this late claim or notification.

### **10.8 In certain circumstances we may pay claims directly on your behalf**

We may pay amounts covered under this policy directly on *your* behalf if the *Association* fails or refuses to indemnify *you* where it is permitted or required by law to, provided that, if the failure or refusal is due to the *Association's* financial impairment, *you* provide documentary evidence that proves this financial impairment to our satisfaction.

Financial impairment means the status of the *Association* that results from the appointment by a government official, agency or court, of a receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee, manager, or similar official, taking control, supervising, administering, managing or liquidating the *Association*.

### **10.9 The parties will co-operate to determine the appropriate allocation of amounts when only some elements of the claim are covered**

*You*, the *Association* and FMG will jointly use best efforts to agree on a fair and proper allocation of amounts between *you*, the *Association* and us if:

- *you* and/or the *Association* incur a loss or liability covered under this policy together with one that is not covered under this policy, or
- a claim is made against *you* and the *Association* and it is not possible to identify whether this is attributable exclusively or primarily to something covered under this policy or not.

In making the assessment about the fair and proper allocation, in relation to:

- an award of damages or a claimant's costs, we will consider the relative legal and financial exposures of the parties to them, and
- *legal defence costs*, we will consider the relative benefits obtained by each party given the claims they are exposed to and their relative legal and financial exposures in that regard.

If an appropriate allocation cannot be agreed on, FMG, *you* and the *Association* will jointly instruct an *independent lawyer* to advise, at their absolute discretion, a fair and proper allocation using the criteria outlined above. FMG, *you* and the *Association* will be jointly liable for this independent lawyer's fees.

The *independent lawyer* can take whatever accounting or other expert advice they consider appropriate and necessary to determine the appropriate allocation. This recommendation will be final unless there is manifest bias or impropriety on their part.

The allocation will be applied retrospectively. Any previous allocation or advancement does not create a presumption in respect of the final allocation arrived at.

### **10.10 We have the right to choose the order we pay you and the Association**

We have the right to choose the order we pay *your* and the *Association's* claims covered under this policy. This will be in the order that we believe, in good faith, falls properly due for payment under this policy up until the relevant limit is exhausted.

### **10.11 We may recover costs from those responsible for the loss**

If we make any payment under this policy, we may exercise any legal rights *you* and/or the *Association* has to recover these amounts from the persons or entities responsible. Any recovery will be at our cost.

If we exercise these rights, *you* and the *Association* must co-operate with us, giving us any help we ask for and not do anything that may prejudice our rights of subrogation.

We have the right to be reimbursed first if:

- *you* and/or the *Association* suffer a loss not covered under this policy or that is less than the applicable excess, and
- amounts are recovered from another party and it is not clear whether these relate to something that is covered under this policy or not.

We will not exercise these rights of subrogation against:

- an *employee* or *Office holder*, unless the circumstances were brought about, or contributed to, by dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, reckless or malicious acts or omissions on their part, or
- a consultant to the *Association* we have been notified about and agreed to that is a natural person, unless the circumstances were brought about, or contributed to, by actual or alleged dishonest, fraudulent, illegal or malicious conduct on their part.

### **10.12 We can choose whether or not to salvage**

If the claim relates to damaged property, we are entitled to retain possession of the damaged property and deal with salvage in a reasonable manner.

*You* and/or the *Association* cannot abandon any property to us.

## General conditions of this policy

The following conditions apply to the whole policy, and cover what *you* and the *Association* agree to do, how we manage the policy, and how the policy will be interpreted.

### 11. What you and the Association agree to do

These conditions must all be met before we will accept a claim under this policy.

#### 11.1 You and the Association must comply with all terms of this policy

*You* and the *Association* must comply with all the terms of the policy before we will meet any claim under it.

*You* and the *Association* must tell the truth at all times.

#### 11.2 You and the Association must tell us immediately if anything changes

After this policy starts, *you* and/or the *Association* must notify us immediately of any change in circumstances *you* and/or the *Association* are aware of that affects any risks insured under this policy, whether by increasing or altering them.

Once you have done so, we may change the premium and terms of cover, at our discretion.

If *you* and/or the *Association* fail to let us know about any change in circumstances, we may (from the date of the failure):

- refuse to meet any claim or part of it
- cancel this policy.

#### 11.3 Premiums must be paid on time

Cover under this policy will begin when the *Association* has paid, or agreed to pay, the premium for the period of insurance (including any government charges).

If we have agreed that premium can be paid in instalments, cover under this policy will begin when the first instalment (including any government charges) due under this agreement, has been paid, or agreed to be paid.

Premiums must be paid by the due date.

If there is a total loss:

- we will not settle the claim:
  - until the full annual premium is paid, or
  - if premium is being paid by instalments, until the balance of the full annual premium is paid, and
- we may deduct any outstanding annual premium from the claim settlement.

#### 11.4 This policy cannot be assigned without our consent

This policy cannot be assigned unless we have consented to this in writing.

No change, modification or assignment of interest under this policy will be effective unless it is recorded as an imposed term on the certificate.

## 11.5 You and the Association must not disclose the terms or limits of this policy

*You*, the *Association* and its representatives must not disclose the existence of this policy, its cover limits, the nature of the liability covered or the premium paid for this policy to any third party, except to the extent that:

- *you* or the *Association* are required to do so by law, or
- we have given our prior written consent.

## 11.6 You and the Association agree to the Association acting for itself and on your behalf

The entity listed on the certificate agrees to act for itself and on *your* behalf in respect of the following under this policy:

- giving and receiving notices,
- paying premium and receiving premium refunded, and
- negotiating and agreeing to written imposed terms on this policy.

*You* agree to the entity listed on the certificate acting on your behalf.

## 11.7 If a dispute cannot be resolved this will be referred to mediation and failing that arbitration

If a dispute between *you* and/or the *Association* and FMG about an aspect of this policy cannot be resolved by us to *your* and/or the *Association's* (as applicable) reasonable satisfaction within six months of it arising, this will be referred for mediation by an *independent lawyer*. *You* and/or the *Association* (as applicable) and FMG will be jointly liable for this lawyer's fees.

If the dispute remains unresolved after mediation, *you* and/or the *Association* (as applicable) and FMG may refer this matter to arbitration in New Zealand. Each party will bear their own costs in this respect.

## 11.8 Only you and the Association are entitled to claim or enforce a term under this policy

No one other than *you* and the *Association* may make claims under this policy and only the parties to the contract may enforce its terms.

## 12. How we will manage this policy

### 12.1 How to make changes to this policy

If we agree, the *Association* may change this policy by giving us notice of the changes.

We may change the terms of this policy at any time by giving the *Association* notice at the last known address we have for it. The changes we make will take effect 30 days after the day we send or deliver the notice to the *Association*.

### 12.2 How to cancel this policy

The *Association* may cancel this policy at any time by giving notice to us.

We may cancel this policy at any time by giving notice to the *Association* at the last known address we have for it. This policy will be cancelled 30 calendar days after the day we send or deliver the notice to the *Association*.

- If the *Association* cancels this policy, we will (subject to "We will be fair in the way we provide this cover" on page 7) refund 90% of the unexpired portion of the premium
- If we cancel this policy, we will refund the unexpired portion of the premium.



If *you* and/or the *Association* have made a claim and we have paid the full amount under:

- the policy, we will cancel the policy
- an item, we will cancel the item
- an optional benefit, we will cancel the optional benefit.

In all three cases, the cancellation will be from the date of loss.

### **12.3 Each person insured under this policy is treated separately**

This policy will be treated as a separate contract between FMG and each person insured under this policy in that no breach of a term or condition of this policy or other misconduct by one person will be imputed to any other person.

Additionally:

- No information held by one person or statements made in, or associated with, the written proposal or renewal declaration form completed by them will be imputed to any other person.
- The written proposal or renewal declaration form is treated as separate form for each person and any material non-disclosure or misstatement by one person will not be imputed to any other person provided that they are able to establish, to our reasonable satisfaction, that they were not aware of this non-disclosure or misstatement.

This clause will not apply where there is fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent non-compliance with the duty of disclosure to us at the time this policy was entered into.

### **12.4 We will add Goods and Services Tax where applicable**

Where we are able to recover GST under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985:

- all amounts insured include GST (unless otherwise shown on the certificate), and
- GST will be added, where applicable, to claim payments.

All excesses include GST.

It is mutually agreed that, to the extent possible, neither FMG, *you* or the *Association* will be adversely affected or advantaged by the operation of GST.

If a party requires a tax invoice or another party's assistance to obtain an input tax credit that invoice or assistance will be provided promptly.

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## How to interpret this policy

### 13.1 Words in italics have a specific meaning

Words which appear in italics must be interpreted using their defined meaning stated in the definitions section.

### 13.2 We use New Zealand currency

All monetary amounts referred to in this policy are expressed and payable in New Zealand dollars. If a judgment, settlement or other amount covered under this policy is stated in a currency other than New Zealand dollars we will pay the New Zealand dollar equivalent of that amount based on the cash rate of exchange for the purchase of New Zealand dollars published on the [www.rbnz.govt.nz](http://www.rbnz.govt.nz) website for the date that judgment is reached, settlement is agreed to or the other amount becomes due.

### 13.3 The law of New Zealand governs this policy

The law of New Zealand applies to this policy and the New Zealand courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

### 13.4 'Acts' include amendments and regulations

Any Acts referred to in this policy include any:

- amendments or statutory regulations made under them, and
- Acts or regulations made in substitution for the original Acts or regulations.

Act means any Act, regulation or other legislative instrument enacted by the Parliament of New Zealand, by-laws or ordinances.

### 13.5 Headings are for ease of reading

The headings in this document are merely there to make it easier to read. They do not form part of the policy and are not to be used in interpreting it.

### 13.6 The remainder of this policy is still in effect if part is invalid, void or unenforceable

If part of this policy is found to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder remains in full force and effect.

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## Definitions

The following definitions apply to your policy.

Please note:

- references to the singular include the plural and vice versa
- the definitions apply to any derivatives of the word used in this policy.

**Association** means:

- the organisation(s) named on the certificate as the Association
- any *subsidiary* that existed when this policy was entered into,
- any *subsidiary* that becomes a *subsidiary* of the *Association* during the period of insurance, excluding any *subsidiary* located outside of New Zealand unless we have agreed to in writing to this being covered, and
- any entity that the *Association* previously conducted its *professional business* through, provided that we have been notified about this entity and accepted covering it, and any additional premium in this respect has been paid.

**Claim** means any of the following for a *wrongful act*:

- a written claim or demand for monetary compensation or non-pecuniary relief
- civil or arbitration proceedings including by counter-claim
- criminal or extradition proceedings, or
- a formal regulatory, professional or administrative proceeding, *investigation*, inquiry or claim.

**Confiscation** means confiscation, requisition, nationalisation, destruction of, or damage to property by order of Government, a local authority, a court, or any public authority. The definition of confiscation excludes such orders given for the purpose of controlling a peril covered by this policy.

**Confidential information** means information that the *Association* intends to keep confidential while it is available to its *Office holders*.

Confidential information excludes information:

- that is, or which becomes, generally available to the public other than by way of unauthorised disclosure
- that was made available to a recipient on a non-confidential basis prior to the *Association* disclosing it
- that was already in the lawful possession of the recipient of the unauthorised disclosure before it was disclosed
- that the relevant parties agreed in writing was not confidential or may be disclosed
- developed by or for the recipient independently of the information disclosed.

**Data** means machine-readable information in digital format regardless of the way it is used, or rendered. This includes text, voice recordings and images.

Data excludes software.

**Discovers or discovered** means a *responsible person* at the *Association* becomes aware of an act, error, omission or event which that person considers may give rise to a claim under this policy or which may be reasonably expected to give rise to a claim under this policy.

**Documents** means documents of any nature whether written, printed or capable of being reproduced by another method provided that they are:

- *your* or the *Association's* property or have been entrusted to *you* or the *Association* in the ordinary course of the *professional business*, and
- believed to be in *your* or the *Association's* care, custody or control or the care, custody or control of another party *you* or the *Association* have entrusted with them in the ordinary course of the *professional business*.

Documents does not include:

- bearer bonds, coupons, stamps, banknotes, currency notes, cheques and negotiable instruments, or
- computer or electronic data destroyed, damaged or lost due to a manual, electronic or mechanical act, error or omission.

**Emergency legal defence costs** means the reasonable and necessary legal fees, costs and expenses incurred without our prior written consent that relate solely to the defence or investigation of a claim covered under any of the following:

- Section 1:
  - clauses 1.2 (office holders) or 1.3 (outside directorships)
  - automatic benefit 2.3 (employment related claims)
- Section 2:
  - clause 3.3 (association reimbursement)
  - automatic benefits 4.2 (employment related claims) or 4.11 (crisis management costs)

**Employee** means any natural person who was, currently is, or will be:

- under a contract of employment or service with the *Association*, or
- a volunteer.

Employee includes a person whose position is terminated during the period of insurance.

**Employee benefits** means:

- fringe benefits, unemployment benefits or compensation, redundancy, health insurance or permanent disability benefits, workers compensation, amounts due or payments made in connection with an employee benefit, pension or superannuation scheme
- share or stock options, or
- any other right to purchase, acquire or sell shares or stock, incentives or deferred compensation and any other obligation or payment excluding basic remuneration made to or for the benefit of an *employee*.

**Employment related wrongful act** means an actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or allegedly committed relating to the employment of a natural person by the *Association* including but not limited to:

- wrongful or unfair termination of employment
- wrongful failure to employ, promote or provide a career opportunity
- discrimination, harassment or wrongful discipline
- failing to provide an accurate reference and employment related misrepresentation.

**Excess** means the first amount of a claim that you must pay, as shown on the certificate.

**Extended notification period** means the extended time after the period of insurance expires when a claim may be first made and notified. The extended notification period does not affect the terms of this policy or the requirement for any act, error, omission or matter giving rise to a claim to occur before the period of insurance expires.

**Forgery or forged** means signing or endorsing the name of a genuine person or copying their signature without their authority and with intent to deceive.

**Fraudulent act** means:

- cheque forgery,
- corporate card fraud, or
- imitation fraud.

Cheque forgery means:

- *Forging* or fraudulently altering a cheque or similar written promise by the *Association* to pay a veritable sum representing money drawn upon a current or savings account which the *Association* maintains with a bank.
- Fraudulently altering a cheque draft drawn upon by any bank or company upon itself.
- Fraudulently altering a cheque, written order or direction to pay a veritable sum representing money or a warranty a public body draws upon itself which the *Association* receives at any of its premises in payment or purported payment of tangible property sold and delivered or services rendered.

Corporate card fraud means forging or fraudulently altering and then using a corporate credit, debit or charge card issued to *you* or the *Association* for business purposes, provided that:

- *you* or the *Association* fully complied with the terms the card was issued under, and
- the *Association* is legally liable for the loss.

Imitation fraud means either of the following provided that the *Association* has acted or relied on them:

- *forged* or fraudulently altered *money, negotiable instruments* or instructions
- counterfeited *money or negotiable instruments*.

Counterfeited means imitation money or negotiable instruments that are of such quality that the *Association* believes them to be authentic. This does not include fictitious instruments that merely contain fraudulent misrepresentations of fact which are genuinely signed or endorsed.

**Independent lawyer** means an independent lawyer that *you* and/or the *Association* and FMG have agreed to and appointed. If it is not possible to reach an agreement, the independent lawyer will be appointed by the President of the New Zealand Law Society.

**Investigation** means a formal or official external investigation, examination or inquiry into the *Association* that the *Association* or its representative is first requested or required in writing to attend by the investigating body during the period of insurance.

Investigation excludes:

- routine regulatory supervision, inspection or compliance reviews, or
- an investigation focussing on an industry rather than on *you* or the *Association*.

**Intellectual property rights** means trademarks, trade secrets, patents, copyright or registered designs, systems or programs.

**Legal defence costs** means the reasonable and necessary legal fees, costs and expenses incurred with our prior written consent to defend a claim covered under this policy.

**Legal defence costs** includes legal counsel's fees and expert fees, other than *you* or the *Association's* regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees.

**Legal liability and costs** means the total amount that *you* or the *Association* (as applicable) become legally liable to pay due to claims made against *you* or the *Association* (as applicable) during the period of insurance.

Legal liability and costs includes damages, judgments, settlements, costs and *legal defence costs*.

Legal liability and costs does not include:

- any amount not indemnified by the *Association* that *you* or the *Association* are absolved from paying due to a covenant, agreement, court order or otherwise
- any amount incurred by the *Association* including its board of directors, or any committee of that board of directors, in connection with the investigation or evaluation of a claim or potential claim under this policy by or on behalf of the *Association*
- punitive, aggravated, multiple or exemplary damages
- any tax, fine or penalty imposed by law or any investigation arising as consequence of them
- any amount constituting costs incurred by the *Association* to modify a building, premises, fixtures, fittings, plant, equipment or change to its principal activities as described in the written proposal, renewal declaration form or annual report
- any amount the *Association* is obliged to pay either:
  - pursuant to an express or implied obligation,
  - in the nature of, or in the event of termination of employment, or
  - under an Act, award or contract of employment.

Legal liability and costs also excludes matters uninsurable under New Zealand law.

**Legal representation expenses** means the reasonable and necessary legal fees, costs and expenses incurred with our prior written consent related solely to *your* representation at a formal, regulatory or professional investigation or inquiry into the *Association's* affairs.

Legal representation expenses excludes *you* or the *Association's* wages, salaries or other remuneration or internal costs or overheads.

**Merger or acquisition** means:

- a merger or consolidation of the *Association* with another entity, or
- another entity acquiring 50% or more of the *Association's* share capital.

**Money** means currency, coins, bank notes, bullion, cheques, travellers' cheques, registered cheques, postal orders or money orders.

**Negotiable instruments** means securities, instruments or contracts, including any note, stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, share or other equity or debt security, representing either money or property. Negotiable instruments exclude money.

**Nuclear materials** means:

- ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from:
  - any nuclear fuel
  - any nuclear waste
  - the combustion or fission of nuclear fuel, or
- nuclear weapons material.

**Office holder** means any natural person who before, during or after the period of insurance, was:

- a director, secretary, officer, trustee, committee member or *employee*, or
- a person acting on behalf of the *Association* at the direction of an officer, board or committee of management of this *Association*.

The Office holder must be acting in a capacity described above.

Office holder excludes the following unless they are acting in the capacity as an officially appointed Office holder:

- liquidators
- receivers
- receivers and managers
- official managers
- administrators
- trustees administering compromises and arrangements
- external auditors or accountants.

**Outside Entity** means a not for profit organisation which is not a *subsidiary*.

**Pre-investigation** means:

- *You* are raided or are the subject to an on-site visit by a regulator that involves the production, review, copying or confiscation of records or *you* being interviewed. This raid or visit must first occur during the period of insurance.
- *You* formally notifying a regulator in circumstances where *you* reasonably consider that a material breach of *your* legal or regulatory duties has occurred or may occur. This notification must be first given during the period of insurance.
- An internal inquiry conducted by the *Association* at the request of a regulator after *you* have formally notified them in the circumstances described above.

The regulator must be established under an Act, regulation or other legislative instrument enacted by the Parliament of New Zealand.

**Pollution event** means actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release or escape of a contaminant, irritant or other substance and/or a direction or formal request to test for, monitor, clean up or detoxify them.

**Professional business** means the *Association's* business or activity as shown on the certificate.

**Relevant individual** means a natural person other than:

- an *Office holder* or other manager of the *Association*
- someone who owns or controls shares in the *Association*
- someone acting in collusion with *you*, a director, officer or other manager of the *Association*
- someone providing services under a contract for services with *you* or the *Association*.

**Responsible person** means an *employee* acting in a directorial, managerial or supervisory capacity. This excludes any person who has committed any act of fraud or dishonesty.

**Securities** means a security representing a debt or equity interest in the *Association* including shares, debentures, loan stock, bonds and notes of the *Association*, and options or rights to acquire them, whether secured or unsecured.

**Subsidiary** means any corporate entity including any joint venture that the *Association*:

- directly or indirectly:
  - controls a majority of the voting rights, or
  - exercises effective management control
- controls the right to appoint or remove a majority of its directors, or
- holds more than half of its issued share capital.

A subsidiary does not include any entity which has all or part of its *securities* listed on a stock exchange.

**Terrorism** means a particular type of use, threatened use, or preparation for the use, of:

- force or violence towards any person or group(s) of people
- property damage
- conduct that creates a risk to health and safety, or
- interference or disruption with an electronic system.

What makes it terrorism is that these are actions by a person, group or groups (whether acting alone, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation or government):

- designed to influence, coerce or retaliate against, a government or group of people, or
- to bring about change that aligns with the person or group's particular political, religious, ideological, ethnic, economic agenda.

Our definition of 'caused by terrorism' extends to conduct connected with controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against, or responding to such actions.

**Theft** means unlawfully taking the *Association's money, negotiable instruments* or other physical property excluding any building and its fixtures and fittings:

- from within the *Association's* premises
- from within the interior of any banking premises or a similar place recognised as holding safe deposits
- while in transit and in the care, custody and control of an *employee, director, supervisor, Office holder* or partner of the *Association*, following the actual or threatened use of force or violence, or
- while in the care, custody and control of a security company or armoured motor vehicle company authorised by the *Association*.

**You** and **your** means any natural person who at any stage during the period of insurance is:

- an *Office holder*
- an *employee*
- the lawful spouse or de facto partner of an *Office holder* or employee as described above but only:
  - for the purposes of a *claim* seeking damages recoverable from relationship property, other property jointly held by that *Office holder* or employee and that spouse or partner, or property transferred from that *Office holder* or employee to that spouse or partner, and
  - to the extent that spouse or partner is party to the *claim* solely in their capacity as the spouse or partner.
- the legal representative, heir, assignee, or estate of any director, officer or employee described above who is incapable of managing their own affairs, deceased or bankrupt.

**War** means conflict, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or warlike operations (whether declared or not), civil war, mutiny, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, insurrection, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power, and extends to activity connected with controlling, preventing or suppressing such conduct.

**Wrongful act** means an actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or allegedly committed by *you* or the *Association* after the retroactive date shown on the certificate, including:

- a breach of duty, including a statutory or fiduciary duty
- breach of trust
- breach of warranty of authority
- negligence
- misrepresentation, misstatement or misleading statement, or
- defamatory statement.



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## Notes



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## Tell us what you think about us and our service

Your feedback helps us to identify opportunities to make our products and services even better. If you have any feedback—good or bad—we would like to hear from you.

If you have a concern about something that has happened, tell us and we will investigate the issue and inform you of the outcome, either by phone, in writing or by visiting you at a convenient time.

Similarly, if you have received exceptional service, we would like to know about it so we can congratulate our team—so please let us know.

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